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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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Sunday of Lent

WE HAVE HEARD the story of The Fall many times. For centuries, theologians and lay people alike have debated who was to blame for Adam and Eve's disobedience. In the Garden of Eden, God gave them one simple rule, and yet they were unable to keep it. They could not resist temptation.

Obedience is not always difficult – think of how we stop at a red light or follow the guidance of an instructor. Our struggle with obedience can become more apparent in relationships and spiritual matters. In our everyday lives, we encounter moments where obedience is a battleground. Whether it's submitting to a boss at work, yielding to our spouse's wisdom, or adhering to Church teachings, situations force us to confront our pride and self-will. This is where true growth happens. While we know we can't achieve perfection, reflecting on Christ's perfect obedience does offer us hope. Remembering that Jesus is both fully God and fully human helps us to understand the strength He drew on to resist temptation.

This Lent, let us grow in the virtue of obedience. May we draw closer to Christ, recognizing Him as Our Saviour in resisting Satan's call to sin. We can join the psalmist and humbly pray for cleansing and pardon in the sacrament of reconciliation, seeking renewal and grace.

(Reflection of Dorothy Pilarzki 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 23, 2026

8:30 a.m. + Dorothy Murphy

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Blessings for Julianna Kim
Blessings & Good Health for
Peter Carvalho & Family
+ David & Eunice Morgan

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

8:30 a.m. + Domenic Castilli

Thursday, February 26, 2026 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Edward & Antonina Bystrzycki
+ Andre Forster
+ Ho-Leung & Ching-Yock Lo

Friday, February 27, 2026

8:30 a.m. + Alexander Amoroso
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. + Nubia Sneider

Saturday, February 28, 2026 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Joseph Park

4:30 p.m. + Francesca Euin & Jeong Byeon

Sunday, March 1, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Sun Brendan
9:30 a.m. + Onorio Carlesimo
11:00 a.m. + Antoinette Sue Lewis

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://stedwardtheconfessorno.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!

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS!

Young Adults are invited to the next talk in the *Seek First the Kingdom* Series: Fr. Deacon Andrew Bennett, a deacon of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and Canada’s former Ambassador for Religious Freedom (2013-2016), will speak on how our baptism calls us to a public faith, including the way faithful Catholics can engage in the political world. Please sign up at
<https://linktr.ee/stedward.ya>

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.

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

ANNUAL MASS OF ST. PATRICK

Tuesday, March 17th – 10:00 a.m.

St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica 65 Bond Street, Toronto
The annual Mass of St. Patrick from St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica in Toronto will take place on **Tuesday, March 17th at 10:00 a.m.** **Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto**, will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome.
Livestream available at: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

Peace of Mind: Planning for the Future
Sunday, March 1st at 12:15 p.m.
St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
75 Churchill Ave., North York

Whether you’re just starting to consider your options or are looking to finalize your plans, the seminar will empower you with the knowledge and tools to make those decisions with confidence. To register call 416-665-2015 ext. 1.

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.

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