Dear Parishioners:

Lent begins this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, with the distribution of ashes at three separate Masses during the day: 8:30 a.m, 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. I shall also be visiting the parish schools to assist with their Ash Wednesday liturgies.

During the season of Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held at 7 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.

I wish to also announce that we shall have a <u>Parish</u> <u>Lenten Mission</u> to begin the weekend of March 5th and concluding Thursday, March 10th. The Retreat Director will be Fr. Robbie McDougall, founder of Adoramus Ministries, and a priest of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. Father McDougall is a renowned Retreat Director and musician who has fascilitated many Parish Missions in Canada and the United States. The full plan for the Mission Week at St. Edward's will be announced next weekend. I trust many of you will take time during that week to attend the Mission, in preparation for Easter.

As we begin this holy season of Lent, let us continue to keep one another in prayer.

May God Bless you each and every day. Fr. Pat

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, February 6th, 20164:30 p.m.In Thanksgiving – Sarah Tayag

Sunday, February 7th, 2016		
8:00 a.m.	+ Rose Ann Clancy	
9:30 a.m.	+ Anne & John Kessel	
11:00 a.m.	Wong Family	

Monday, February 8th, 2016 8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Tuesday, February 9th, 20168:30 a.m.Wong Family

8:30 a.m.	Protection of the Unborn Children
12:15 p.m.	For Peace in the World
7:00 p.m.	+ Pasquale Macchione
<u>Thursday, Fe</u>	<u>bruary 11th, 2016</u> + Jadze Markuvenas

A Message From St. Paul's Basilica

Dear Fr. O'Dea & Parishioners:

Christmas at St. Paul's was a Wonderful Blessing. Over four hundred and seventy-six families thank <u>you</u> for making it all possible (through your generosity to the Angel Tree Program). People of all faiths come looking for help. We thank you for your generosity and kindness. Sincerely Sharon Vernon and Betty McNeil Christmas Co-ordinators

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.

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.

<u>Celebrate Your Marriage</u> <u>With a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!</u>

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.wwme.org or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or 905-792-1925.

Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday Masses & Distribution of Ashes February 10th 8:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross Every Friday in Lent 7:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Day of Confessions

The Archdiocese has asked all churches to hold a day of Confessions during the Lenten season, for those who do not regularly receive this sacrament. Fr. Pat has designated **Friday, March 11th**, day of confession, for St. Edward's Parish. Schedule as follows:

> 7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Senior Residence Masses

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

Canterbury Place: 1 Canterbury Place	February 12, at 10:30 a.m. March 11, at 10:30 a.m. April 8, at 10:30 a.m.
Del Manor (North York): 5351 Yonge St	February 17, at 10:30 a.m. March 16, at 10:30 a.m. April 20, at 10:30 a.m.
Lansing Senior Residence: 10 Senlac Road	February 12, at 2:30 p.m. March 11, at 2:30 p.m. April 8, at 2:30 p.m.

Coins for Life

Parishioners are welcome to take home a coin box during Lent in support of the work of Campaign Life. This also supports the Annual March for Life in Ottawa. This can be a great spiritual exercise during Lent in support of pro-life. Boxes will be made available after all Masses next weekend.

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.

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.



St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance; Saturday, March 12th at 7p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 each and will be available after all Masses the weekend of February 19/20.