

## 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

TODAY WE BEGIN the new liturgical year. We will spend the year, like every liturgical year, following the life of Jesus from the time of John the Baptist's preaching to the great salvific events of Jesus' Passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension and giving of the Holy Spirit. Each liturgical season helps us meditate upon and pray over the life of Jesus, whom we strive to imitate as disciples.

Today's Gospel paints a frightening picture of huge natural calamities heralding the end. We pray not to have to live through such events. Similarly, as Advent progresses we will hear the call of John the Baptist to repent and amend our ways. Being honest with our sinfulness in the face of such preaching can be depressing.

But do not stop at the frightening side of these modes of preparing ourselves. Realize that we are being called to look beyond them to see the light, the beauty of God's promise. "Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Our Redeemer is coming; indeed, he is in our midst. Regardless of what we must go through, whether it be disaster or the slavery of sin, our merciful and loving God is waiting to wrap warm and tender arms around us, the in-God's-only-Son Beloved.

*(Reflection of Fr. Mark Mille, from Living with Christ)*



### Mass Intentions

**Monday, December 3, 2018**

8:30 a.m. + Peter Hilbert

**Tuesday, December 4, 2018**

8:30 a.m. + Claudia Abenina

**Wednesday, December 5, 2018**

8:30 a.m. + Giulia, Pompilio, Amilcare Iannucci

**Thursday, December 6, 2018**

8:30 a.m. + Annabel Marchildon

**Friday, December 7, 2018 Multi-intention**

8:30 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

7:30 p.m. + Catherine Dias

**Saturday, December 8, 2018**

4:30 p.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

**Sunday, December 9, 2018**

8:00 a.m. + Richard Callan

9:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Brian Wong

11:00 a.m. + Anna Oliverio

### "The Child is Father of the Man"

In preparation for Advent, Fr. David Warren will lead us in a re-reading of the stories of the birth of childhood of Jesus on Tuesday evening (December 4) from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

The stories of the birth and childhood of Jesus tell us more about the Man than they do about the Child.

Discover the Man in the Child Jesus this Christmas.

### 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](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com)

### Senior's Christmas Luncheon

The Senior's Christmas Luncheon will be held next **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** There is no cost for this event. Fr. Pat wishes to thank and honour the seniors of our community for their great work and dedication to their faith and to the Church. This is the last weekend to sign-up.

### Holy Land Olive Wood

There will be a sale of Holy Land Olive Wood articles this weekend, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, before and after all Masses.

### Children's Christmas Party

Please join us on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> First Friday Holy Hour, Benediction and Mass

Join us on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, for First Friday Holy Hour (6:30 – 7:30p.m.), followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

### Lunch for Teenagers

All teenagers in grades 9 – 12 are invited to join us for a free lunch on Sunday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Angel Tree**

As you know, each year our parish brings hope and joy to countless children and families who may be facing difficult financial challenges.

In the past, our parish assisted St. Paul's Basilica as it helped inter-city families as well as the St. Vincent de Paul Association. This year, St. Paul's is restructuring their program and so we will instead be working with Catholic Children's Aid as well as the St. Vincent de Paul Association in helping to provide Christmas assistance to the families they have recommended to us. They are truly grateful for the generosity extended by our parish in support of the Angel Tree Program.

This weekend feel free to take a tag from the Angel Tree in the parish foyer. Each tag will have the age and gender of a particular child or it might suggest a gift card for a family. Make it a family outing to shop for a toy or other gift for the person or family you have chosen. The unwrapped gifts may be returned the weekend of Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> or Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>. The Knights of Columbus will be on hand to assist you.

For those who may prefer to give financial donations more directly to the St. Vincent de Paul, please note there will be a second collection today for the works of the St. Vincent de Paul Association of our parish.

Fr. Pat

**Lectio Divina**

Cardinal Collin's talk to be live-streamed this weekend in the parish hall

**December 2, 2018**

**Theme:** The Vine and the Branches

John 15: 1 - 27

**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, juice and water provided, prior to start of the event. All are welcome. There is no charge.

**Day of Confessions**

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

**Christmas Cards**

Pro-life Christmas cards will be available to purchase this weekend, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, before and after all Masses.

**November 2018 Collections**

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

The Shepherd's Trust collection raised (to date) \$ 15,571.70. 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.

**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. 24<sup>th</sup>) at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

**Rehearsal Dates:**

- Sat., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**      **12:00 Noon** (Parent Meeting)  
                                 **12:30 – 1:30 p.m.** (Rehearsal)
- Sat. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**      **3:30 – 4:30 p.m.** Rehearsal (Lower Hall)
- Sat. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**     **3:30 – 4:30 p.m.** Rehearsal (Lower Hall)
- Sat. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>**    **3:30 – 4:30 p.m.** Rehearsal (Lower Hall)

Contact Marc Michalak at: [marcfmichalak@gmail.com](mailto:marcfmichalak@gmail.com)

**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 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> which will also outline practice times. **Please note:** Children singing in the choir for that Mass will already be participating in the Pageant, so will not be able to leave the choir to also act in the Pageant.

**New Offertory Envelopes**

Offertory envelopes for 2019 are available for pick-up this weekend December 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>. The boxes will be 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.