

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Dear Parishioners:

I am pleased to welcome to St. Edward's Parish, for the summer months, two seminarians who are currently studying at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto.

The first seminarian, Robert Rosales, was born in Toronto and is from St. Joseph's Parish in Mississauga. Robert graduated from the University of Toronto with an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Religion, in 2011, and a minor in Philosophy and History. He just completed his 2nd year of Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary. Robert enjoys all types of sports, martial arts and the outdoors.

The second seminarian, Vang Tran, is from Vietnam and is studying for the Archdiocese of Hanoi. He first began his studies at St. Joseph's Seminary (Hanoi). His Bishop sent him to Toronto, in 2014, to continue his studies in theology at St. Augustine's Seminary; he is also working on enhancing his English-language skills. He recently completed his first year of theology.

I am sure these two young men will be warmly received by the community of St. Edward's Parish.

As mentioned last week, Archbishop Thomas Collins has also appointed a Permanent Deacon to our parish. David Quail will be ordained on Saturday, May 28th, at 10:00 a.m., at St. Paul's Basilica. All are welcome to attend. Please pray for David, his wife Elisabeth and their family, as they prepare for his Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. He will join us for the first time on Sunday, May 29th.

I was pleased, last Sunday, with the introduction of the "3 Hail Mary's Spiritual Exercise" which we shall now recite at the end of each Sunday Mass, with the support of the Knights of Columbus. The intent is to offer 3 Hail Mary's for the sick, those serving our country, refugees, and for those in our parish or amongst our families who might die in the week to come. I trust this spiritual exercise will remind us of our close bond as a family of faith.

I conclude, wishing all mother's a happy Mother's Day! We shall remember all our deceased mothers at Mass this weekend.

Fr. Pat



Mass Intentions

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Saturday, May 7th, 2016

4:30 p.m. + Franc Zelko

Sunday, May 8th, 2016

8:00 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

9:30 a.m. + Jeffrey Hollman

11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving for Federico Cruz's 85th Birthday

Monday, May 9th, 2016

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Francis Kang

Tuesday, May 10th, 2016

8:30 a.m. For the Protection of Unborn Children

Wednesday, May 11th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Annabel Marchildor

Thursday, May 12th, 2016

8:30 a.m. For the Health of Gabriella Ludwinska

Friday, May 13th, 2016 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. For all Souls in Purgatory

+ Bernadette Carvalho

A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

Bus Trip to National March for Life

MAY 8, 2016

A bus departs from St. Timothy's Church, Thursday, May 12th, at 6:30 a.m. and returns same day. Local parishes welcome to join. \$50.00 per adult; \$35.00 for students. Contact: Christine at 416-496-1097.

Humanitarian Relief – Ecuador Earthquake

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief following the disastrous effects of a serious earthquake on April 16.

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake and aftershocks have devastated huge areas of Ecuador, with nearly 600 people reported dead, another 5,700 injured and 24,000 families left homeless. Contributions can be made through our parishes and through the Archdiocese of Toronto online portal at www.archtoronto.org.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
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Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life: Last Session: Tuesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Sr. Mary Rose Marrin, of the Sisters of St. Joseph will speak on the topic: Gratitude and Celebration. All men and women in the “second half” of life are welcome to attend.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ through our neighbours in need with love, respect, justice and joy. Members of the Society are committed to turning concern into action on a person-to-person basis. It is this personalized involvement that makes the work of the Society unique. If you would like more information about this ministry in our parish please contact Elizabeth Meneguzzi at clarkemenguzzi@gmail.com or leave you name at the parish office.

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.

Alpha

Alpha is a series of interactive conversations about faith in a friendly and informal environment. Come out for dinner, a talk, and small group discussion about life's big questions and the message of Christianity. Alpha began on Monday April 4th. There is no charge, and childcare is provided (please register for childcare). Contact Josh at jcanning@alphacanada.org or 647-468-1195 to register.

WEEK 6 TOPIC: Word: Why and How Do I Read the Bible

Children's Choir

A children's Choir is being introduced for the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass. Rehearsals will be held, at least for now, on Saturdays, from 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Clea Soare will direct the choir. For more information, or to contact Clea, email her at cleaandcharlie@gmail.com

Summer Camp

St. Edward's will host Totus Tuus this summer! The children and youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) this summer from July 17 – 22, 2016.

The grade school program, for children entering grades 1 – 6, runs Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The Intermediate/High School program for Grades 7 – 12 runs Sunday – Thursday from 7- 9 p.m. during the week of July 17 – 22 (only). The Day Camp Registration Fee is \$75 per child for the entire week. The Evening Program Registration Fee is \$20 per youth for the entire program. More information about the program itself can be found at: www.totustuutoronto.ca. To register, contact Rosanna at: delgrosso@sympatico.ca

St. Edward's Catholic Women's League Geranium Sale – May 21 – 22, 2016

Beautiful, mature plants delivered directly from the nursery. Reasonable prices. Pre-order after all Masses in Foyer this May 7/8th, and next weekend May 14/15th. For further information, contact Susan Barry at 416-223-5261.

Happy Mother's Day