

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

JOHN KNEW IMMEDIATELY that Jesus was the Lamb of God, the one who takes away our sins, the Promised One of God. In John's heart there was no hesitation or doubt, rather I imagine joy and delight! When the two disciples run up to Jesus, he asks them, "What are you looking for?" They reply, "Rabbi," which means 'Teacher.' I believe Jesus asks the same question of you and me. How do we answer him? Maybe we can't answer that question, unless we face a deeper question: "What is God asking of me?" Am I truly *letting* that question shape me? Are you and I ready, like Samuel, to say: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening"? Can we accept his invitation to 'discipleship,' to love and serve God with generosity and mercy?

World Day of Migrants and Refugees invites us to 'come and see' the faithful and courageous works of so many volunteers, organizations and parishes serving migrants and refugees. As strong advocates with a commitment to care for others, these 'disciples' put the gospel into action. They show us, and those they serve, the working hands, feet and heart of our merciful and loving Messiah. Will you and I, along with Samuel, John and the first disciples, 'come and see,' trusting in the Lord's love and saving power – given to us and through us for others?

(Reflection of Julie Cachia, from Living with Christ)

Rite of Acceptance

Sr. Eva Janning (who teaches the R.C.I.A. class for those interested in joining the Catholic faith) wishes to inform, that we will hold the first Rite of Acceptance on Sunday, January 14th, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This Rite is the first step, by which those interested in preparing for the Easter sacraments, will be formally introduced at Mass, inviting the prayers and support of the parish community. We congratulate and welcome those seeking to join our Catholic community. May God bless them as they journey to the Easter celebrations.

Vocations

A good vocation prayer to say every day – from the time we are young until we are in our golden years – is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997** email vocations@archtoronto.org



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 15th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Charlie Bahr

Tuesday, January 16th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Peter & Hope McDermott

Wednesday, January 17th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Yee Tak Cheung

Thursday, January 18th, 2018

8:30 a.m. For All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 19th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Mr. & Mrs. Tk Choy

Saturday, January 20th, 2018

4:30 p.m. + Morales Family

Sunday, January 21st, 2018

8:00 a.m. + Giovanni Palazzolo

9:30 a.m. The Deceased members of the Gasparini Family

11:00 a.m. Deceased members of DeSantis & Donato Family

Living With Separation and Divorce

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a psycho-educational program for those dealing with the stress of the ending of a relationship. The sessions facilitated by a clinical social worker will be held on February 13th to April 3rd, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 1155 Yonge St. There is a \$30 fee per session. Please contact Alpana Das at 416-921-1163 x2232 email adas@cfstoronto.com for more information.

Women's Retreat

The Catholic Women's League is hosting a morning Retreat for the women of our parish on Saturday, January 20th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. The Retreat will be facilitated by Fr. Keith Wallace, who will speak on "Embracing Aloneless". Admission is free. Bring a friend. Please RSVP at: 416-223-5261

Catholic Women's League

CWL General meeting on Thursday, January 18th, beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. Please come and learn of our plans for the year! All women welcome, whether a member or not.

JANUARY 14, 2018

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Join us in an ecumenical prayer service led by Cardinal Thomas Collins (homilist), Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Coptic Orthodox Bishop Anba Mina, and other religious leaders on: Sunday, January 28, 2018, 3 p.m. at Metropolitan United Church, 56 Queen St. East (at Queen and Bond St.). Parking is available. Refreshments to follow. For more information, please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at (416) 934-3400, ext. 344 or ext. 527 or vkwok@archtoronto.org.

Walk-in Counselling Services

Catholic Family Services of Toronto offers walk-in counselling services at two locations. The single-session consultation is aimed at helping individuals, couples, or family clients address their concerns. No appointment required.

- **Central office address:** 1155 Yonge St. Suite 100, Toronto. Every Tuesday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. PHONE: 416 921-1163.
- **North office address:** 5799 Yonge Street. Suite 300, North York. Every Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. PHONE: 416 222-0048. EMAIL: info@cfstoronto.com

Thank You

Connie Marsh, Director of the Children's Christmas Pageant, and on behalf of the parish, would like to thank the dedicated group of children who participated at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. A special thanks to Elena, Oliver, Owen, Natalie, Eton, Brigid, Max, Franklin, Elizabeth, Hailey, Daniel, Brittany, Liam, Emma, Abiah, and Abiel. And to Abner, our gratitude for your insightful reading which kept everyone on track. All did a wonderful job of bringing the Christmas Story to St. Edward's. A special thanks to Angie Parravano, who, as co-director of the Pageant for 30 years and an essential part of the Pageant, has given much of her time and energy.

Photos

Connie Marsh is looking for photos from any of the past Christmas Pageants here at St. Edwards, especially from 2014, 2015, and 2016. If anyone has any, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Senior Residence Mass in January 2018

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

**Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins –
February 11, 2018 - 3 p.m.**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2018 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2018. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th+ wedding anniversary this year, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11 at Blessed Trinity Parish (3220 Bayview Ave - North York). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend - couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling (416) 934-3400, x 523.

**Silent Retreat for Men at Manresa Pickering
Friday, February 16 to Sunday
February 18 – 7 p.m. to 1 p.m.**

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering
EASTERN REGION

A silent retreat in the Jesuit tradition. Fr. Gilles Mongeau, SJ, will facilitate the retreat, "Ignatian Basics Boot Camp" for men. We will pray with the central wisdom of the Spiritual Exercises: our Creation by a loving God, our salvation in Christ, our vocation to serve God and our neighbour with Christ.

COST: Suggested offering \$185 per person. This includes accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction.
PHONE: 905-839-2864 **EMAIL:** pickmanresa@rogers.com
WEB: www.manresa-canada.ca

ORAT (Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto)

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 2018 World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Welcoming, Protecting, Promoting and Integrating Migrants and Refugees." In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that "every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age..."

A special Mass commemorating the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated this Sunday, January 14th, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Cathedral, located at 2 High Meadow Place in North York. Bishop Kirkpatrick will be the homilist for this liturgy. A reception will follow with a number of dignitaries in attendance. All are welcome.