



# St. Edward the Confessor Church

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## Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:** Saturdays 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
or by Appointment.

## First Friday of the Month

Adoration/Benediction

Following 8:30 a.m. Mass

**Baptism:** Contact the office to register your child. Baptism dates assigned at time of interview with Priest or Deacon.

**Marriage:** Contact the parish office for appointment.

**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## Pastoral Team

Msgr. Patrick O'Dea, C.H.H. – *Pastor*  
Rev. Andrew Taylor – *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Mr. David Quail – *Permanent Deacon*  
Sr. Teresa Morrison, CPS – *R.C.I.A.*  
John Xerri – *Seminarian*

Josie Paladino - *Secretary*  
Jeswyn Devas - *Secretary*  
Gerry Robin - *Accountant*  
Clare Koo - *Custodian*

## Parish Ministries

**55+ CLUB** - 416-222-5139

**CATECHISM COURSE(S)** - Msgr. Pat O'Dea

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** - Monica Figueredo  
[stedwardcwl@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardcwl@gmail.com)

**GOOD SHEPHERD** - Margaret Hawkins

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Grand Knight, Kim Pacis  
[Kim.pacis@kofc.org](mailto:Kim.pacis@kofc.org)

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE** - Monica Figueredo

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** - 437-388-4960

**YOUTH MINISTRY** - Maribeth Go  
[stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com)

## Liturgical Ministries

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (USHERS)**

**LECTORS**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**LITTLE LAMBS MINISTRY**

## Parish Schools

St. Edward

St. Cyril

St. Antoine Daniel

Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts

## Address

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

WHEN I SHARED with my grandson the fact that the Creator of the whole universe had come to us in human form, he was in awe, as were the first Christians. It is, after all, a staggering thought, isn't it? We should be hanging on every word God has spoken; but strangely, we've grown accustomed to them.

Today's liturgy reminds us that Jesus, the Word of God, is the Light of the world, a light that shines through the darkness of our frail ideologies. The deepening world crises are proof that we can't get it right on our own. Collectively, we've tried everything except God's way: the way of love, compassion and forgiveness.

So why did God say, in Isaiah, "your light shall rise in the darkness"? Why did Jesus say, "You are the light of the world"?

All wisdom is God's wisdom. When we let it guide us, when we live by it, we begin to reflect His light the way the moon reflects sunlight: as a pale reflection. St. Paul said humbly: "My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God." May the power of God light up our lives!

*(Reflection of Eugene Aucoin of Living with Christ)*

### COR PROGRAM A NEW SPIRITUAL PROGRAM FOR THE MEN OF THE PARISH

The men of the parish are invited to attend a new spiritual program designed to assist men to grow in faith and fellowship. The program is called "COR" (from the Latin, meaning "Heart"). The meeting time is early on a Saturday morning, to allow less disruption of family life.

There is no need to sign up or to feel obligated to attend all the meetings. The program will run in the parish hall on the first and third Saturdays of the month. The next meeting is **Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### Schedule as follows:

**7:00 a.m.** - Hall Doors Open;

Gathering time for social/coffee/refreshments

**7:30 a.m.** - Themed Talk and Spiritual Discussion

**8:30 a.m.** - Concludes with Prayer

### GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES



A reminder that the casseroles for Good Shepherd Ministries are due the second weekend of the month. Thank you for providing a hot nourishing meal for the homeless people at Good Shepherd Centre.



#### Monday, February 9, 2026

**8:30 a.m.** + Dorothy Murphy

#### Tuesday, February 10, 2026 Multi-intention

**8:30 a.m.** + Delilah Lushington

#### Wednesday, February 11, 2026

**8:30 a.m.** + Dorothy Murphy

#### Thursday, February 12, 2026 Multi-intention

**8:30 a.m.** + Thomas Duane & Shirley Rose Marsh

#### Friday, February 13, 2026

**8:30 a.m.** Blessings for Elizabeth Tan & Paul Mitassov

#### Saturday, February 14, 2026 Multi-intention

**9:00 a.m.** Blessings for the Deans Family  
Birthday Wishes for Mary Chan  
Thanksgiving – Romit Fernandes

**4:30 p.m.** + Amilcare, Giulia & Pompilio Iannucci

#### Sunday, February 15, 2026

**8:00 a.m.** Birthday Wishes for Bosco Leung

**9:30 a.m.** + Edward Smith

**11:00 a.m.** Protection of the Unborn Children

### CALLING SINGERS - TO JOIN CHOIR

Daniel Colla, who conducts the 11:00 a.m. Mass choir, which sings on special occasions, is inviting new singers to join the existing choir. The plan is to prepare special choirs for Holy Thursday, Easter, Pentecost, and the Feast of Corpus Christi. There may be the occasion to sing at also on Mother's Day. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. starting this Wednesday, Feb. 4th. Please note you must be able to commit to the rehearsals to be part of the choir.

Those interested are asked to contact

**Daniel Colla at: 647-289-1954, or**  
**email: [colladaniel@hotmail.com](mailto:colladaniel@hotmail.com)**

### 55+ Club

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our meetings, every Wednesday, from 1 – 3 p.m. in the parish hall. New members always welcome.

## Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on **Friday, February 27 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 1 (2 p.m.)**. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee)

For more information, email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

## Coins for Life 2025

Would you, your family and friends put aside your toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes during the next 4-6 weeks, and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a **Culture of Life in Canada**? If so coins for life boxes are out at the back of the church. This project helps us to continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on **May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. Be sure that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land and does help to save countless innocent lives now and in the future. God's preborn children in the womb have no voice but ours. You may even wish to make this a family, school, or office project? Thank you personally for your kindness.

For more information call Jenny at 416-267-7126.

Volunteers are always needed!

## Catholic Girls League

**The Catholic Girl League (CGL) joyfully celebrated its first anniversary at St. Edward's Parish!** Founded in January 2025, CGL gives girls ages 10–16 opportunities to grow in faith, friendship, and service, grounded in Catholic values. ***Girls ages 10–16 are warmly invited to join. There is no registration fee. Donations are welcome.***

**Register at:**

<https://stedwardtheconfessor.no.archtoronto.org/en/parish-groups/catholic-girls-league/>

**Next meeting: Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026 | 6:30–8:30 pm**

For more information, email:

**Gene** at: [stedward75cgl@gmail.com](mailto:stedward75cgl@gmail.com)

## Vocations

“You are the light of the world.” Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church Vocation, contact

**Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## **LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**ASH WEDNESDAY - Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

**Mass with Distribution of Ashes:**

**8:30 a.m.    12:00 Noon    7:00 p.m.**

(Following the 12:00 Noon Mass, people are welcome into the parish hall for a cup of warm soup, courtesy of the 55+ Club.).

### **FRIDAYS IN LENT**

**8:30 a.m. – Morning Mass**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Holy Hour**

**7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross**

**7:30 p.m. – Mass**

## Traditional Lenten Disciplines

**Penance:** Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

**Fasting & Abstinence:** Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18 – 59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

**Prayer:** Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

**Almsgiving:** Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money saved by less eating, or shopping. Consider donations to ShareLife or the St. Vincent de Paul Society who serve the poor and needy.



Those who have not yet picked up the offertory envelopes for 2026 and wish to pick them up, please call the office to reserve a time to come. If you don't plan on using them, please advise the office and we can re-assign them to other parishioners. Thank you

**Note:** If you are donating through PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) a box is still assigned to you and we ask that you pick it up.

## 2025 Tax Receipts

The 2025 Tax Receipts are being prepared and should be delivered by Canada Post by February 13, 2026.





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