

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3rd Sunday of Advent

REJOICE! IT IS the word that best embodies the third Sunday of Advent. It's like a beautifully wrapped gift that we can't wait to open. We know we are getting close to Christmas and close to receiving a most wondrous gift: the birth of Christ.

This expectation and the need to prepare ourselves for this wondrous event mark Advent. We are eager to celebrate an event that changed everything and gave all people new hope.

What is more joyous than a newborn... and yet what is more vulnerable? It is in such poverty and vulnerability that Jesus comes.

Advent is about preparing for Christ's coming. We must renew our commitment as Christians to reach out to others, especially the most vulnerable, and to let our "gentleness be known to everyone."

In the Gospel, when people ask John the Baptist what they should do, he says whoever has two coats must share with someone who has none. If they have food to eat, they must ensure the hungry are fed.

As we prepare for Christ's coming, bear in mind that Jesus comes not as a great ruler in flowing robes of gold and silk. He comes as a vulnerable child who requires our concern, nurturing and care.

(Reflection of Jack Panozzo from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 17, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Helen Nituda

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Cheung Family

Wednesday, December 19, 2018 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Birthday Blessings for Leo Lau
Birthday Blessings for Noah & Matthew Gennaro
+ Catherine Flannary
+ Ashley and Josh Knorr

Thursday, December 20, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Linda Kwan

Friday, December 21, 2018

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Angel and Laurent Borredon

Saturday, December 22, 2018

4:30 p.m. + Vincenzo and Anna Saracino

Sunday, December 23, 2018

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving for Hope Paroginog
9:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Francis & Seymour Family
11:00 a.m. + Julian & Fabiola Gutierrez Delgado

Thank You!

Fr. Pat wishes to thank the Social Committee for their help in organizing the annual Christmas Seniors' Luncheon this past Saturday. We had a record turn-out of 175 people. As well, we thank the social committee for hosting the festive Our Lady of Guadalupe reception in honour of the Feast Day.

A special thanks to the parish groups, caterers, and musicians who helped to make this such a special event.

EDGE is back at St. Edward's

Fridays 7 – 9 p.m.

All students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are invited!

For more information and to register, contact Jessica Bews at:
stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com

Lunch for Teenagers

All teenagers in grades 9 – 12 are invited to join us for a free lunch on Sunday, Jan. 20th in the hall after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Come and join us in a conversation about also starting up a High School Youth Ministry here at St. Edward's!

Jessica Bews (Youth Director)

Day of Confessions

On December 19th, we will celebrate the Archdiocesan Day of Confession in preparation for Christmas. Fr. Pat has set the following schedule for confession times at St. Edward's Parish:

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Choir

Marc Michalak, Choir Director, invites young people, ages 6 – 14, to join a special Christmas choir that will sing on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24th) at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

Rehearsal Dates:

Sat. Dec. 22nd 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Rehearsal (Lower Hall)

Contact Marc Michalak at: marcfmichalak@gmail.com

Thank You Letters Received

Good Shepherd Ministries offered a letter to the parish in gratitude for the Thanksgiving Food Appeal. As well, Catholic Charities offered a letter of appreciation for our hosting of the annual Mass to End Women Abuse. These letters are available to read on the bulletin board in the parish narthex.

YOUNG ADULT - NEW YEAR'S PARTY

St. Edward's Parish has been chosen, by the Archdiocesan Youth Office, as the site of the first Toronto Young Adults New Year's Eve Party, to be held Monday, December 31st, in the parish hall. Young Adults (ages 19 - 39) from across the Archdiocese will join with the regular parish community for the New Year's Eve Mass, at 5 p.m., and then go to the hall for dinner, and dancing, starting at 6 p.m.

This event is semi-formal with a cash bar and D.J. There will be a pause for a faith presentation with proceeds from the dinner going to Canadian Hearts & Hands: A Mission Without Borders. Tickets are \$60 per person and can be purchased at: [Archdiocese of Toronto https://tinyurl.com.0CYNYE](https://tinyurl.com.0CYNYE)

Annual Christmas Eve Children's Pageant

St. Edward's Parish will again present the true story of Christmas, during the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve!

Thank you to all those that signed up and looking forward to the presentation of the true Christmas story.

EXERCISE CLASSES – Coming in January!

We are excited to announce that Better Living Health and Community Services will be providing **free** exercise classes at St. Edward's beginning January 15th, and running each Tuesday morning as follows:

Gentle Fitness: 9:30 a.m.
Healthy Heart: 10:30 a.m.

Registration and further details will be announced after Christmas.

TCDSB Kindergarten Registration
Wednesday, January 16, 2019 – 10 a.m.

Imagine the Possibilities: Junior Kindergarten in the Toronto Catholic District School Board provides children with a variety of learning experiences in a caring, faith-based environment. TCDSB looks forward to welcoming new students for September 2019. Children born in 2015 are eligible for kindergarten. **Registration options:** Online: Parents can complete their application online, beginning at 10 a.m. EST on January 16, 2019, at **SOAR.tcdsb.org**, and follow up with a visit to the school to present required documents. In-person: Parents can register at their local school, with required documents beginning January 16, 2019 at 10 a.m. EST. **CONTACT:**

TCDSB Communications **PHONE:** 416-222-8282, ext. 5314
EMAIL: commdept@tcdsb.org
WEB: www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration



Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 22nd - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 23rd - 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve – Monday, December 24th
4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25th
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Family

Saturday, Dec. 29th – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 30th – 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve – Monday, December 31st
5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day – Tuesday, January 1st
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Parish Office Christmas Hours

Office Closed: Tuesday, December 25th
Wednesday, December 26th
Tuesday, January 1st

Regular hours resume Wednesday, January 2nd

New Offertory Envelopes

2019 Offertory envelopes are ready. The boxes are arranged numerically. **Please verify your number with your name on the label.** If you cannot remember your envelope number, there will be an alphabetical listing on the table for you to check your number. Should your address or phone number have changed, please inform the parish office.

Perpetual Mass Cards

Perpetual Mass cards are now available through the parish office.