27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I AM STRUCK by the questions Scripture brings to the forefront. In Habakkuk the prophet asks, "O Lord, how long shall I cry for help?" And in the Gospel of Luke, the apostles implore, "Increase our faith!" I work as a chaplain in two long-term care facilities. I am both humbled and inspired by the persistent and abiding faith of the residents despite or perhaps because of the heavy burdens of illness they carry on a daily basis.

During our discussion groups, faith and matters of faith are topics we explore together. Saint Paul's letter to Timothy aptly describes my residents: "For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline." My residents are far from timid, their faith not as mere mustard seeds but more like the towering strong branches of mustard plants. Their mantra is "I am so grateful to God for my life."

Our God is merciful, compassionate and loving. We are called to hone those particular virtues to express our Christian values. I am blessed to have my faith increased by the example of those who suffer. Please pray for residents of long-term care facilities and for their caregivers, for they are true servants of God who care for the forgotten and broken members of the Body of Christ.

(Reflection of Marilyn Elpbick, of Living with Christ)

New Youth Program!

(in addition to the EDGE program)

The EDGE year will kick-off Friday, October 18th! Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are invited to join us in the parish hall from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for an evening of fun and fellowship. EDGE will then take place on alternate Fridays for the remainder of the school year.

Our new high school ministry Lifeteen is going to begin on Friday, October 25th! Students in grade 9-12 are invited to join us in the parish hall from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. on alternating Fridays. Come learn more about Christ and have a ton of fun along the way.

Jessica Bews (our Youth Director) and Fr. Pat are always looking for more volunteers for youth ministry. If you would like to volunteer with EDGE (high school students or adults) or Lifeteen (adults) please let us know: stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com

R.C.I.A.

The course for those wishing to become Catholic is held every Wednesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the parish hall. For more information, contact Sr. Eva Janning at 647-542-3309, email: eajanning@gmail.com



Monday, October 7, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Sarita Rosa V. Yap

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving

Thursday, October 10, 2019

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions for Shirley Tinmouth

Friday, October 11, 2019

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Luke

Saturday, October 12, 2019 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + George Greive

4:30 p.m. + Matthew Sieds

Sunday, October 13, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Jozef Faltyn & Parents

9:30 a.m. + Maria Romano 11:00 a.m. + Elba Avellaneda

Talent Night - October 19, 2019

St. Edward's Talent Night, hosted by the CWL, will be held Saturday, October 19th at 7 p.m. in the church hall. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children/students, and will be sold after all Masses September 28/29, October 5/6 and October 12/13. Performers can sign up at the ticket table, or by contacting Marie Barry. A few people are needed for Stage Crew duties; this is a good opportunity for high school students to complete some Community Service hours. Please contact Marie Barry at askmarieb@yahoo.ca or at 647-351-3788.

Lectio Divina

Cardinal Collin's talk to be live-streamed this Sunday in the parish hall

October 6, 2019 Theme: Lot Genesis 19:1-28

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.

Good Shepherd Ministries Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive: Weekends of October 5th/6th & 12th/13th, 2019

We will be collecting non-perishable food items this weekend and next weekend October 12th/13th for the Good Shepherd Ministries. Your donation will help make it possible for them to continue to offer nutritious meals to those in need. **Urgently needed items are: canned meats, canned fruits, canned tuna & salmon, canned soups and stews, peanut butter, ground/instant coffee, breakfast cereals, pasta & sauces, cookies and crackers, tea, jams, sugar & rice.**

2021 C.W.L. National Convention Fundraiser Concert Sunday, October 27th, 2019 @2:00 p.m.

(Doors will open @ 1:00 p.m.)

St. Edward the Confessor Parish 75 Churchill Ave. North York

Featuring talented singers and musicians from parishes across the Archdiocese. Tickets are **\$20.00** per person and children under 12 years old are **FREE.** All proceeds to help defray costs for hosting the 2021 National C.W.L. Convention. For tickets, contact one of the following:

Alice Warford: fleur.59@hotmail.com or 416-453-3965 **Debbie Bates**: dbates.cwl@sympatico.ca or 905-820-1239 **Mary Capobianco:** mt.cap@sympatico.ca or 416-809-1340

Evening at the Seminary Monday, October 7th at 4:45 p.m. St. Augustine's Seminary.

Inviting men in Grades 12 and older to come and experience seminary life. The evening will include Mass and supper with the seminary community followed by a short talk by Fr. Chris Lemieux.

Please register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997;

email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

Senior Residence Mass – 2019

Friday, October 11^{th} — Canterbury Place — 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 11^{th} — Lansing — 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 16^{th} — 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. All are welcome.

SACRAMENT REGISTRATIONS

Students attending our Catholic schools, public or private schools, and those who wish to be prepared for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation, are required to register for the Sacraments through their local parish. While the priest works closely with the students and teachers at the Catholic schools, the church is the primary place of registration since the Sacraments are celebrated at the parish where the students attend Mass. Below are the dates and times for this year's registration. At each of the Registration Days, Fr. Pat will outline the program of study for the respective schools and for those attending public and private schools. For students attending public schools, classes will be held at St. Edward's Church. A schedule will be provided at the Registration event. If parents have questions or concerns, please contact our Sacramental Coordinator Jessica Bews at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Parents/Guardians who wish to register their children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are **required** to attend a Registration and Information Session at the parish on **Thursday, October 10,**

2019 at 7:00 p.m. Parents, please bring a photocopy of your child's Baptismal certificate. If you do not have one, simply contact the parish where your child was baptized (even if overseas) and they will provide you with an updated one. There will be two dates for the celebration of the First Communion. Parents may choose their preference at the Parent's Registration meeting.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION



Parents/Guardians who wish to register their children for the Sacrament of Confirmation are **required** to attend a Registration and Information Session at the parish on **Thursday, October 17**th **at 7:00 p.m.** Parents are asked to bring a

photocopy of the student's Baptismal certificate. If you do not have one, simply contact the parish where your child was baptized (even if overseas) and they will re-issue one for you.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Sunday, April 26, 2020