

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

4th Sunday of Easter

ONCE, WHEN OUT, hiking in the forest, my wife and I lost track of our little girl. Holding our son close and shouting out our daughter's name, we spent anxious moments frantically searching for her in the bush. Only a parent can know the relief we felt upon discovering her to be safe and sound.

Or, perhaps, could a shepherd also be familiar with such emotion? Jesus, the Good Shepherd, says "My sheep know my voice." The first step on the road to follow Jesus is to listen. To have familiarity, even intimacy, with the voice of the Good Shepherd means to spend time listening to the Word of God.

But Jesus' teaching on the Good Shepherd suggests more is then required of us: "I know them, and they follow me." After listening, we must respond to the embrace of the Good Shepherd. Discerning our own specific vocations, we ask how this journey can take us yet closer to God.

Paul's and Barnabas' vocation was to preach the Word, even when opposed. Jesus found his own message contested and contradicted by the religious authorities; they even wanted to stone him. While it is unlikely this would happen to us today, it is always good to ask: how I can respond to the loving call of the Good Shepherd through my actions this week? *(Reflection of Joe Gunn, from Living with Christ)*



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 13, 2019

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Maple & Bryant

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Bonifacio Gimena

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Maria Cecilia Orozco

Thursday, May 16, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Marie Calderone

Friday, May 17, 2019

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions for Monica, Velazco Moreno

Saturday, May 18, 2019 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Mary Carvalho

4:30 p.m. + Sabino Del Riccio

Sunday, May 12, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Jaqueline McCaig

9:30 a.m. + Celine Rabanal

11:00 a.m. + Eric D. Ramos

**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* are offered each Monday mornings 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 last part of the series is on this Monday evening 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.

A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.
Amen.

Happy Mother's Day

TINY SHROUD MINISTRY

The Tiny Shroud Ministry provides knitted garments for still-born children, woven in love and prayer by those who have volunteered for this ministry. Donations of wool for this cause are appreciated or feel free to offer a monetary donation to help in the purchase of wool. Simply place a cheque payable to St. Edward's Parish (re: Tiny Shroud Ministry). Tax receipts are available. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

Ordinations

This weekend His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins ordained four men to the Priesthood: Mauricio Gilo; Joao Gilberto; Eduardo de Oliveira Paixao, and Renan Roberto Costa. Congratulations to all and please pray for them.

Senior Residence Mass – May 2019

Wednesday, May 15th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org**

CWL – Geraniums, Educational Books and Bake Sale

Our supplier is now unable to provide the Geraniums for our sale this year. We apologize for any inconvenience caused as a result of this late decision. If you have pre-ordered, please visit the CWL table in the foyer to receive a refund.

Please join us for our Educational Books & Bake Sale, Saturday, May 18th, 1:00-6:00 pm and Sunday, May 19th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will have a varied assortment of Baked Goods and Children's Educational Books for sale.

Catholic Women's League - Communion Brunch

All women of the parish are invited to a Communion Brunch, Sunday, June 2nd following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, in the church hall. There will be a guest speaker, special presentations and a delicious catered lunch. Tickets are \$35 and will be sold after all Masses the weekend of May 18-19 and May 25-26.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

This Friday, May 17th, at 6:30 p.m., Fr. Pat will host an event to thank and honour all in our parish who serve in liturgical ministries and/or who serve in many of our parish programs and outreach ministries. For those who are not yet registered for this event, kindly contact the parish office, or email your respective ministry coordinators. Thanks to all who help to make St. Edward's a truly active and spiritual parish.

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.

Poor Box

Please remember the poor box on your way out of the Church. All funds assist our local St. Vincent de Paul society in its ministry to the poor.