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Celebration of The Eucharist

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Thursday: 12:00 noon

Eucharistic Adoration (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month
By appointment only.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

Parish School

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 15, 2026



March 17th – March 21st

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Dr. Andrew Frieri †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Anthony Ho †

Thurs. Noon - Celine Gomes – Sp. Int.

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Josephine Mendez †

READINGS FOR – March 22nd

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37.12-14

2nd Reading: Romans 8.8-11

Gospel: John 11.1-45



CONFESSION TIMES MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Father Anthony will be hearing
confessions on:

Tuesday March 24

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Fr. Anthony & Fr. Dave on

Wednesday March 25

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

*Please note that
confessions are also heard
every Saturday from
3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
(Except Holy Saturday)*



The Stations of the Cross

Join us as we follow the path of Christ commencing this Friday at 7:00 pm.

Forgiveness is the great divine gift offered to us by Jesus. It is not a human possibility to forgive sins. "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Wherever Jesus goes he offers this divine forgiveness. He even offers it to those who kill him. It is for the forgiveness of sins that he pours out his blood on the cross and that he sends forth his disciples into the world.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"I am the light of the world."

When we get to Easter, there are two symbols of the resurrection that we use in Church: fire and light (the Easter Candle) and water (the Font). Last week we reflected on water, and this week there are passages all about light – true light, that defeats the blindness of sin. This speaks to all of us who have been baptized, inviting us to be renewed in the light of Christ at Easter. Remember that one of the oldest titles of the newly baptized was "neophyte", which means "newly enlightened". There is a subtle link between the readings on this Sunday: in the first reading, David is anointed, and the Spirit of the Lord seizes on him. This anointing lights him along the right path - 'no evil would I fear' as the Psalm says. Then Paul tells us more about this light: it is Christ shining on us, calling us to live as children of light.

The readings call us to move from our blindness to the revelation of God in Jesus. To believe is to come to the light, while to disbelieve is to be spiritually blind and walk in the darkness. "Let there be light!" is the first command of the Creator God of Genesis. "I am the light of the world." declares Jesus, God's fullest self-revelation in time as he brings vision – light to darkness – to a blind man. Through Jesus' resurrection we are similarly transformed in Christ, says St. Paul to the church at Ephesus – so live "as children of the light."

Scriptural passages like these foreshadow the gift of the Sacraments, made possible by Jesus' saving work; and of these, the greatest is the Eucharist, Jesus' gift of his very self. During Mass, the outward signs of bread and wine change in substance – Jesus becomes truly present. Let us approach our Lord in the Eucharist with the spiritual sight of faith and allow ourselves to be transformed by his offer of grace.

LEGION OF MARY ACIES CEREMONY

The Legion of Mary will hold their Annual Consecration to Our Lady for all active and auxiliary members on Sunday, March 22nd starting at 3:00 p.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 3501 Finch Ave. East (at Birchmount).





CWL General Meeting
March 16th
7:00 p.m.

The first CWL meeting of 2026 will be on March 16th, beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. This will be followed by a mini-Lenten retreat “Reflection on the Sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary through Scripture”. All are welcome, light refreshments will be provided in the hall.

Ministry with Maturing Adults

Inviting Men and Women (50+)
Thursday, March 26 at 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Presentation

“LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST”
Presented by Lino DeFacendis
Founder “Life Care Network Inc.”

Topics include: Living Fully – Living with Purpose – Exercise/Brain Health - Relationships – Living your Catholic Faith – Gratitude & Giving Back

To register and get the Zoom link, email Viola at vathaide@rogers.com



You can help men answer God’s call to priesthood by supporting ShareLife.

God planted the seed of a priestly vocation in Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi’s heart as a child. He later entered St. Augustine’s Seminary, where God led him through moments of joy, deep reflection, and a faith that continues to grow. His path has been one of both grace and challenge, yet he has walked forward without fear—because of you. Your generous heart lifted the burden of financial worry, allowing Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi to embrace his calling fully and prepare for a life of service to the Church. God-willing, he will be ordained into priesthood this May. Because of your faithful generosity to ShareLife, many more young men will have the opportunity to answer God’s call.

The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



St. Edward’s Parish Passion Play

Our parish community is blessed to once again present the Passion Play, a

prayerful and moving retelling of the suffering, death, and love of Our Lord. After last year’s debut, this year’s production has grown even more — with many dedicated volunteers working tirelessly to bring this retelling to life. We warmly invite our parish and community to come experience it!

Performance Dates
March 29 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM
April 3 at 7:00 PM

There will also be opportunities for donations to support the Passion Play and future parish productions. All are welcome, no tickets required. Please bring your friends and family!

Thank you for your support!



The Catholic Women’s League is proud to announce the parish winner of MARY DOBELL PRO-LIFE ESSAY Senior Level & JEAN McCANN SERVICE AWARD is Emily Johnson. Isabel Walles Morales has won the Second Place of Catholic Women’s League Regional MARY MATTHEWS PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST on March 7, 2026 held at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church.

Congratulations to the winners!

Have you checked out the book shelf? We’ve added Lenten/Easter Prayer & Inspirational booklets to keep the spirit alive throughout the fifty days and beyond. Take a few minutes every day to be in the peaceful presence of God and encounter the wonder and power of his love.





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