

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Parishioners:

Angel Tree

In each Advent season, our parish responds with great compassion and generosity to the annual Angel Tree program that supports countless children and families facing difficult financial challenges, particularly at Christmas. To bring some joy, hope, love, and a sense of community into the homes of those we support is a true blessing from God for everyone.

Last weekend, and in this final weekend, people have, or will, take tags from the Angel Tree, or perhaps have contributed to the annual St. Vincent de Paul Collection. A tag will have the age of a particular child or it might suggest a gift or food card for a family. As previously announced, this year we are working to support the families of Catholic Children's Aid, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, local families in need (including our Newcomer Family) and, more recently, we added our support to the Good Shepherd Ministries.

For those who have chosen a tag from the Angel Tree, kindly return any unwrapped gifts, or gift cards, along with the tag secured to them, by next weekend, December 15th/16th. The Knights of Columbus will be ready to assist you.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish informed that the second collection last weekend took in \$7,822 dollars for those in need. This was one of the highest amounts raised to date! This news is indeed a great testimony to the spirit of caring and outreach present within our parish. I am most grateful to you all. In this time of Advent, as we spiritually prepare ourselves to be renewed in hope and faith, let us thank God for showing us that one way of doing this is by looking outside of ourselves in service to our brothers and sisters, particularly the most vulnerable. For it is in relationship with them, that we see the face of Christ. In this, He reminds us of how blessed we are when we open our hearts and share ourselves and our resources.

Finally, in union with St. Vincent de Paul Society, I invite your prayers for Marie McDonnell, a parishioner, known to many for her devotion to St. Vincent de Paul and other organizations. Marie died suddenly this past Monday. Please remember her in your prayers, as well as her mother and extended family and all who mourn her loss. I, personally, will always remember her warm smile and cheerful spirit; she was indeed a true disciple of the Lord! May her example of faith inspire us all. Marie's funeral will be held on Monday, December 10th, at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

In closing, let us continue to keep one another in prayer. God bless you.

Fr. Pat



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 10, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Helena Aidoo

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Pina Napoli

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Anne Clarke

7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast

Thursday, December 13, 2018

8:30 a.m. Birthday wishes for Geraldine Oray

Friday, December 14, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Marianna Chacko

Saturday, December 15, 2018

4:30 p.m. Angela & Anthony Fernando –
25th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, December 16, 2018

8:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

9:30 a.m. + Vincenzo Spinelli

11:00 a.m. + Alexander & Lillian Herron

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

Children's Christmas Party

Please join us on Sunday, December 16th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass for our annual Children's Christmas Party! Children of all ages and their parents are welcome to come and celebrate the season with us. No need to pre-register.

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.

CWL

The CWL invites all women of the parish to a Christmas Party, Thursday, Dec. 13th, beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by the party in the hall. We will also be collecting new baby items for Birthright. Please come and bring a friend or two!

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. 15th 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Rehearsal (Lower Hall)

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

Contact Marc Michalak at: marcfmichalak@gmail.com

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)

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS AND FIESTA

This Wednesday, December 12th, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In addition to the regular 8:30 a.m. Morning Mass, we will have a 7:00 p.m. evening Mass. A reception will follow in the parish hall, hosted by our parish seminarian, Martin Lugo, who hails from Mexico. Come pray and celebrate this wonderful feast day.

Looking for a way to get your children involved in celebrating the true meaning of Christmas? Then look no further!

All children, from 4 years and up, are invited to participate in the St. Edward's Children's 2018 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer this weekend December 8th/9th which will also outline practice times.



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.

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.

November 2018 Collections

Weekend Nov. 4 th , 2018	\$ 8,858.20
Weekend Nov. 11 th , 2018	\$ 8,869.25
Weekend Nov. 18 th , 2018	\$ 8,650.65
Weekend Nov. 25 th , 2018	\$ 8,379.00

The Shepherd's Trust collection raised (to date) \$ 17,071.70. A special thank you to all parishioners for your generous support of the weekly collections and other special collections in support of the needs of the church.