10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S READINGS ARE about faith and hope, virtues that are much needed in a world where people suffer the 'demons' of poverty, racial inequality, fear of strangers, or fear of anyone who is different from what is accepted as 'normal.' When our safety and security are threatened, we try to hold on desperately to what we have and what we know.

Jesus gave freedom to those oppressed by demons because he was rooted in the love of God. The Pharisees, being rooted in the letter of the law, were not able to bring freedom to those who were suffering. They sought safety in the law; it was familiar and tried. Jesus stepped outside those boundaries and turned to the indulgent love of God to free the suffering.

We, like the Pharisees, are sometimes trapped by our fears and, not being rooted in the love of God, cannot think and act as Jesus did. In order to ask critical questions about why injustice exists, or to step outside of our comfort zone to try something different to alleviate suffering, we must be rooted in God.

In today's Eucharist, let us pray for grace to be rooted in God so that we, like Jesus, can confront evil and bring freedom to those who suffer.

(Reflection of Anthony Chezzi, from Living with Christ)



Monday, June 11th, 2018 8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Tuesday, June 12th, 2018 8:30 a.m. + Rozi Molk

Wednesday, June 13th, 2018 Multi-intention 8:30 a.m. + Fr. Ildaponso Olaberia

Thursday, June 14th, 2018 8:30 a.m. + Sr. Ruth Wade

Friday, June 15th, 2018 8:30 a.m. + Anne Marie D'Amico

<u>Saturday, June 16th, 2018</u> 4:30 p.m. Deceased members of Grossi & Augello Families

Sunday, June 17th, 2018

| 8:00 a.m. | In Thanksgiving – Gaughan Family |
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| 9:30 a.m. | + Frank Zelko |
| 11:00 a.m. | + Vincenzo & Anna Saracino |

Senior Residence Mass – May 2018

Wednesday, June 20th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

Dear Parishioners:

I am delighted to inform, as of this writing, that the long wait in welcoming to Canada the family we are sponsoring is now only days away! Thanks be to God!

On June 13, the Christian Refugee family sponsored by our church will finally be arriving. This is the Hanna family, a family of five. The father is Faris, the mother is Samah, and the daughter is Athroa (15) and the sons are Fadi (10) and Behnam (12). Faris owned a Christian books and souvenir shop in Mosul, Iraq. As the area was no longer safe, they relocated in 2006 to another part of Iraq. They had to relocate twice again as the persecutions continued (the ISIS war). They finally fled to Lebanon in August 2014. The family is looking forward to meeting the St. Edward the Confessor parish community.

The parish, and the Office of Refugees at the Archdiocese of Toronto have been working closely together the past four years. Our parish has also contributed funds to the Project Hope campaign.

Once landed, they will be given Permanent Resident status as well as provided with documentation which will enable them to seek employment.

In the meantime, a parishioner has kindly offered her home for their first weeks in Toronto. The parish is actively seeking accommodation for them, for perhaps one year, while they adjust, improve their English language skills, and find employment. Their children will also be looking to attend school.

As mentioned last week, our parish Refugee committee will keep you informed of our status in finding suitable accommodation. We are looking for a 3-bedroom residence. Should you be aware of any such locations, please inform me. We will, of course, be providing financial help towards this.

Thank you for your prayers, support and financial assistance. Please pray for all our efforts. May God bless you.

Fr. Pat

Campaign Life

Campaign Life presented St. Edward's a Pro-Life award in recognition of participation in this year's Coins for Life. The parish raised \$722.40 in support of the program. Thanks to all who contributed.

Lectio Divina

Thank you to all who attended the first live-streaming of Lectio Divina by Cardinal Collins this past Sunday, in the parish hall. We shall make this a monthly spiritual exercise, starting in September. Be sure to inform others!

Join the Festival Choir for the Parish's 75th Anniversary Mass

St. Edward's will conclude its 75th Anniversary Year with a special Mass on Saturday, June 23rd, at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome. Bishop Robert Kasun, C.S.B., will preside at the Mass.

Irish Summer Camp 4 Kids (July 30th to August 3rd)

This camp takes place at St. Edward the Confessor Church. Sign up now as spaces are limited. Cost: \$180 per child. \$30 off for Comhaltas members. Family discounts available. Financial assistance available for those who qualify. For more information, please visit:

www.irishsummercamp4kids.com or contact Maureen Mulvey at 416-446-6993 or at moleary2001@rogers.com

Vocations

"Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother". If you feel the inclination to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email** vocations@archtoronto.org

EDGE Youth Ministry

All students in grades 6, 7, and 8, are invited to our upcoming EDGE Night! When? Friday, June 22, 2018 from 7:00-9:00 pm Where? St. Edward's Church (Parish Hall) What? Light the Fire Please contact Kimberly Go at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com for more information

Marygrove Camp

There will be a second collection for Marygrove Girls Camp this weekend June 9th/10th. Your donation will help send over 1,000 less fortunate girls to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul's Marygrove Camp this summer. Please give generously.

Carmelite Sisters in Bethlehem

These Sisters wish to thank the St. Edward's parish community for the gift they received from the Holy Thursday collection in support of the poor and needy. The amount was \$2,138.80. Fr. Pat had announced, on Holy Thursday, that a free-will collection would be taken up in support of this cause. They are most grateful. Following the announcement of the canonization of Blessed Mariam of Jesus Crucified and Marie Alphonsine Ghattas (2017), Carmel of the Holy Child Jesus in Bethlehem witnessed an increase in numbers of pilgrims from both inside and outside of Palestine. These funds, in part, will help them as they build more adequate facilities.

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 heart.

2018 Totus Tuus Summer Camp

Registration for the Totus Tuus Summer Camp (July 15-20, 2018) is open! Totus Tuus, Latin for "Totally Yours" is a unique program featuring a team of four university/college-age students who engage youth in a fun week-long program focusing on our Catholic faith. The week is packed with skits, songs, games, and inspiring teaching.

Day Camp (students entering grades 1-6) is from Monday to Friday from 9:00a.m. -2:30 p.m. Bring your own lunch. Registration fee is \$80.00 per child.

The **Evening Program (students entering grades 7-12)** is from Sunday to Thursday from 7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. Come out and bring a friend! Registration fee is \$25.00.

Contact Kimberly Go at: stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com or the parish office at 416-221-9131 to register. Registration forms are available in the parish lobby.

St. Edward's School – Fun Fair

All are welcome to join the St. Edward's School community for the annual Fun Fair, on Thursday, June 14, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. There will be a BBQ, bake sale, games, raffle, rides, fire truck and more! Tickets available at the event.