

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

3rd Sunday of Easter

IN THE EASTER season we hear accounts of our risen Lord appearing to the disciples. Today's gospel is a well-told story and we are challenged to hear with new ears. The disciples are walking to Emmaus, upset and confused, when Jesus appears among them. It is after Jesus blesses and breaks the bread that their eyes are opened and they recognize who is in their midst.

Perhaps we are burdened by sadness or confusion, unable to see God in our midst. We may need to see through a new lens. The disciples recognized Jesus while at table sharing food and drink. Eastertime is filled with opportunities to gather at family tables. As we gather with family and friends, may we begin by thanking God for the gifts in our lives and ask for the wisdom and understanding to see God present in each day.

Today, may we be attentive to Christ present among us. May we recognize him in those we have gathered to pray with, in our presiding priest, in the proclaimed Word, and as we come to share in the Body and Blood of Christ. May the gospel remind us to ask the Holy Spirit to open our minds, hearts and eyes so that we will recognize Christ in our midst and be a sign of Christ's living presence in our world.

(Reflection of Catherine Ecker, from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 1st, 2017 Multi-intention

7:00 a.m. + Annabel Marchildon
+ Emily Picco

Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017

7:00 a.m. + Birthday Wishes for Anna Kim

Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017

7:00 a.m. + Deceased Members of LoParco Family

Thursday, May 4th, 2017

7:00 a.m. + Rosina & Giuseppi Meneguzzi

Friday, May 5th, 2017

7:00 a.m. + Rita Monaghan
Birthday Wishes for Alec Regis

Saturday, May 6th, 2017

4:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving – Neres & Esther Medina

Sunday, May 7th, 2017

8:00 a.m. For All Souls in Purgatory
9:30 a.m. + Veronica Byrne
11:00 a.m. + Giuseppe & Ida Ruggiero

Construction Notice for Parishioners

The parking lot will be **CLOSED weekdays** but will re-open for Saturdays and Sundays. Construction begins daily at 7:30 a.m.

Fr. Pat did not wish to cancel the daily Mass so it will be moved earlier in the morning to 7:00 a.m. each weekday, until the end of construction, which will take a few weeks. Please note, that since there will be no parking available on the Church property (weekdays), people are asked to park on the street during morning Mass. If you live nearby, you may wish to walk to church. We will keep parishioners advised at the end of each week as to the status of the week to come.



The First Friday Evening Adoration and 7:30 p.m. Mass will not be held this Friday, May 5th, due to construction. Mass will be celebrated earlier in the morning at 7:00 a.m.

Holy Cross Cemetery

Holy Cross Cemetery will be hosting a **LOOKING AHEAD SEMINAR** on Saturday, May 6th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. For further information please call Holy Cross Cemetery at 905-889-7467.

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer Friday, May 12, 2017

On this day, Cardinal Collins has asked that we all take the time, as a community, to pray for all vocations; priesthood, religious and consecrated life. During this time, we also ask that you pray for our five soon-to-be priests along with all those who are discerning or who are currently in formation. The morning Mass, at St. Edward's will highlight a time of prayer for Vocations, and in anticipation of the Ordinations the next day.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all the students of our parish schools who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend

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at St. Edward's Church. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and sanctify them and their families.

Catholic Education Week – April 30 – May 5, 2017
“Walking Forward Together”

Catholic Education Week 2017, runs from April 30th to May 5th. For more than 165 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have been integrating our faith into all aspects of school life, nurturing the gifts and talents of every student. We celebrate the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools provide, giving thanks and offering our prayers for all those who faithfully journey with our young people each day. For more information about Catholic Education Week visit www.goodnewsforall.ca

St. Edward's 75th Anniversary

In anticipation of the upcoming 75th Anniversary of St. Edward the Confessor parish on Sunday, June 11th, the social committee is preparing a presentation to be held after the Mass on the history of our parish. If any parishioners have old photos of any previous pastors, Church events or other Church photos, they are asked to email them to the parish office at pastor.stedward@rogers.co, or bring them into the office to be photocopied. Please note that the focus of this presentation is on the Church as well as past events or pastors – therefore most pictures of specific parishioners will not be included.

Ordination

Deacon Favin Alemao will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, May 13th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All are welcome.

Fr. Pat will provide a bus for those who are unable to drive or take public transportation. The bus will depart at 8:00 a.m. Sign-up sheets available after weekend Masses.

The following day, Sunday, May 14th at 11:00 a.m., Father Favin will celebrate his First Mass here at St. Edward's. All are welcome.

ShareLife

The second ShareLife Sunday collection is next Sunday, **May 7th**. Please give generously.

Reserve the Date!

Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins will celebrate the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 11th in honour of the parish's 75th Anniversary. More details to follow.

Senior Residence Masses – May 2017

Friday, May 12th – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 12th – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

Knights of Columbus

St. Edwards Knights of Columbus, Bishop Marrocco Council 16233, is preparing a Memorial Plaque to honour our deceased Brothers.

We want to include deceased St. Edwards Parishioners who were Brother Knights of Columbus, no matter what Council they belonged to.

Currently we plan on including the following deceased Brother names: Patrick Murphy, Donald Boyd, Doug Allard, John (Jack) Greenhill, Ken Davies, and Thomas Callaghan.

If you know of any other Knights from our Parish who qualify, please email Brother George Laceby PGK, at bygeorge2002@hotmail.com or call him at 416 562-7212 with the Brothers complete name and last known address so we add their names to our memorial plaque.

COINS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN 2017

For those who have not yet returned the Coins for Life boxes, please be reminded that they are to be returned no later than next weekend. Thank you for your generosity for God's preborn babies in the womb!

Vocations

“Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called – as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto** at 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Poor Box

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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 heart.