

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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I CAN HEAR myself in Peter's resigned words to Jesus: "We have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." I have been doing what you are suggesting and it has not worked. Fine, I'll do it again.

So much of the spiritual life is about devoted repetition of the same actions, which sometimes seem to have no effect. I pray the same words day after day and year after year, and I do not see any change. I speak kindly and seem to be ignored. I mess up and say sorry and try to change, and then I mess up again.

On a fishing boat with seasoned fisherman, Jesus' advice is almost laughable. *As if they had not thought to put down the nets.* What God whispers into our souls is often not the shocking instruction to build an ark, but the ordinary invitation to try love again. Walk beside your people and laugh with them. Respond to those who ask you for help – again. Make something for dinner and share a meal.

And then, when all that habitual love produces something unexpectedly beautiful, do I respond like Peter? Forgive me for my doubt that loving again will actually change the world. Let me choose faith in love – again.

(Reflection of Leah Perrault, from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 11 2019
8:30 a.m. + Giuseppa Bianchi

Tuesday, February 12, 2019
8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Madeleine & David

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 Multi-intention
8:30 a.m. For all Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, February 14, 2019
8:30 a.m. + Joel Rochan

Friday, February 15, 2019
8:30 a.m. + Judy Johnson

Saturday, February 16, 2019 Multi-intention
9:00 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Laura Lee
+ Karine Ng
4:30 p.m. + Thomas Callaghan

Sunday, February 17, 2019
8:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
9:30 a.m. + Katharina & Joseph Bischoff
11:00 a.m. Blessings for Fr. Michael Eades

New!
Saturday morning Mass
9:00 a.m.
Be sure to inform your friends!

The Saturday morning Mass will be a multi-intention Mass.

The Mass

Fr. David's course on "The Mass", based on a DVD by Bishop Robert Baron, will run on Monday mornings, Feb. 11th – Feb. 18th, from **9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** (Refreshments will be served from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. for those staying after the morning Mass.)

EDGE Youth Ministry

Fridays 7 – 9 p.m.

for students in Grades 6, 7 and 8

All young people, grades 6 – 8 are welcome to attend; no pre-registration needed. For more information, contact Jessica Bews at: stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS FOR MINISTRY WITH YOUTH

Jessica Bews, our Youth Director, is looking for volunteers to help with the EDGE program (Friday nights) and possible LIFE TEEN program, which will be announced soon. Contact Jessica at: stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com. You may also speak with Fr. Pat.

An Evening at the Seminary **Monday, February 11 – 4:45 p.m.**

St. Augustine's Seminary
2661 Kingston Rd., Toronto *EASTERN REGION*

Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? Spending an evening at the seminary offers discerners a glimpse into the place where priestly formation begins. The evening includes Holy Mass in the beautiful seminary chapel, dinner, a talk by Director of Vocations Fr. Chris Lemieux and a tour of the seminary.

CONTACT: Office of Vocations

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POSTER: <http://bit.ly/EveningAtTheSeminary>

Come and See Weekend

March 15 – 17, 2019 at St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca.

For more information, please contact the office of Vocations at 416-968-0997; or email vocations@archtoronto.org.

Please note: Registrants 17 years old will require parental consent.

New!
Travelling Chalice
For Vocations

A new Vocations Prayer program was introduced at St. Edward's Parish, the weekend of January 26th/27th. Families or individuals will be invited to take into their home, for one week, a "Travelling Chalice". This chalice belonged to a priest, Fr. Lorne Edward MacFarland, Scarboro Foreign Missions (1911-1976). He served in the Missions of China and Japan, as well as ministry in Canada. This chalice travelled with him. Today, it is provided to families and individuals who are invited to take it into their homes for one week and to pray for all priests, deacons, sisters, and religious, and for future vocations. A prayer booklet will be available to assist in your prayers.

We have filled every weekend, up to May 2019. If you would like to add your name to any weekend beyond May 2019, please e-mail Marie Barry at: askmarieb@yahoo.ca or phone 647-351-3788. The chalice will be made available each weekend at the Mass you normally attend.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 26th, at 7:00 p.m., for students of our parish schools who registered this past Fall in preparation for their First Reconciliation and Communion. Parents are asked to bring their children to the Church by 6:45 p.m. Extra priests will be on hand to assist in hearing confessions. Let us pray for all those preparing for this important Sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness.

St. Patrick's Day Mass
Saturday, March 16, 10:00 a.m.
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

The annual St. Patrick's Day Mass will be held at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto, on Saturday, March 16th, at 10:00 a.m. This annual Mass honours the great work and sacrifices of the early Irish immigrants to Toronto, many of whom were instrumental in the building of the Cathedral and in helping to form a strong Catholic community in Toronto. All are welcome!

Senior Residence Masses – February 2019

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

Together in Worship

Wednesday, February 27 – 7:30 p.m. St. Gabriel's Parish
670 Sheppard Ave. E., North York *CENTRAL REGION*
Together in Worship is a faith community celebration of our hymns and music of faith. Join us for an evening filled with congregational singing and inspirational music along with a 20-voice choir and two of Canada's finest Catholic liturgical musicians: Leo Marchildon and Joshua Tamayo. Contact event coordinators Diego Iapaolo 416-414-8092 or Jonathan Lee 416-817-8844 for more details.

ORDINANDI DINNER
Tuesday, March 5th

Pearson Convention Centre, Brampton

This dinner, held annually, salutes and honours the men of St. Augustine's Seminary, who have completed their last year of studies and are now being called to Ordination. This inspiring event includes reflections from each of the seminarians on how God has truly influenced their call and desire to be a priest. This year, VANG TRAN, who spent the past three summers with us, will be a featured speaker. Fr. Pat has decided to subsidize tickets to this event; it includes full course meal. Limited Tickets: \$35. Kindly RSVP to the parish office.

Mark Your Calendars!
Coming Events

Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, March 3rd

St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance
Saturday, March 16th

Irish Summer Camp
July 8 – 12

Parish "Totus Tuus" Summer Camp
Returns for another great year
July 22 – 26

(More specific details as events unfold!)

EXERCISE CLASSES!

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The Better Living Health and Community Services is providing **free** exercise classes for seniors at St. Edward's on Tuesday mornings as follows:

Gentle Fitness: 9:30 a.m.

Healthy Heart: 10:30 a.m.