

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners:

In this particular bulletin you will notice a number of events (over the coming weeks) which highlight the youth of our parish.

We are blessed by the presence of so many young people; not only those who attend the Liturgy of the Word for Children, or the Little Lambs Ministry, but also those who serve at the altar, sing in the choir, or who attend one of our parish schools. As well, we appreciate the presence of those in high school, university, college or the work force.

As you might know, John Sutka, our seminarian-intern, has been working with the young adults of our parish in terms of hosting both spiritual and social events for them, along with our Youth Director, Kimberly Go. More events are being planned, and John and Kimberly also visit the schools.

In particular, I invite your prayers for the young people who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Next weekend, as part of their spiritual preparation, students who plan to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, in April, will be attending a mass of their choice as we formally recognize them, bless them and offer them the gift of a cross. They will present a letter of "enrollment" indicating their desire to be confirmed, and will invite the prayers of the whole community. By this action, they will hopefully appreciate they do not journey alone; rather, they are a part of a larger community of faith. The parish will also host their Confirmation Retreats, during the month of March.

I am so grateful for the warm relationship and cooperation that has been established between the parish and our three primary schools, as well as the strong connection to Cardinal Carter High School for the Arts. This past September, the principals, teachers, and staff of all three schools, and the high school, gathered at St. Edward's Church for Mass and lunch to celebrate the beginning of a new school year and to recognize this year's special theme (The Year of the Parish). It is a special blessing to have such wonderful teachers, principals, and staff working closely with our parish.

On a final note, this weekend, Kimberly Go, our Youth Director, will also announce the formation of an EDGE program, a new initiative, to begin in April. The program is for children in Grades 6 - 8. It has been quite successful in other parishes (including my former parish). Kimberly has formed a team of people, from the parish, who will be

trained to assist in offering this program. In her presentation, Kimberly will also inform parents of the special information sessions to be held to explain the program in more detail, as well as to inform on how to register (please refer, also, to the special insert in this week's bulletin).

In closing, let us pray for all the youth initiatives that are being planned and for all involved. May God bless you, and let us keep one another in prayer!

Fr. Pat



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 30th, 2017

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Anna Kim & Family

Tuesday, January 31st, 2017

8:30 a.m. Blessings for Rosita and Marcus

Wednesday, February 1st, 2017

8:30 a.m. + John Houlahan

Thursday, February 2nd, 2017

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

Friday, February 3rd, 2017 Multi-intentio

8:30 a.m. + Paul O'Connor

+ Valerie Glockner

7:30 p.m. + Mary Staruck

Saturday, February 4th, 2017

4:30 p.m. Mass of Praise & Thanksgiving – Gaughan Family

Sunday, February 5th, 2017

8:00 a.m. + Rose Anne Clancy

9:30 a.m. + Anna & John Kessel

11:00 a.m. + Nilger Malpartido

Feast of St. Blaise

Friday, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaise. The traditional blessing of throats will be offered at the 8:30 a.m. Mass and at our 7:30 p.m. First Friday Mass.

Poor Box

Don't forget the poor. The St. Vincent de Paul poor box is located in the lobby. Please be generous. The St. Vincent de Paul Association of our parish works faithfully to serve the needs of the less fortunate. Thank you for opening your hearts to the poor and needy.



EDGE Youth Ministry

is coming soon to St. Edward the Confessor Parish!
All students in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited!

Parent Information Sessions: Sunday, February 5 at 12pm (in the Parish Hall after the 11am Mass) OR Thursday, February 9 at 7pm (in the Parish Lower Hall). Questions or concerns? Contact Kimberly Go at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com. Stay tuned for more exciting news and information!

Alpha Program

The Alpha Program has begun at St. Edward's Parish. It is an opportunity to explore questions about life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. It begins with dinner at 6:30 p.m. each Monday in the parish hall (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.). Childcare provided. Contact Josh at jcanning@alphacanada.org

Children's Choir

Rehearsal for the Children's Choir will be held Thursdays, 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The children will sing every other week at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass. Those wishing to join are asked to attend the practice each Thursday. For more information, contact Marc Michalak, choir Director, at marcfmichalak@gmail.com

Young Adult Ministry

On Wednesday, February 1st, 7:00 pm, the St. Edward's Young Adult Group will gather downstairs in the basement hall. The topic of conversation will focus on "Leisure: A Spiritual Need". Take a breather that week and enjoy a little r & r with us. It is a place to have good discussion, meet new people and build new friendships. Refreshments will be provided, and hope to see you there.

55+ Club

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our meetings, every Wednesday, from 1 – 3 p.m. A variety of activities are planned for the New Year.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 7:30 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 7:30 p.m. Extra priests will be on hand to assist in hearing confessions. Let us pray, for all those preparing for this important Sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Enrollment Sunday
For Confirmation Candidates

Students registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation will attend a Mass of their choice, next weekend, where they will present their letters of enrollment to the Pastor and be presented with a cross as they continue their spiritual preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Income Tax Receipts for 2015

The Family of Faith campaign will be issuing 2016 tax receipts for Family of Faith donations by the end of February 2017. These receipts are not issued by our parish. If you prefer to receive your **Family of Faith** tax receipt via e-mail, please contact the Donations Processing Centre via campaign@archtoronto.org and provide your full name, address, and the name of your parish.

Income tax receipts issued by our parish for your 2016 donations are being mailed out now.

Friday, February 3rd
First Friday Holy Hour,
Benediction and Mass

Join us on Friday, February 3rd, for First Friday Holy Hour (6:30 – 7:30p.m.), followed by Mass at 7:30p.m. All are welcome.