

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners:

The celebration of Mother's Day last week was a great joy and I trust you had a pleasant time with family and friends. At Mass, we also remembered all mothers who have died and prayed for them in a special way. My thanks to Maria Amodio, who assisted me in providing flowers to all the mothers in our parish at the Masses last weekend.

As you know, we recently introduced the "3 Hail Mary's" Spiritual Exercise at the end of Mass. This brief time in prayer enables us to pray for one another, for the sick and the dying. The Knights of Columbus will lead us in this prayer each week. Peter Bernotas, the Deputy Grand Knight, has written a reflection on this new spiritual exercise, which is contained in this week's bulletin. I thank Peter for his very touching reflection.

For those of you who might have been away last weekend, I wish to once again introduce the two seminarians who will be spending the summer with us.

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.

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 conclude, wishing everyone a Happy Pentecost Sunday.

Fr. Pat



Mass Intentions

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Saturday, May 14th, 2016

4:30 p.m. +Domenico, Giacinto & Theresa Mesiano

Sunday, May 15th, 2016

8:00 a.m. + Pauline Thornton

9:30 a.m. + Eric D. Ramos

11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of LoParco Family

Monday, May 16th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Eraldo Fallico

Tuesday, May 17th, 2016- Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Margaret Fonseca

 Birthday Wishes: Eileen Lewis

 Birthday Wishes: Vicki Di Carlo

Wednesday, May 18th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Mary Carvalho

Thursday, May 19th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Hubert Lue Kin

Friday, May 20th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Vincenzo Saracino

First Communion Weekend

We shall celebrate the First Communions of the children of our parish schools on Saturday, May 28th at 11:00 a.m., and Sunday, May 29th at 2:00 p.m. The students were registered last fall and have been prepared by their teachers, and with the help and guidance of Fr. Pat.

Please note that all students, who have been prepared for the Sacrament, should arrive at the parish hall at least one hour prior to Mass. They will be met by their teachers, and signed in. They will remain in the hall as they prepare for the procession. Parents and guests should go directly to the church as the hall will be reserved solely for the students.

Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life:

Last Session: Tuesday, May 17th, 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.

Children's Choir

A children's Choir has been 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

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. 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 7 TOPIC: Follow: How Does God Guide Us?

Humanitarian Relief – Ecuador & Fort McMurray

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief following the disastrous effects of a serious earthquake on April 16, in Ecuador and the wildfires in Fort McMurray, Alta.

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:

Name of Parish – Humanitarian Relief

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 weekend, May 14/15th.

For further information, contact Susan Barry at 416-223-5261.

Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League invites all women to Mass, this Thursday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m., followed by a general meeting in the parish hall. All women of the parish are invited!

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.

Summer Camp Registration

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.totustuustoronto.ca. To register, contact Rosanna at: delgrosso@sympatico.ca

Bundle Up for St. Vincent de Paul!

Bring your gently used clothing and household linens to share with others next weekend May 21 – 22nd. A St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the church parking lot Saturday and Sunday, May 21-22. Please share what you can with those less fortunate. You can drop off your donations before and after all the Masses. Thank you for your continued support.

Sale and Pick-up of Geraniums

Saturday, May 21 – 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 22 – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon