

Sunday Collection -Dec 1 - Dec 15, 2021	# of Env	Env Amount	Change	Total
Sunday Collection	107	1637.75	72.05	1709.80
Parish Maintenance	10	285.00		285.00
Dues	3	340.00	✓	340.00
Food Bank	7	330.00	✓	330.00
Cemetery fund	1	10.00	✓	10.00
World Mission	1	10.00	✓	10.00
Special Offering	3	50.00	✓	50.00
Advent Folder	1	40.00	✓	40.00
Needs for Canadian Church	1	10.00	✓	10.00
Direct Giving	7	195.00	✓	195.00
Acknowledged with Thanks				\$2,979.80

Due to the Alert Level guidelines, we are not able to pass around the collection plate, you can contribute to the parish by dropping your envelope in the basket provided at the back of the church or by mailing your envelopes to the address at the right, you can drop your envelopes in the mailbox outside the office door, or you can use Direct Giving through automatic debit from your bank account. You can call the office to get more information on Direct Giving. If you drop your envelopes at the office door, please ring the doorbell to notify the office that there is a drop off and it can be picked up immediately. **Please refrain from depositing your envelopes at the door outside of office hours. Office will be closed December 27th thru to January 3rd, open Tuesday, January 4th.**

Recycling Fund Raiser

Please consider donating your beverage containers. If you wish to donate your beverage containers, you can do so by dropping your bags into the green bin next to the parish centre door. We ask that you drop off your recycling in this bin on Mondays if possible. This will give time to bring the bags to the depot and get a report for the bulletin. Please remember this is for beverage containers only (pop cans, juices boxes, liquor bottles, beer bottles) not milk cartons, soup cans or plastic containers. Please be careful as to what you put in the recycling bags. The containers must be cleaned and caps removed. Thank you to all who are contributing. **To date we have \$1203.55 in our recycling account.**

Parish Council Members

Fr. Cosmas Iweru, S.D.V., Ron Lewis – Chair, Mary Piccott – Secretary, Wayne Lacey, Madeline Cole, Deena Strang

Finance Committee Members

Fr. Cosmas Iweru, S.D.V., Francis Hayes – Chair, Ed Lawlor – Secretary, Tony Gilbert, Patricia Power, Phyllis Smith

St. Edward's Parish



December 19, 2021

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Parish Office Hours: Mon to Fri 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Administrative Assistant: Helen Butler

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Parish Administrator: Fr. Cosmas Iweru, S.D.V.

Weekday masses

Intentions are

Monday, 11:00 am – Ernest Brockerville, Clayton Roul – not open to the public

Thursday, 11:00 am – Bob O’Neill, Frank Picco – open to the public

Weekend masses open to capacity of 70

Saturday – 5:30 pm

Sunday – 11:00 am

It is very important that you preregister to attend weekend masses. Call the office to book your space for the month of December, 834-2919.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve – Dec 24 – 4:00 pm **Full**

Christmas Eve – Dec 24 – 8:30 pm **Full**

Christmas Day – Dec 25 – 11:00 am **Full**

Sunday - Boxing Day – Dec 26 – 11:00 am

New Year's Eve – Dec 31 – 5:30 pm

New Year's Day – Jan 1 – 11:00 am

Sunday – Jan 2 – 11:00 am

No evening mass on Christmas Day or New Year's Day

Beginning December 24th, all people attending church will be required to show proof of vaccination (paper or phone app) along with a photo id. Any person with a medical exemption must show proper documentation. We will continue using this process until further notice.

Giving Tree

Food item tags have been placed on our Giving Tree. Please take one. All food items will be delivered weekly to the CBS/Paradise Food Bank. This week is the last week before Christmas.

Baptism Preparation Course

January 15, 2021 – 10:30 am call office to register 834-2919

Marriage Preparation courses

will be offered at the Archdiocese on **March 5, April 23, and May 7, 2022**. Participants can register for a course on one of these dates at the following link: <https://rcsj.org/chancery/marriage-preparation/register>. Further information regarding, time, place, Covid regulations, etc., will be sent to couples upon registration.

Sunday Missals

Can be picked up at in the foyer of the church for a cost of \$5.00. Place your money in the box and take a missal. Please have correct change. **Only a few left.**

2022 Envelopes

Your 2022 envelopes are available to be picked up at church or the parish office. Envelopes will be left in the church to be picked up for only those who register for mass. If you contribute through direct giving you will not receive envelopes. If you want someone to pick up your box of envelopes at church, please notify the office so it's left in the church. Envelopes will be left on a table in the hall going to the parish centre until December 19th, after that make arrangements with the office to pick up. If you wish to pick up at the office please call 834-2919 to make arrangements. Any donations received up to December 31st will show on your 2021 income tax receipt, after December 31st will go on your 2022 income tax receipt.

St. Edward's Parish Council Elections

It is once again time for the Parish Council Elections. Elections will take place in November. This year nominations will be by email or phone. Those who are members now on the council and will remain for next year are: Mary Piccott and Deena Strang. This means that 6 members are needed for Parish Council. The nominations are open to all Parish members. Please consider participating. A strong Parish Council with broad representation is important during this time in St. Edward's history. Meetings are held monthly from September to June.

Please place nominations by phone to 834-2919 (parish office) or by email:

stedwardsparish@bellalaint.net

Extreme Weather Conditions

During the winter months when the schools are closed due to extreme weather conditions there will be **NO** Weekday Mass (the parish office will be closed as well). However, the intention for that particular Mass will be celebrated. If weekend Masses have to be cancelled due to weather conditions an announcement will be made over the radio stations and the parish website, www.stedwardsparish.net

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Dear brothers and sisters, and beloved parishioners of St. Edward's Parish.

We have seen that our world is not yet free of the Covid-19 Pandemic; as the Delta and the Omicron variants of Covid-19 continuous to spread in our world. It has been a trialing and a challenging time for us (all) amidst this Covid-19 Pandemic. As we pray for the wellbeing of humanity while awaiting the Baby Jesus, at Christmas. In the Spirit of Christmas, therefore, I wish you and your family a safe and joyful (Merry) Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Many thanks to you, our esteemed parishioners, Volunteers, Donors and many others who have been faithfully helping our parish and with our Covid-19 Guidelines. You are all doing a tremendous job and your support have been amazing and enriching.

As we approach Christmas, beloved parishioners, please remember our COVID-19 Guidelines: Listen to the Ushers or Volunteers, wear your face masks and personal sanitizer are recommended; there is No Congregational singing. The Ushers or Volunteers are there to help us.

Beloved brothers and sisters, may this season of Christmas light up your life and make the New Year a joyful one for you and your family.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

PLEASE KEEP SAFE AND BE HAPPY

Fr Cosmas Iweru, SDV