

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S GOSPEL ACCLAMATION verse puts the meaning of this Sunday's readings succinctly. Christian life is about maintaining an intimate and trusting relationship with the Good Shepherd. Such a bond shapes hearts, determines actions, and reveals our shortcomings in such a way that we can regard them as failures and yet turn to, and rely on, God's mercy.

Ezekiel's words are meant to inspire rather than threaten, promising that God has a single, dependable criterion for judgment applicable to, and within the power of, each individual: righteousness. God takes no pleasure in the destruction of anyone but desires and offers life to each one.

A testimony to this truth can be found in Jesus Christ who, in his selfless act of sharing our human existence, his forgiveness of sinners and his acceptance of crucifixion, showed the extent of God's steadfast love. He liberated people from what bound them, restored them to community and called them to life. If we know *this* Shepherd, then we can willingly respond in obedient faith. Even when we fall short, though, we are not left without a remedy before God. The unrighteous tax collectors and prostitutes gained the kingdom through sincere repentance. We, too, growing in the kind of humble and open attitude towards God and others exemplified by Jesus, can also share the mind of Christ and his final victory.

*(Reflection of Christine Mader, from Living with Christ)*



#### Monday, October 2, 2017

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Anna De Pede

#### Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Deceased Members of the Saracino Family

#### Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Emily Doherty

#### Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Marie Callaghan

#### Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Michael McDermott

7:30 p.m. For the Protection of the Unborn Children

#### Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

4:30 p.m. + Norberto Franco

#### Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

8:00 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

9:30 a.m. + Sylvester Oleszkiewicz

11:00 a.m. + Giuseppe & Ida Ruggiero

### Pre-Marriage Course

St. Edward's will host a pre-marriage course in the parish hall on the following dates:

Tuesdays 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

October 17, 24, 31

November 7, 14

Saturday, November 4 at 9:45 AM – 3:00 PM

All Sessions Required

\$ 150.00 per couple

Registration forms are available in the parish office or online at [www.stedward.ca](http://www.stedward.ca)

### ALPHA

Alpha began Monday September 25, 2017 at 6:30pm. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. It begins with dinner and is followed by discussions of life's most meaningful questions in a friendly and accessible environment. It is a great opportunity for those who have questions about Christianity. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge. It's just an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. Admission is free and friends are welcome. Childcare is provided as well. Learn more at [www.alphacanada.org](http://www.alphacanada.org)



### EDGE Youth Ministry

EDGE is back at St. Edward's!

All students in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited!

For more information and to register, contact Kimberly Go at: [stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com)

### R.C.I.A.: For those Wishing to Become Catholic

The course for those wishing to become Catholic began on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9 p.m., in the parish hall. For more information, contact Sr. Eva Janning at 647-542-3309, email: [eajanning@gmail.com](mailto:eajanning@gmail.com)

### **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> First Friday Holy Hour, Benediction and Mass**

Join us on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, for First Friday Holy Hour (6:30 – 7:30p.m.), followed by Mass at 7:30p.m. All are welcome.

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**Calling All Catechists, Religious Educators, and High School Volunteers!**

St. Edward's is looking to fill various volunteer positions for our two Sacramental programs for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you are someone seeking teaching experience, developing your teaching skills further, or community service hours, please contact Kimberly Go at [stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com) for more details.

**Good Shepherd Ministries Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive: Weekend of October 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Please bring non-perishable food items to the Church next weekend, October 7/8. Your donation will help make it possible for the Good Shepherd Ministries to continue to offer nutritious meals to those in need.

**Urgently needed items are: canned meats, canned fruits, canned tuna & salmon, canned soups and stews, peanut butter, ground/instant coffee, breakfast cereals, pasta & sauces, cookies and crackers, tea, jams, sugar & rice.**

**Development and Peace**

Fr. Pat would like to form a Development and Peace Committee at St. Edward's. If you are interested, contact Fr. Pat at the office.

**Senior Residence Mass  
October – 2017**

Friday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

**Archdiocese of Toronto 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-Central Pastoral Region Celebration**

As we celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, extends an invitation for all to join him for Mass and reception to commemorate this historic milestone. The Central Pastoral Region celebration will take place at **Blessed Trinity Parish – 3220 Bayview Ave.** (north of Finch Ave.) **on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** For more information, visit [www.archtoronto.org/175](http://www.archtoronto.org/175)

**55+ Club**

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our weekly meetings, every Wednesday, from 1 – 3 p.m.

**SACRAMENT REGISTRATIONS**

Students attending our Catholic schools, public or private schools, and those who wish to be prepared for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy 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 HOLY COMMUNION**



Parents/Guardians who wish to register their children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are **required** to attend a Registration and Information Session at the parish on **Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.**

Parents are asked to bring a photocopy of your child's Baptismal certificate. If you do not have one, simply contact the parish where your child was baptized (even if overseas) and they will provide you with an updated one. There will be two dates for the celebration of the First Communion. Parents may choose their preference at the Parent's Registration meeting.

**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 parish on **Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.**

Parents are asked to bring a photocopy of the student's Baptismal certificate. If you do not have one, simply contact the parish where your child was baptized (even if overseas) and they will re-issue one for you.

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 and private 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. If parents have further questions or concerns, contact our Sacramental Coordinator Kimberly Go at [stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com).

**FIRST COMMUNION MASS**

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.