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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.*
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Parish Ministries

55+ CLUB - 416-222-5139

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - Monica Figueredo
stedwardcwl@gmail.com

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Kim.pacis@kofc.org

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, Jesus affirms that He has not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets but to fulfill them. Outward conformity to the law is insufficient. Jesus invites us to something more: a conversion of heart. This at times calls us beyond our current age's sense of what is right or fair.

It can be tempting, when we are struggling individually or as a couple, to live our marriage as a contract rooted in laws instead of a covenant founded in love. Today's Gospel reminds us that our marriage needs to go beyond the letter of any agreement; this beautiful sacrament calls us to share truthfully of our gifts and our brokenness. We are invited into a love without condition that leads us beyond the law to freedom.

This does not mean we do not make mistakes or that there is no struggle. By virtue of free will we wrestle with discerning true wisdom, for as Sirach says, "God has set before us fire and water to whichever we choose." But God is not asking us to choose perfect conformity to rules. He wants us to know ourselves as beloved. Grounded in that deep knowing, we are compelled to love gratuitously. After all, as St. Irenaeus reminds us, the glory of God is the human person fully alive.

(Reflection of Vanessa & Michael Nicholas-Schmidt 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 21st**

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

Coins for Life 2026

This project helps us to continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on May 14, 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. Coins for life boxes are at the back of the church. For more information call Jenny at 416-267-7126.



Monday, February 16, 2026

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for John Kang

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Jang Gap Son
+ Ricky Chan
+ Thomas Callaghan
+ Cesar Cabalatungan Jr.

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for John Leung
12:00 Noon + Florent Marchildon
7:00 p.m. Protection of the Unborn

Thursday, February 19, 2026 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Alexander Amoroso
+ Erlinda Perez-Lim
+ Ivan Rodriguez

Friday, February 20, 2026

8:30 a.m. Intentions of the Wong Family
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. + Zolzislaw & Czeslaw Kurzydlo

Saturday, February 21, 2026 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Blessings for Lucia Corso's 104th Birthday
+ Jim Fernandez

4:30 p.m. Birthday Wishes for Mary Leung

Sunday, February 22, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Regina Um
9:30 a.m. + Jim Fernandez
11:00 a.m. + Alexander Amoroso

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. 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**

2025 Tax Receipts

The 2025 Tax Receipts have been prepared and mailed.

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/comesee
For more information, email vocations@archtoronto.org.

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. 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

Bible Study **“Through Death to Life”**

The days are getting longer. Spring is on its way!

Spring is the season of new life and so is Lent. God offers us new life in Lent. He invites to join Jesus as He passes through Death to Life.

The passage of Jesus from Death to Life (the Paschal Mystery) is prefigured in the passage of the Israelites through the Red Sea.

Father Dave Warren is inviting you to accompany the Israelites on their journey as it is described in the *Book of Exodus*. We will meet on Monday mornings, beginning February 23 and continuing until March 23. We will meet from 9:15 to 10:15 in the parish hall. All are welcome!



St. Edward's CWL General Meeting

We invite all women in the parish to join us for our next CWL General Meeting: **Thursday, February 19**. The evening will begin with **Mass at 6:00 PM**, followed by our general meeting. This year, we will be celebrating Lunar New Year with special refreshments and voting on amendments to the CWL Constitution & Bylaws. To sign up as a member or for any questions, please email, Geraldine Rebello at gerryrebello@hotmail.com
Theme: Love Lives Here

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.

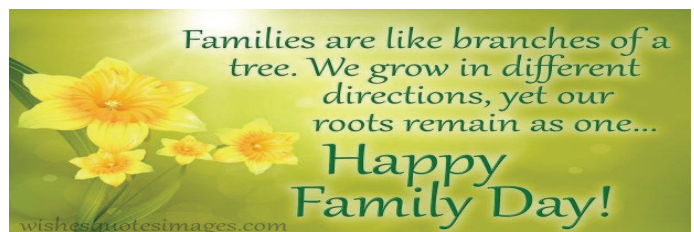
Almsgiving: Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money saved by less eating, or shopping. Consider donations to ShareLife or the St. Vincent de Paul Society who serve the poor and needy.

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.

Notice

Parish Office closed, Monday, February 16th – Family Day.





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