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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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

2nd Sunday of Lent



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, we see Jesus transfigured and joined by Moses and Elijah. In his second letter to Timothy, St. Paul reminds all of us that God has "called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to His own design," What stellar examples of this surrender are Moses and Elijah.

Yet, in spite of powerful examples like Moses, Mary and all the saints, I struggle daily with God's call to me. When confronted – and that's how it feels – with the radical love God actually wants to share through me, I fail. The call to live my life in Jesus reveals my strengths as well as my weaknesses, both of which can be obstacles to surrendering to God's plan. My ordinary life, lived in the Spirit, is where God wants to be, as I strive to reveal God to those around me. Losing control of my plans, my future, my life is a scary proposition.

But as God calls, in His own design, He chips away at my self-sufficiency. He tackles my ego. He gives me strength in weakness. He draws me close to Him and gives me hope. It's hard to love. It's hard to serve. My own transfiguration is underway. And when it's hardest, I can feel Jesus' presence and hear His words: "Get up and do not be afraid." *(Reflection of Johanne Brownigg 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, March 7th**

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, March 2, 2026

8:30 a.m. + David Murray

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Adolf Rygiel
Blessings & Good Health for
Alexander Kim & Family
+ Amparo & Dalmacio Montero
Prayers for Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

8:30 a.m. + Kathleen & Benny McNamee

Thursday, March 5, 2026 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Gloria Kang
+ Din Shir Chan
+ Nelly Valera de Castilla
Prayers for Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 6, 2026

8:30 a.m. + Dorothy Murphy
7:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Edward's

Saturday, March 7, 2026 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Alec Chan
Thanksgiving for Marinella Rujano
+ Michael Paul Robert Perk
+ Clara Dresselhuizen
+ Alan & Sonia Bailey
+ Fredda Dayon
+ Idelfonso & Nicolasa Arado
+ Cora Rho Denizen

4:30 p.m. Thanksgiving

Sunday, March 8, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho
9:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Rosa Park
11:00 a.m. For the Protection of 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. 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.

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, continuing until March 23. We will meet from 9:15 to 10:15 in the parish hall. All are welcome!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY/ST. JOSEPH'S DAY
PARISH DINNER

The annual parish dinner in honour of two great saints will be held on **Saturday, March 14th** in the parish hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The dinner includes two entrees: Irish stew and fish, along with Italian pastries for dessert. Cash bar and live entertainment. Tickets are \$45 per person and will go on sale following the weekend Masses only (no tickets will be sold through the office or by reservation). Be sure to get your tickets early as this event normally sells out quickly. A special thanks to the Social Committee and the Knights of Columbus for their assistance in hosting this event.

IN GRATITUDE - SHARE LIFE
WE REACHED OUR GOAL!

Msgr. Pat is pleased to announce that St. Edward's Parish once again was very successful in the 2025 campaign. The parish goal was **\$122,000.00** and we raised **\$131,176.00**. A special thanks to all who contributed to Share Life. This annual campaign raises funds to serve the needs of the many various organizations and charities within the Archdiocese of Toronto. His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, the Archbishop of Toronto, has sent out a special appreciation to all parishes, and we will be sharing a special video presentation shortly through the parish FLOCK NOTE to all parishioners. The St. Edward's Parish community is so faithful and good to the needy and the many outreach ministries. In this time of Lent, especially, we have the opportunity to participate in the act of almsgiving, grateful to God for our many blessings, and inspiring us to share with others.

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.

A THANK YOU
FROM THE CATHOLIC GIRLS LEAGUE

Dear Parishioners: On behalf of the Catholic Girls League, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous donations that helped to create 40 kits in support of Covenant House. Your kindness and compassion will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those children who need it most, allowing Covenant House to continue to provide a safe shelter, nourishment, guidance and hope to young people experiencing homelessness and hardship. Thank you for helping the girls with their Lenten project in their support of Covenant House. It also allows us to be a part of helping others in faithful action. We are truly blessed to be part of such a caring community. Thank you,

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