

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners:

I am pleased to inform we have two new additions to the St. Edward's staff. The first is Kimberly Go, who will begin her ministry as Youth Director for the parish. I am delighted to provide this opportunity for the youth and young adults of our parish. As you know, this was one of the goals of the Family of Faith campaign introduced last year (the other goals, ministry to those in senior years, and the upgrade and repaving of our parking lot have already been initiated). Kimberly will be working closely with all the parish schools through the sacramental programs as well as youth programs to be designed in the parish. She also oversaw the summer camp for children this past summer. As she settles into the parish, I invite your prayers for her and her ministry.

I also welcome our new Choir Director, Marc Michalak, who will conduct the main choir at the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass, and who will help in overseeing and assisting in developing further training and recruitment for music ministry. Marc has an extensive background in music. He currently teaches piano to students at St. Michael's Choir School, is experienced in conducting and is also a cantor. I would like to take this opportunity to invite anyone in the parish who has musical skills (singing, piano, organ, or who play musical instruments to speak with Marc as he begins to look at enriching our music ministry).

I trust this Thanksgiving Weekend will be filled with many graces and blessings. We will have Mass on Monday, Thanksgiving Day, at 8:30 a.m. for all who might wish to attend. I also thank the parishioners who have offered food items for the Good Shepherd Refugee; these donations will help them to serve the larger downtown area.

Finally, I wish to update you on the Refugee Family. As you might know, we had been awaiting a family from Iraq as of this past January; however (as in the case of many other parishes and faith communities) the greater Syrian Refugee focus by the government put certain quotas on refugees from other countries. Happily that family was indeed sponsored elsewhere because of that delay. The Office of Refugees for the Archdiocese is working closely with us, at the present time, to bring over another family from Iraq. The Refugee Committee of this parish and I met to sign off on this plan and the next step is that the government will now work to further screen and assist this family. This obviously will take time. Sadly, this is the reality of the world today and how this process works. It is slow and often frustrating. However, we are committed and willing to wait since it is important to assist these families in need. I am very inspired by the dedication of our parish Refugee Committee who have been so patient in spite of the slow and often frustrating process. It is our firm belief that all of this is not about us, but about helping others in need. Please pray for the family we will be looking at sponsoring (a mother, father and three children). We had initial contact with them and we will continue to keep you

updated. This is all in God's hands as well and so we pray that God will bless our good works in this regard.

In conclusion, let us remember one another in prayer.

Fr. Pat

Welcome to Marc Michalak

It is an absolute thrill to join the music ministry at St. Edward's. I've been singing professionally for almost two decades across Toronto in both churches and choirs such as the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, the Elora Festival Singers and Tafelmusik. I hold a Degree in Music from the University of Toronto and a Masters Degree in Environmental Studies from York University. I play and teach the piano to both kids and adults. I teach twice a week at St Michaels Choir School. I love playing soccer and chasing after my two and half year old son, Tristan. I'm married - my wife's name is Sheila.

To speak about or thinking about joining the 11:00 a.m. Choir, please come and see me any time. Or email me anytime at marcfmichalak@gmail.com - Marc

Welcome to Kimberly Go

Hello there, my name is Kimberly Go. By way of introduction, I would like to express my gratitude to Fr. Pat for welcoming me and allowing me to work and serve as Youth Minister here at St. Edward the Confessor.

I was born in the Philippines, but immigrated at the age of nine with my parents to Canada. I studied English Literature and Art History in my undergrad at the University of Toronto. Presently, I am working towards the completion of my Master of Divinity at Regis College at the Toronto School of Theology in the University of Toronto. My passions include the arts, education, reading, writing, nature, and of course, working with young people. The first time I served in this parish was the past summer as a Totus Tuus Missionary from the Office of Catholic Youth and the Vocations Office in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Prior to this mission, I worked for a number of years at my home parish, St. Marguerite d'Youville, in Brampton. With a special focus on the youth, I assisted in the delivery of parish-based youth ministry programs like EDGE and Life Teen, as well as catechetical formation in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I am very happy to be here and I look forward to meeting you all and being a part of this wonderful parish community. I pray that the vital work we do together as a community in the coming years will bring about more joy, hope and love in our families and our young people. May the intercessions of Our Blessed Mother and St. Edward the Confessor guide us on our journey together in the faith. – In Christ, Kimberly Go



Mass Intentions

Monday, October 10th, 2016

OCTOBER 9, 2016

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving for Special Intention of Angel & Laurent

Tuesday, October 11th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Rosalai Clamor

Wednesday, October 12th, 2016 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving for prayer for Debra LeBleu
For all Souls in Purgatory
+ John Lee

Thursday, October 13th, 2016

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

Friday, October 14th, 2016

8:30 a.m. Wishes of Good Health for Vanessa D'Costa

Saturday, October 15th, 2016

4:30 p.m. +Mary Matthews

Sunday, October 16th, 2016

8:00 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Keith Kim

9:30 a.m. Special Intention of Andrew Wong

11:00 a.m. + Janice Elizabeth Rosario

Ministry with Maturing Adults (50+): An Opportunity

A "Life Story Writing Programme" will be held here at St. Edward's Church beginning Monday, October 17th. This is an opportunity to look back over the process of life in order to gain deeper understanding and insight. The ten sessions will be held on consecutive Mondays from 10:00 a.m. – Noon. The facilitator will be Sister Mary Rose Marrin CSJ, Maturing Adults Minister. Brochures with additional information and registration directions are available at the Welcome Table.

"Little Lambs" – Volunteer Teachers"

Looking for someone to join the Little Lambs ministry team. This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to teach our youngest members (children up to 4 years old). Little Lambs Ministry is dedicated to providing children a loving environment to share the Catholic faith through fun and interactive stories, prayers, song, and art. This is a small commitment of approx. 1 hour per month. Anyone interested in becoming a teacher on the team or donating art supplies, please contact Father Pat and he will put you in touch with one of the Little Lambs teachers.

St. Edward's CWL

A special invitation to all women of the parish....to our meeting on Thursday, October 20th. Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by a meeting in the hall with guest speaker, **Adrienne Sequeira, RN, MD.v, Registered Psychotherapist and Certified Psychoanalyst** who will help us to understand "How to Respond To Mental Health Crises".

Please come and feel free to bring a friend!

Healing Mass at St. Edward the Confessor

Saturday, October 29, at 11:00 a.m.

Pre-Marriage Course at St. Edward's Parish Hall

Mondays, Oct. 17 – Nov. 21, from 7 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

All Sessions Required - \$150.00 per couple

To register, contact the office or pick up a Registration Form at the Welcome Table.

SACRAMENT REGISTRATIONS

Students who attend our Catholic schools, public or private schools, and who wish to be prepared for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation, are required to register for the sacraments through their local parish. While the priest works closely with the students and teachers at the Catholic schools, the church is the primary place of registration since the Sacraments are celebrated at the parish where the students attend Mass. Below are the dates and times for this year's Registration.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Parents/Guardians who wish to register their children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are **required** to attend a Registration and Information Session at the Church on:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19th, at 7:00 p.m.

Please bring a photocopy of your child's baptismal certificate; if you do not have one, simply contact the parish where your child was baptized and they will provide you an updated one.

CONFIRMATION

Parents/Guardians who wish to register their children for the Sacrament of Confirmation are **required** to attend a Registration and Information Session at the Church on:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27th, at 7 p.m.

Parents are asked to bring with them a copy of the student's baptismal certificate. If unable to find one, simply contact the church where the child was baptized and they will provide you an updated one.

At each of the Registration Nights, Fr. Pat will outline the program of study for the respective schools, and the program for those attending public schools. For students attending public schools, classes will be held at the parish church; a schedule for those classes will be provided to the parents at the Registration Night. There will be some option of dates for the celebration of the Sacraments and parents will be asked to sign up for the dates which best suit them at the Registration Nights. The following are the dates that have been approved for St. Edward's Parish:

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Saturday, May 6th, 2017 at 11 a.m.

Sunday, May 7th, 2017 at 2 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Saturday, April 29th, 2017 at 11 a.m.

Sunday, April 30th, 2017 at 2 p.m.