

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How could a synagogue assembly begin so well and end so disastrously? One might have thought that when Jesus announced the fulfillment of the Scriptures, those gathered would rejoice. Indeed, the Nazarenes were pleased with what Jesus had to say, happy that one of their own had done so well for himself, until Jesus made it clear that his mission, divine as it was, could not be contained by the smallness and insular character of the Nazarenes' vision. God's love was without limit.

In his teaching that Sabbath Day, Jesus revealed that the Nazarenes did not know their Scriptures as well as they thought they did. Quoting stories of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, he demonstrated that God's saving will had always extended beyond Israel to all nations. This scandalized the Nazarenes' religious sensibilities and enraged them. No longer able to recognize in Jesus a prophet-figure suited to their taste, they made miracle-working impossible.

The treatment of Jesus in today's gospel positions him in a long line of prophets appointed to proclaim a divine message to their great detriment. The readings prepare us for Jesus' approaching passion and death, and for our own trials as Christ's prophet witnesses. Yet, they also calmly assure us that those whose concern is primarily the other rather than themselves will have God's protection and the enduring gift of an authentic life.

(Reflection of Christine Mader, from Living with Christ)

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING PUBLIC/PRIVATE SCHOOLS – Resume on:

Sundays

Feb. 21st, and 28th
March 6th, and 20th,
April 3rd, 10th, and 17th
following the 9:30 a.m. Mass
(Downstairs Hall)

Or

Thursdays

Feb. 25th,
March 3rd, 10th, and 31st
April 7th, 14th, 21st
7:00 p.m.
Parish Hall



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 30th, 2016

4:30 p.m. Special Intention of Angela Nam's Family

Sunday, January 31st, 2016

8:00 a.m. + Henry Grimes

9:30 a.m. + Maria Gloria Galluci

11:00 a.m. + Ciro & Cristina de Gonzalez, & Irma Arends

Monday, February 1st, 2016 Multi-Intention

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Maria Ornedo & Kim Pacis
+ Diane Dale Kenny
+ Yvonne Dale Wojcik

Tuesday, February 2nd, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Connie Ruscica

Wednesday, February 3rd, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Carol Copp

Thursday, February 4th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Sera D'Mario

Friday, February 5th, 2016

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Agatha Kim

7:30 p.m. + Consolacion Juniosa

Multiple Mass Intention Masses

Fr. Pat has received permission from the Archdiocese to have one Mass per week designated as a multi-intentional Mass, and on occasion, a Saturday Mass.

Due to the high demand for Mass intentions, it is hoped this will allow people the opportunity to have a special intention mass offered within a more reasonable time-frame.

In the bulletin, the specific day of the week that is designated a multi-intentional Mass will be clearly indicated.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) will be celebrated on Thursday, Feb. 18th, at 7 p.m., for students of our parish schools who registered this past Fall in preparation for their First Reconciliation and Communion. Parents are asked to bring their children to the Church, by 7 p.m. Extra priests will be on hand to assist in hearing confessions. Let us pray, in this Year of Mercy for all those preparing for this important Sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness.

55+ Club Meetings

Persons, 55+ and older, are invited to come out each Wednesday afternoon, 1 – 3 p.m. in the parish hall. Activities vary each week.

Lectio Divina and Gospel Study

Sr. Eva Janning, CPS will continue to facilitate prayer and study based on the gospel of St. John, Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the parish hall, beginning February 3 until April 27. Everyone is welcome for part or all of the sessions. No registration required.

Marriage Sunday

Fr. Pat will offer a special “Marriage Blessing” for all married couples on the weekend of February 6/7, at each Mass. Couples celebrating significant anniversaries (25, 50, etc.) are invited to leave their names at the parish office.

Celebrate Your Marriage

With a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Upcoming Weekend: February 19-21, 2016 (Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga)

For more information and application, please go to: www.whme.org or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or 905-792-1925.

**Friday, February 5th
First Friday Holy Hour,
Benediction and Mass**

Join us on Friday, February 5th, for First Friday Holy Hour (6:30 – 7:30p.m.), followed by Mass at 7:30p.m. All are welcome.

Refugee Family

The parish of St. Edward’s and the Office of Refugees is working closely with the Canadian government as it continues to process the refugee family that will be sponsored by our parish, through Project Hope. Please keep them in your prayers.

Senior Residence Masses

Fr. Pat will celebrate Mass for the senior Residences as follows;

Canterbury Place: February 12, at 10:30 a.m.
1 Canterbury Place March 11, at 10:30 a.m.
April 8, at 10:30 a.m.
May 13, at 10:30 a.m.
June 10, at 10:30 a.m.

Del Manor (North York): January 27, at 10:30 a.m.
5351 Yonge St. February 17, at 10:30 a.m.
March 16, at 10:30 a.m.
April 20, at 10:30 a.m.
May 18, at 10:30 a.m.
June 15, at 10:30 a.m.

Lansing Senior Residence: February 12, at 2:30 p.m.
10 Senlac Road March 11, at 2:30 p.m.
April 8, at 2:30 p.m.
May 13, at 2:30 p.m.
June 10, at 2:30 p.m.

Valentine’s Dinner & Dance

The parish will host a Valentine’s Dinner on Saturday, February 13, from 7 – 11 p.m. A D.J. and limited cash bar (wine, beer) will be available. Tickets are \$20 per person and open to couples and singles. Tickets will be available after all Masses next weekend.

Knitting Group

The Knitting Group has resumed and are looking to duplicate their success of last year. They are in need of donations of wool to make warm items for those in need. A drop box is located in the lobby. For more information, contact Joyce at 416-590-0832.



Save the Date

St. Patrick’s Dinner & Dance; Saturday, March 12th at 7p.m. More details to follow.