

# St. Edward's Parish



## 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time, February 5, 2022

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

### Weekday masses

#### Intentions are

Monday, 11:00 am – Frank Picco, Peter Brown, Loretta & James Quinlan  
Thursday, 11:00 am – Helen & Patrick Dunphy, David Dunphy, Paulette Sellars  
Friday 10:00 am – Hubert Power, Eileen Jordan, Michael Breen

### Weekend masses open to capacity of 50

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 February, 834-2919. Vax Pass and photo id required.

### Baptism Preparation Course

Inquire by calling parish office 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.

### Offertory Collection

\$874.25

**Sunday collection – \$679.25**

**Initial Offering – \$10.00**

**Mary Mother of God - \$10.00**

**Parish Maintenance - \$175.00**

### 2021 Tax Receipts

Tax receipts are ready for pick up. If you have registered at mass they will be left at the church, if not call the office to make arrangements.

### Ocean Ranger Memorial Prayer Service

Gonzaga High School will be holding its annual Ocean Ranger Memorial Prayer Service to remember those who lost their lives in the tragedy 40 years ago. The service will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 10:45 a.m. at St. Pius X church. Due to public health guidelines, this event has limited seating and pre-registration is required. Family members affected by this tragedy are encouraged to register early. To register for this event, please email [amandacraig@nlesd.ca](mailto:amandacraig@nlesd.ca) on or before February 10th at 12:00 PM. Masks and NL VAX passes are mandatory.

### 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](http://www.stedwardsparish.net)

### Update

Dear Parishioners,

This past Tuesday, several members of our combined PC-FC committee were invited to attend a meeting with representatives of the other area parishes (St. Thomas of Villa Nova and Holy Family) and our two clergy, Fr. Cosmas and Fr. Walsh. We took the opportunity to relay many of the concerns that you have shared with us.

At the meeting, it became clear that there was significant support outside our parish for an amalgamated parish in the shoreline area (Paradise and CBS) and that an amalgamated parish will focus on the buy-back of the St. Thomas of Villanova church. Our sense is that the Archdiocese supports this direction. There is a strong desire to have at least one Roman Catholic Church in the CBS area. The argument put forward for buy-back of St. Thomas of Villanova is that its central location and the potential for a lower buy-back value makes it a more reasonable option.

The combined PC-FC Committee met on Thursday to discuss this option and to try to determine the practicality and feasibility of any alternatives. We are collectively at a loss to identify an alternative that has some measure of financial sustainability.

The financial picture for our parish has not improved and time is running out for St. Edward's financially. Please reference the Cash Account Balance report that is included as an attachment to the bulletin email.

A second meeting of the parish amalgamation committee is scheduled for next week (Thursday, the 10<sup>th</sup>). We need additional representation to help advance the views of St. Edward's parishioners in an amalgamated parish. We encourage anyone interested to contact us or Fr. Cosmas immediately. Three volunteers are required.

Members of the PC-FC committee combined committee will be present after mass this weekend to discuss the amalgamation and any other options we've considered. We will also do our best to answer any questions you may have.

Ron Lewis and Francis Hayes

On behalf of St. Edward's Parish Council and Finance Committee