

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

4th Sunday of Lent

SAMUEL HAS BEEN commissioned by God to choose a successor to Saul. Like us, Samuel frequently judges by appearances, while God judges by the heart. Samuel's selection of David and Jesus' healing the blind man in today's gospel speak to us of God's choices. Jesus sees in the blind man someone with great potential who moves from a world of darkness to collaborate with Jesus. He will be the one to display the work of God and reveal Jesus to others.

The readings call us to move from our blindness to the revelation of God in Jesus. To believe is to come to the light, while to disbelieve is to be spiritually blind and walk in the darkness. Paul reminds us that when we are committed to Christ, we become children of the light, and earlier in his letter to the Ephesians he prays that his community might have "the eyes of your heart enlightened" (1.18).

"I once was blind but now I see." John Newton composed *Amazing Grace* and based it on his own conversion experience, after which he began a life-long ministry of reconciliation. The blind man received not only the gift of sight but also the gift of faith. May we like him experience this Lent as a true conversion of hear.

(Reflection Fr. Jack Lynch, from Living with Christ)

ShareLife

"Living the Gospel" locally and around the world...

How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it is volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Our annual appeal provides resources to 42 agencies, bringing much needed programs and services to those both here in our communities and around the world. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, consider your ability to "Live the Gospel" by helping those who are vulnerable and in need, and make a contribution to ShareLife.

**Next Weekend April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday
Please give generously**



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 27th, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Dorothy Johns

Tuesday, March 28th, 2017

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of O'Hare & McPolin Family

Wednesday, March 29th, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Thomas Callaghan

Thursday, March 30th, 2017 Multi-intentions

8:30 a.m. + Joe Marie Gavaran

+ Mary Picco

+ George Morrissey

Friday, March 31st, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Kim Yeung & Teresa Fok

7:30 p.m. + Honorina Franco

Saturday, April 1st, 2017

4:30 p.m. + Purificacion Peredo

Sunday, April 2nd, 2017

8:00 a.m. + Faith Lyn Da Costa

9:30 a.m. + Paul Joseph Ricciardi

11:00 a.m. + Tom Callaghan

FRIDAYS IN LENT

Besides the regular morning Mass at 8:30 a.m., there will be:

6:30 p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. – Mass

Northmount School for Boys

Open House

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
26 Mallard Road, Toronto, Ontario, M3B 1S3

Toronto's Only Independent Catholic Boys' Elementary School (JK-8)

To R.S.V.P. for the Open House or book a private tour please call 416-449-8823 ext. 114 or info@northmount.com

2017 Ching Ming Remembrance Mass

The 2017 Ching Ming Remembrance Mass will be held in the Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Thornhill on Saturday April 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. The Mass is organized by Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto which is held in Cantonese and mandarin with support of the Chinese Pastoral Council of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Lenten Retreat

The Lenten retreat this past week was well attended. The Thursday evening confessions were also well attended. Let us pray for one another as we prepare for Easter.

Join the Knights of Columbus!

St. Edward's Parish Knights of Columbus is celebrating more than a year in formation! It is open to new members, men (18 and older) who wish to join a great Catholic fraternity of men, eager to serve the Church. We were delighted to receive close to ten new applicants following the announcements two weeks ago, including a number of young men. For more information, contact Peter Bernotas, Grand Knight, at 416-460-7089. We meet the second Thursday of each month, beginning with a meal at 7:00 pm. The meeting is from 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

Special Outreach Project

Students from Cardinal Carter School for the Arts will come to St. Edward's Parish hall this Friday, March 31st, at 12:30 p.m., to help in making sandwiches to distribute that afternoon to the homeless in downtown Toronto. They will be assisted by their chaplain and teachers. Fr. Pat will join them, bless them, and lead them in prayer as they journey to Toronto to distribute the food.

Parishioners are welcome to join the students in the preparation of the sandwiches. In particular, parishioners are invited to donate socks for the homeless men and women and drop them off at this event, or prior.

Senior Residence Masses April 2017

Friday, April 14th – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, April 14th – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 19th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

Day of Confessions

The Archdiocese has asked all churches to hold a day of Confessions during Lent. We shall host it on Friday, March 31st, from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., to allow parishioners the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Please note:** there will be **no** confessions in the evening due to the evening Lenten Stations of the Cross and Mass.



Now accepting EDGE Registrations! **For students in Grade 6 - 8**

Come by the office, email us, or visit our website (www.stedward.ca) for the EDGE Registration Form.

Registration fee is \$25. Submit the completed form with payment to the parish office. If there are any financial difficulties, please contact our Youth Director, Kimberly Go, at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com.

Kick-Off: Friday, April 28, 2017!

Refugee Family

Fr. Pat and the Refugee committee of the parish continue to monitor the progress of the family that we hope to sponsor. As an update, they have received a "G" number (government number) and have recently completed their physicals. Regrettably, all of this takes time and no one is able to predict the length of time this may take in terms of their hopeful arrival to Canada. In the meantime, please continue to pray for this family. They will soon have interviews with embassy officials which will determine their eventual approval.

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 of our parish works faithfully to serve the needs of the less fortunate. Thank you for opening your hearts.

Knitting Group

The seniors' knitting group is still very active with their projects for Out of the Cold and Tiny Shroud Ministry. They are in need of donations of wool to make warm items for those in need. For more information you may contact Marie Heard at 416-222-5139.

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 and all are welcome.