# 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S READINGS OFFER valuable lessons concerning trust and humility, both of which serve as important criteria for Christians in developing healthy prayer practices and a deeper relationship with God.

The first reading from the book of Sirach says God hears and responds to our prayers lovingly. God rewards our loyalty to him regardless of our journey of identity in life. When we come to the Lord simply and hand our needs and struggles over to him with complete confidence, we know God will act and answer our prayers.

Yet, as Saint Luke reminds us in his account of Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, we must always be grateful for God's gifts, appreciating our blessings but never celebrating them boastfully or excessively. God, in the end, will honour our choice to live a humble life. As evidenced by the tax collector, it is through acknowledging our flaws and asking God for mercy that we experience healing and encouragement.

So as we seek to grow closer to God in our daily living, may we strive to practice greater trust in His way and humble ourselves before Him. In displaying boundless faith in God while living meekly, we open ourselves more fully to being raised in God's unconditional love. (Reflection of Matt Charbonneau of Living with Christ)

### Youth Ministry

Our EDGE (grade 6, 7 and 8 students) and Lifeteen (high school students) programs are both now in full swing! Please see the banners in the foyer for complete schedules or speak to our Youth Director, Jessica Bews for more information.

## **Upcoming nights:**

Friday, November 1, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: EDGE - Art Show Friday, November 8, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: Lifeteen - Dignified

# <u>R.C.I.A.</u>

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

## <u>55+ Club</u>

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our weekly meetings on Wednesday, from 1 - 3 p.m. All are welcome.



Monday, October 28, 2019 8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Veronica Yuen

Tuesday, October 29, 20198:30 a.m.Anniversary Blessings for Frank & Sylvia

<u>Wednesday, October 30, 2019 Multi-intention</u> 8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Assunta, Anita & Family

Thursday, October 31, 20198:30 a.m.Special Intentions for Angel & Larrent Borredon

Friday, November 1, 20198:30 a.m.Deceased Members of the Wong & Leung Families7:30 p.m.+ Juan Chin

Saturday, November 2, 2019 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Laura & Domenico Giordano + Mario Facto

4:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Wong & Leung Families

Sunday, November 3, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Maria Kee Sau & Joseph Yung Fu Yuan 9:30 a.m. + Ernando Canaria 11:00 a.m. + Emerson & Leonor Cornelio

### The Gospel according to Matthew

Our series on the *Gospel* resumes this Monday, October  $28^{th}$  and continues until Monday, December  $2^{nd}$ . Join us on Monday mornings as we explore the *Gospel according to Matthew*, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Coffee and refreshments will be served from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. All are welcome!

#### Laudato Si'

"Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs." – Francis of Assisi

Our sister now cries out to us in pain.

Pope Francis appeals to us to hear the cry of the earth in his letter *Laudato Si'*.

Join us on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall, beginning October 28<sup>th</sup> to Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, as we hear what Pope Francis has to say. All are welcome!

### **Cardinal's Dinner**

The annual Cardinal's Dinner, which raises funds for various Catholic charities, will be held on **Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. **Tickets: \$200.00.** Contact the parish office if you would like to attend.

### Dear Parishioners:

I would like to invite your prayers for Marie Gennaro, one of our two parish secretaries, who will be retiring at the end of October. Marie has worked in the parish office, Wednesdays to Fridays, since 2016. I thank Marie for her faithful and dedicated service to St. Edward's Parish and for her generous devotion and attention to all the staff who work there.

As a thank you to Marie, we shall bless her at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and all are invited for cake and ice-cream in the parish hall following Mass. Please remember her in your prayers, as well as her husband, Deacon Michael Gennaro and their family.

I also wish to welcome Jeswyn Devas, as our new part-time secretary. Jeswyn comes to us with many years of experience as a parish secretary.

Josie Paladino continues to serve us as parish secretary, working mainly Mondays – Wednesdays. Josie has been parish secretary for 13 years, I am most grateful for her devotion and dedication to her ministry and her service to all our parishioners. The secretary position is a very important role in the parish, and I trust, when you meet them, that you will thank them for their wonderful service to our community.

God Bless you all Fr. Pat

Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints Day

Morning Mass – 8:30 a.m. First Friday Holy Hour – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Mass – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – All Souls Day Morning Mass – 9:00 a.m.

## Month of November

The month of November offers us the opportunity to pray for our deceased in a special remembrance at all Masses. In particular, we pray for deceased members of our families and those within our parish community who died in the past year.

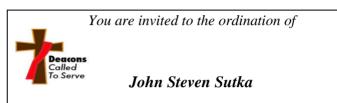
For those who wish to write the names of loved ones at the Remembrance Table, you are welcome to do so throughout the month of November. A special prayer intention will be offered at each daily Mass in November.

### **Parishioner Attendance Count**

This weekend, October 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> again, we ask for your cooperation as we conduct a Parishioner Attendance Count to help provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese. The ushers will assist in this, and it should not disrupt the Mass. Thank you

### **Banns for Ordination**

Mr. John Steven Sutka is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Toronto on November 16, 2019 at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York. Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.



To the Transitional Diaconate

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins Will celebrate the Ordination Mass On Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. At St. Edward the Confessor

Please join us for a reception immediately Following the Ordination Mass In the parish hall

### Lectio Divina

Cardinal Collin's talk to be live-streamed on Sunday, November 3, 2019 in the parish hall

> **Theme:** The Sacrifice of Isaac Genesis 22:1-19

### 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.

#### Come and See Weekend

#### Friday, November 1 (begins at 7:00 p.m.) to Sunday, November 3 (ends at 1:30 p.m.), 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. Register online at: **www.vocationstoronto.ca**. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For more information, please contact (the Parish priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 -968-0997 email: vocations@archtoronto.org