

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 1 & 2, 2018

NEXT SUNDAY

Money Counters-
Team #3

Lectors-

4:30pm -Erneida/Joel
De Guzman
8am-Jude Correa
9:30am - Sharon
Metcalf
11am - Silvester Phua

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm - Marie Dayton,
Zofia Bronowska, Cari
Mendoza
8am - Mary Nolan
9:30am - Sister Teresa,
Cristina Miele, Vickie
Caffo
11am - Flory Nielsen
Daisy Arcilla, Doug
McDonald

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN & E-TRANSFERS

➤Pre-Authorized Giving
Plan forms are available
Church entrance
➤We accept E-Transfers
1] Send by email *only* to
st.edmunds@shaw.ca
2] Once you have done
transfer, please email
the parish with security
question & answer

ST. EDMUND'S DISCOVERY PRE-SCHOOL

Registrations are still
being taken for children
3-4 years old. Please call
Margaret
at 604-988-3141
to register your child

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES
OR FROM THE PARISH
OFFICE DURING OFFICE
HOURS.
COST IS \$3.25 EACH

*All St. Edmund Parishioners extend a warm welcome to Archbishop
Michael Miller, CSB as he visits us on his Pastoral Visit.*



FIRST FRIDAY

Adoration begins after 9am Mass on Friday, December 7th concluding with Benediction then
Mass at 7pm. Adoration signup sheet is on a table at the Church entrance. NOTE:
no 7:30am Mass that day

BAPTISM

Welcome to our Faith Community and congratulations to the parents and sponsors of
Ava Grace Rooney



SPECIAL NEWS

Our heartfelt condolences to the family & friends of David Robson who has gone home to our Heavenly
Father. A Memorial Service will be held here at St. Edmund's on Thursday, December 6th at 11am
followed by a Reception in the Parish Hall.

2019 ENVELOPES

The sets are ready for pick up at the church entrance & are in numerical order - forgotten your
number – no problem -there is an alphabetical list for your reference.

CWL UPDATES

- Warm thanks to the Bakers and Parishioners who so generously supported the recent Coffee
Sunday and Bake Sale – don't forget, the CWL Christmas Bake Sale on December 16th!
- St. Edmund's CWL wishes to extend special congratulations and gratitude to several long-time
members: *Imelda, Marion, Kay and Margaret* – heartfelt thanks for your continued service to
the CWL and its work.

ST. EDMUND'S SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS for the 2019-2020 school year are now being accepted at the school
office. Please submit your child's birth and baptism certificate with your application. Application
forms may be printed from our school website www.stedmunds.ca or picked up at the school office.
PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER: Pick up order *Tues., Dec. 11th*.

STA UPDATES

Last Saturday morning a group of STA families came out and cleaned up the gardens for winter.
Although the day was cooler and the grounds were damp the volunteers did a great job and the
school looks better for all their efforts. Thank you to those who turned out to help. As we enter the
month of December the school celebrates Advent in preparation for Christmas.

✠ R.C.I.A. ✠ (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Considering becoming Catholic? Catholic, but been away for a while or missed Sacraments? RCIA - or
the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults - may be the place for you! St. Edmund's RCIA weekly
sessions run from September to May on Tuesday evenings, 7pm in the PREP room (lower floor of the
church, accessed from the south side). Come - start a journey to enrich your relationship with God &
grow in faith & community. It's never too late! If you're interested, please pick up a brochure at the
Church entrance, call the parish office, or get in touch at st.edmundsrcia@gmail.com.

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY

The Academy is accepting applications from prospective Grade Eight candidates for the 2019-2020
school year. All students wishing to apply must sit the Entrance Exam on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018. To
apply, please fill out the online form on our school website www.lfabc.org/apply or contact Kathi Wilson at
604-738-9016 ext. 114.



FAMOUS KNIGHTS' PANCAKE BREAKFAST

This month, the Breakfast will be after *all* Sunday Masses on
December 11th - *Good Food – Good Company*

HIS CONTINUING PRESENCE WITH US

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear -but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

~ from Loyola Press

MASS INTENTIONS

MON. 3 at 7:30am:	+Repose Sonia Gwilt by Pat Robson
9:00am:	+Repose Josefa & All Souls in Purgatory by Flory
TUES. 4 at 7:30am:	+Repose Renato & Agostino di Stefano by Flora & Emma
9:00am:	+Repose Cristino Ficocelli by wife Janet
WED. 5 at 7:30am:	Spec. Intention Marie Melgarejo by Barbara Stuart
9:00am:	+Repose Chris Farrell by wife Sue & family
THURS. 6 at 7:30am:	+Repose Cristino Ficocelli by Assunta Cusano
9:00am:	+Repose Cristino Ficocelli by wife Janet
FRI. 7 at 7:30am:	No Mass
9:00am:	Spec. Intention Christina Gallagher by Janet Ficocelli
7:30pm:	+Repose All Souls by Rosa Zivarts
SAT. 8 at 9:00am:	+Repose Annamna Ulahannan by Abraham family
4:30pm:	+Repose Maria Nhan T. Pham by daughter Rosa Zivarts
SUN. 9 at 8:00am:	+Repose Giuseppe Pontillo by wife Maria Libera & family
at 9:30am:	+Repose Raffaele Cusano by wife Rosa
at 11:00am:	+Repose Serafino Cusano by Maria Cusano

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PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN
For Monthly Offertory Contributions

If you wish to make your Sunday offertory contribution through automatic monthly bank withdrawals, please complete the form below and note:

- the amount you authorize will be deducted from your bank account **on the 30th of each month**. This regular monthly amount covers Sunday Offertory donation only.
- To make changes at any time, please call the Parish Office at 604-988-3211

Follow the steps below to calculate and authorize your monthly donation:

CALCULATING YOUR MONTHLY PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

To help determine the amount of one's monthly contribution, multiply your weekly offering by the 52 weeks in a year, then divide this annual contribution by 12. Examples are provided below:

<u>Weekly Offering</u>	<u>Monthly Offering</u>	<u>Weekly Offering</u>	<u>Monthly Offering</u>
\$10/week (\$520/year)	\$43 per month	\$40/week (\$2,080/year)	\$173 per month
\$20/week (\$1,040/year)	\$86 per month	\$50/week (\$2,600/year)	\$216 per month

Note that the amounts above are provided only as examples. Our hope is that Parishioners will contribute an offering that is meaningful, sacrificial, and that honours the abundance with which the Lord has blessed each of us.

AUTHORIZATION FORM

I/we hereby authorize St. Edmund's Parish to debit my/our account **each month on the 30th** as allocated below.

I/we hereby change my/our monthly donation as allocated below:

Offering \$ _____

→ **Please note** that based on the fees associated with offering pre-authorized giving, a \$25 monthly offering is the minimum that can be processed through this method of giving

ACCOUNT HOLDER/S INFORMATION:

Name/s: _____ (please print)

ADDRESS: _____

Phone/s: _____

Envelope #: _____ Payment Start Date: _____

OFFERTORY DONATION FOR NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE PARISH:

I wish to donate \$ _____ on a **monthly basis on the 30th** for normal operations of the Parish

AUTHORIZATION:

I/We acknowledge that the Authorization is provided for the benefit of the Parish and the "Processing Institution" and is provided in Consideration of Processing Institution agreeing to process debits ("PADs") against the Account with Processing Institution in accordance with the Rules of the Canadian Payments Association.

By signing this Authorization, the family acknowledges having received and having read a copy of this Agreement, and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

I/We warrant and guarantee that the person/s whose signature/s are required to sign on the Account have signed the Authorization.

Payor SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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Return this form to the Parish Office or place it in the Sunday collection basket in a sealed envelope address to the "Parish Secretary – Confidential", plus attach a **blank VOID cheque and/or provide the following information:**

TRANSIT # _____ INSTITUTION # _____ ACCOUNT # _____

Sample of blank Void cheque →
indicating #'s required

