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DON'T TELL ME you love me, show me! Give me a sign.

When we fall in love with someone, we look for signs that they love us too. We want to show them our love. We shower them with gifts as tokens of our love. We also want it to be reciprocal, a two-way street. That is human nature.

The ancient world placed a lot of emphasis on signs. Sometimes they trusted signs more than the written or spoken word. The scriptures contain many passages about signs. Today's Gospel is full of signs and tokens of love. It is also a love story.

In the Gospel we see King Herod and astrologers, people whose function is to interpret signs, looking for signs in the stars of the promised Messiah. Herod sends the astrologers to follow a star and when they do, they find the baby Jesus. Recognizing the fulfillment of God's promise, they are filled with love and shower Jesus with signs of that love in the form of precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Yet the greatest love story is the baby the wise men found. This child is none other than God's only son, the promised Messiah, the light to guide all humankind out of darkness. What greater sign of love could God give to the world? Salvation through his own son!

(Reflection of Patrick M. Doyle, of Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 6, 2020

8:30 a.m. + John David Smialek

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Zdene Vizintin

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Thursday, January 9, 2020

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Anna Maria

Friday, January 10, 2020 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + George D'Souza

Saturday, January 11, 2020 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Domingo Montiel

4:30 p.m. + George van Mierlo

Sunday, January 12, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Richard McKenna

9:30 a.m. + Giuseppe D'Angela

11:00 a.m. + Judy Chen

A Message from Msgr. Pat

As we welcome this new year, 2020, I want to take this opportunity to offer you my sincere prayers and best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year. I hope your celebration of Christmas was filled with many graces and blessings. Please know you are remembered in my prayers and at all the Masses during this season.

Thank you to those who assisted at all our Christmas Masses, and to all who helped with the New Year's Day social.

Thank you, also, for your prayers and best wishes on the recent news of my being named a Monsignor; it was indeed a surprise and a special honour, and very humbling. The papal letter will be presented next Saturday, January 11, at the 4:30 p.m. evening Mass, here at St. Edward the Confessor. You are most welcome.

May God be with you and bless you and all your loved ones and may 2020 be a more peaceful year within our world. It is good to pray for peace.

On behalf of our Pastoral Team, Happy New Year!

Msgr. Pat

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. New students can join at any time.

Upcoming nights:

Friday, January 10th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: EDGE – **The Artist**

Friday, January 17th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: Lifeteen – **Edified**

Senior Residence Masses – January 2020

Friday, January 10th – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, January 10th – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.

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

MARY MATHEWS SPEAKING CONTEST



The CWL League Invites students in Grade 7 & 8

Contest Date: February 2, 2020

A speech between 3 – 5 minutes

*****Register by January 12, 2020*****

For more information, please visit: cwltoronto.ca OR
email: stedwardcwl@gmail.com

Lectio Divina

Cardinal Collin's talk to be live-streamed this Sunday,
January 5, 2020
in the parish hall
Theme: Moses
Exodus 2:11-3:14

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. All are welcome.

A Thank You from Connie Marsh

Connie Marsh, Director of the Children's Christmas Pageant, and on behalf of the parish, would like to thank the dedicated group of children who participated at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. What a wonderful job they did of bringing the Christmas Story to St. Edward's.

Courage & EnCourage

Do you or does a loved one experience same-sex attraction? Courage & EnCourage provide spiritual support and pastoral guidance in full accordance with authentic Catholic teaching on homosexuality and chastity. For more information, see contact information below:

EnCourage: Spiritual support for family and friends of those who experience same-sex attraction; faithful to Church teaching on chastity.

Chaplain: Fr. Eric Rodrigues
Phone: 416-928-5094 or encouragetoronto@yahoo.com

Courage: Spiritual support for adults who experience same-sex attraction and who desire to develop a life of interior chastity in union with Christ.

Chaplain: Fr. Kevin Belgrave
Phone: 416-928-5094 or couragetoronto@yahoo.ca

All inquiries are kept confidential

The Archdiocese has endorsed these programs.

Little Lambs Ministry

Preschool children and their parents/caregivers are invited to attend the Little Lambs Ministry, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. We first attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass, and then we are called forward for blessing and then proceed to the lower hall.

PAPAL HONOUR

Msgr. Pat will be presented a papal scroll in recognition of his being named a Monsignor at the 4:30 p.m. Saturday evening Mass, on January 11, 2020. All are welcome to this mass and to a reception in the parish hall as we congratulate Msgr. Pat on his being named a Monsignor by Pope Francis.

The Gospel according to Matthew

Our series on the *Gospel according to Matthew* will resume Monday, Jan. 6th and will continue to Monday, Feb. 10th.

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 a.m. You are welcome even if you missed the beginning of the series!

The Gospel according to St. Paul

It's not polite to read other people's mail, but we have been reading St. Paul's letters to the Churches for the past two thousand years. Unfortunately, his letters often leave us more mystified than enlightened.

Join us on six Monday evenings beginning Jan. 6th, as we try to understand what St. Paul was saying to the Churches and what he might be saying to us. We will meet from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020

Theme: "They showed us unusual kindness" (cf. Acts 28:2)
Come and join us in an **Ecumenical Prayer Service** led by
Christian Church Leaders in GTA

**His Eminence Cardinal Collins Archbishop of Toronto
will be reflecting on the Word of God**

Sunday, January 26, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
1585 Yonge Street Toronto, Ontario M4T 1Z9

Refreshments to follow

For more information, please contact The Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs Office at 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or ext 527 or ecumenical@archtoronto.org