

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

THE JOURNEY TO Jerusalem for the Passover is difficult, often taking days of walking. The city is crowded, filled to the edges with people from all over the region and beyond. The air is thick with smoke and the smell of burnt offering and blood. And of course, Roman soldiers keep a watchful eye.

Imagine losing your child in this city, searching frantically for three days and the joyful relief at finding him safe! Jesus' cheeky response on being found always takes me by surprise. Even at twelve, he is aware of his origin. But Mary, his mother, the life-giver, the courageous woman who said "yes," knows there is more in her son's destiny. She collects these moments and ponders as she did when the shepherds visited Bethlehem at Jesus' birth. She and Joseph, after all, are the first people to know Jesus' true nature and have the greatest hand in shaping him.

Their approach of patience, listening and thoughtful meditation as they raise Jesus is a key touchstone that can guide us during our most difficult times. Like Mary, we too can benefit from this reflection on our own lives, listening for the messages from God to help us navigate our destinies.

(Reflection of Saskia Sivananthan, from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 31, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Maria McDonnell

5:00 p.m. + Rosie & James O'Dea

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

9:30 a.m. For the Deceased Members of Gebhardt Family

11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Mazzitelli, Girmonte & Turco Families

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Thobias Emmanuel

Thursday, January 3, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Raymond Hagger

Friday, January 4, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Ester Peplinski

7:30 p.m. + Anthony Pillai

Saturday, January 5, 2019

4:30 p.m. + John Mesec

Sunday, January 6, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Jacob Bizud & Parents

9:30 a.m. Special Intention for the Wong Family

11:00 a.m. + George vanMierlo

New Offertory Envelopes

Those who have not yet picked up their new offertory envelopes for 2018, please do so in order to start using them in January. Thank you.

Thank You

Thank you to all the Knights of Columbus, Marie Barry, and all who assisted in our annual Angel Tree Program, and to all who helped Frank Leaver in the organizing the St. Vincent de Paul distribution of gift cards to the needy of our local community.

I also wish to thank the choirs, the Lectors, the Eucharistic Ministers, Altar-Servers, Ushers, Sacristans, the teachers of our children in the Little Lambs Ministry, the catechism courses and the Children's Liturgy of the Word, and all who assisted at our Christmas Masses. A special thank you to Maria Amodio, and all who assisted her, in decorating the Church.

Thank you to all the children participating in the Nativity Pageant and a special thank you to Connie Marsh and Angie Parravano who helped to organize it.

Fr. Pat

EDGE Youth Ministry

Fridays 7 – 9 p.m.

for students in Grades 6, 7 and 8

The EDGE program concluded this term with a Christmas party on **Friday, Dec. 23rd**. EDGE will resume in the new year, starting Friday, Jan. 11, 2019.

All young people, grades 6 – 8 are welcome to attend; no pre-registration needed. For more information, contact Jessica Bews at: stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com

Friday, January 4th

**First Friday Holy Hour,
Benediction and Mass**

Join us on Friday, January 4th for First Friday Holy Hour (6:30 – 7:30 p.m.), followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome

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)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

As we celebrate Christmas let us all reach out to one another in our continuing journey to the kingdom.

This Christmas season let us remember the CHRIST who cares for the hurting, the lonely, the hungry, the homeless, the sick, the oppressed, and the victims of injustice.

The heart of the Christmas story is that in Jesus
“God has visited His people”,
Let us make Him welcome.

God’s enduring presence is the source of the joy of this season.

In the face of all we know, and all that challenges our wellbeing,

We are reminded that we are not alone.
In Jesus, our Emmanuel, God is with us.

On behalf of Fr. Pat, our pastor, Fr. David Warren, our associate pastor, Deacon David Quail, Deacon Michael Gennaro, our seminarian, Martin Lugo, our Youth Director, Jessica Bews, our parish secretaries, Josie Paladino and Marie Gennaro, and our custodian, Lucas Pak, we wish all our parishioners and their families a Happy New Year.

TCDSB Kindergarten Registration

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 – 10 a.m.

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

Perpetual Mass Cards

Perpetual Mass cards are now available through the parish office.

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)



New Year Mass Schedule

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, Dec. 29th – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 30th – 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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.

Lectio Divina

Cardinal Collin’s talk to be live-streamed in the parish hall

January 6, 2019

Theme: Pentecost

John 1.21 – 2. 13

Cathedral Vespers Choir: 6:45 pm

Vespers with Cardinal: 7:00 pm

Lectio Divina starts: 7:30 – 8:15 pm

The parish hall will be open from 6:00 p.m.; coffee and juice and water provided, prior to start of the event. All are welcome. There is no charge.

Senior Residence Masses in January 2019

Friday, January 11th – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, January 11th – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 16th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

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 will take place next weekend January 6th/7th, after all Masses.

Office Closed:

Tuesday, January 1st