

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

2nd Sunday of Easter – Devine Mercy

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, Thomas' act of doubt reveals an important aspect of faith. Faith is rooted not only in a supernatural virtue, but in the experience of inclusion.

Imagine how Thomas felt when the other disciples joyfully told him of their encounter with the risen Lord. The pain of exclusion can be heard in his declaration, "I will not believe." Thomas has missed out on one of the most important events his companions had ever experienced. The disciples have been elevated to a new level of awareness about Jesus. Thomas, however, has not. He feels excluded.

His is a normal human reaction. We don't like to miss out on the action. Absent from some great event, we may seek to minimize the experience of those who were present. But in doing so, we erect walls around our hearts and barriers between ourselves and others.

Jesus breaks through Thomas' feeling of exclusion. He welcomes Thomas by inviting him to put his hand in Jesus' side. "Do not doubt but believe," Jesus says.

Thomas has been given the gift of welcome, Jesus has healed Thomas' wound, the wound of being left on the outside. Perhaps we can do as Jesus did with those we see sitting on the sidelines. It may strengthen their faith – and ours. *(Reflection of Glen Argau, from Living with Christ)*



Mass Intentions

Monday, April 29, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Vincenzo and Rosa Spinelli

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Sylvia Leaver

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Dina

Thursday, May 2, 2019 Murlti-intention

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving and Safe Travel – Liela Piosa

Friday, May 3, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Sylvie Arend

7:30 p.m. + Esther Antonio

Saturday, May 4, 2019 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Vincenzo & Anna Saracino

4:30 p.m. + Jozef and Olga Stojko

Sunday, May 5, 2019

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving – Neres & Esther Medina

9:30 a.m. + Paul Joseph Ricciardi

11:00 a.m. + Lamberto A. Dayrit Sr.

**Fr. David to lead us
In two new series after Easter.
All are welcome!**

The Gospel according to Mark

Our series on the *Gospel according to Mark* will resume this Monday, April 29 and continue until Monday, May 20. We will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Coffee and refreshments will be served from 9:00 to 9:30. All are welcome!

The Joy of the Gospel

**“Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I will say, Rejoice!
(Philippians 4: 4)**

Pope Francis believes that we have lost the joy of the Gospel. He invites the whole Church to re-discover it.

We will meet on three Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 to discuss what Pope Francis is saying to us in *The Joy of the Gospel*, his first letter to the Church.

Our series will begin this Monday, April 29 and will continue through Monday, May 13.

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

Totus Tuus Summer Camp – July 21 – July 26, 2019

Registration for **Totus Tuus** 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.

The **Day program** for grades 1-6 will be happening Monday, July 22nd – Friday, July 26th from 9:00am-2:30pm. The cost for this program is \$80.00

The **Evening program** for grades 7-12 will be happening Sunday, July 21st – Thursday, July 25th from 7:00-9:00pm. The cost for this program is \$25.00

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Youth Director Jessica Bews at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com or call St. Edward's Parish at 416-221-9131.

APRIL 28, 2019

Dear Parishioners:

I am still reflecting on the inspirational liturgies held in Holy Week, culminating with the great feast of Easter.

Thank you to our liturgical ministers (lectors, choir, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, servers) and those who assisted them. A special thanks to Maria Amodio for decorating the Church and to Sr. Eva Janning for her work with the R.C.I.A. The names of all who were received into the Church at Easter will be listed in next week's bulletin.

This past week marked the One Year Commemoration of the Yonge Street tragedy. As you know, St. Edward's was one of the 6 locations involved in the commemoration events. It was such a beautiful evening commencing with prayer and followed with dinner. Our mayor of Toronto, John Tory was present as was the D'Amico family (parents, relatives and friends of Anne Marie D'Amico, who died that day).

I would like to thank all who assisted in helping to plan and make this such a memorable evening.

Fr. Pat

Lectio Divina

Cardinal Collin's talk to be live-streamed in the parish hall.
May 5, 2019

Theme: Letters to the Churches - Apocalypse 3
Vespers with Cardinal: 7:00 pm
Lectio Divina starts: 7:30 – 8:15 pm

The parish hall will be open from 6:30 p.m.; coffee, juice and water provided, prior to start of the event. All are welcome. There is no charge.

ShareLife

Living the Gospel by welcoming newcomers to Canada....

Rashida endured years of domestic abuse while living in Egypt. Fearing her husband would abuse their children, she successfully applied for refugee status in Canada. Rashida arrived in Toronto, not knowing the language, what to do, or who could help. Fortunately, she met an Arabic speaker who told her about Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS). CCS helped her navigate the immigration process and access the resources she needed. "CCS saved my life," Rashida says. "Today I have money of my own, an apartment, and my children are finally safe and happy."

**Next Sunday, May 5 is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

Daughters of St. Paul

The Daughters of St. Paul will be visiting our parish the weekend of May 11th/12th, 2019.

Meet the Sisters – who will bring with them their media mission of communicating Christ with their life using all forms of media! They will have a display of Catholic Books and media available to all parishioners. This visit of the Daughters of St. Paul to our parish is a wonderful opportunity to help you and your family grow deeper in our Catholic Faith.

Daughters of Saint Paul Bookstore and Chapel is located at 3022 Dufferin, Toronto ON. **Feel free to call the store to pre-order specific items and the sisters can bring them for you. 416-781-9131 www.paulinemediac.ca.**

CWL - Geraniums

The CWL will take Geranium orders after all Masses this weekend, April 28th, May 4th/5th and May 11th/12th. Pickups are the weekend of May 18th/19th. Please visit the table in the foyer for more details and to place your order.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated next weekend, Saturday, May 4th at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday May 5th at 2:00 p.m. Students and sponsors are to arrive one hour before Mass in the Parish hall. Parents and all other guests should go directly to the Church. Let us pray for all our young people as they prepare for their confirmation.

**Friday, May 3rd
First Friday Holy Hour
Benediction and Mass**

Join us on Friday, May 3rd, for First Friday Holy Hour beginning (6:30 – 7:30 p.m.) followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Coins for Life

For those who have not returned the Coins for Life boxes, please be reminded that they are to be returned no later than next weekend May 4th/5th. Thank you for your generosity.

Senior Residence Mass – May 2019

Friday, May 10th – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, May 10th – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 15th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

55+ Club

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our weekly meetings on Wednesday, from 1 – 3 p.m. A variety of activities planned for the year.