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THE GOSPEL FOR the feast of the Presentation is a fitting way to mark the World Day for Consecrated Life. In today's Gospel, two prophets, Simeon and Anna, proclaim Jesus as the longed-for Saviour. Simeon, in particular, is filled with the Spirit, the Spirit through whom Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for Glory to your people Israel."

The prophetess Anna spent her life in the Temple, praying and fasting. While Jesus is here presented as a sign of contradiction, so too is Anna. How her life contradicts a world indifferent to God!

Those in religious orders and other forms of consecrated life give a unique prophetic witness. Their vows (or promises) of poverty, chastity and obedience offer a stark contrast to a world where wealth, sexual "freedom" and personal autonomy are often the highest values. Religious men and women challenge us to give ourselves totally to Jesus.

Although few can spend all our days in the temple, we can live in union with the Holy Spirit in secular life. We can make time each day to sit silently in God's presence, longing for the fullness of that presence. Hunger for the Spirit is transformative of both our personal lives and our society. Lay people too can consecrate ourselves to God.

(Reflection of Glen Argan, of Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 3, 2020

8:30 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Stanley Yao

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Josie

Thursday, February 6, 2020

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Sarah

Friday, February 7, 2020

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Mae Stubbs' Family

Saturday, February 8, 2020 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Constantine Papadopoulos
+ Anthony & Theresa

4:30 p.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Sunday, February 9, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Rose Anne Clancy

9:30 a.m. + John & Anna Kessel

11:00 a.m. Special Intention for Msgr. Joano

Banns for Ordination

William Nalepka is to be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate for the **Archdiocese of Toronto on May 23, 2020 at St. Michael's Cathedral.** Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal to the bishop of pastor any impediment to sacred orders.

Lectio Divina

Cardinal Collins' talk to be live-streamed this Sunday,

February 2, 2020

in the parish hall

Theme: Naomi and Ruth

Ruth 1:1-22

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.

The Gospel according to Matthew

Our series on the *Gospel according to Matthew* will continue until 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 Monday evenings 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.

MARY MATHEWS SPEAKING CONTEST



The Mary Mathews Speaking contest organized by the C. W. L. will be held this Sunday, Feb 2, 2020 at 1.00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please come and support the contestants. Coffee and Refreshments will be served.

First Friday – February 7th

Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Mass followed by Adoration (9-10 a.m.)

- 7:00 p.m. Mass (Adoration: 6-7 p.m.)

All are welcome

YOUNG LEADER'S RETREAT

The Archdiocese of Toronto will be offering, at St. Edward's Parish, a Young Leader's Retreat, entitled, "Love in Service" on Saturday, March 7, 2020. This retreat is designed to engage male and female youth, aged 12 - 17, who serve in various parish ministries (altar serving, music ministry, youth programs, or other ministries in the parish). The free retreat will include talks, group discussions, recreation and lunch. More information will be contained in next week's bulletin on how to register.

Gourmet Italian Dinner Fundraiser

"We, the Knights of Columbus, are hosting a fund raising dinner for the parish to support our initiatives. What do we do? We help you, the church, parish, priests, and deacons where and when we can. You have seen us at the parish picnic, Pancake Sunday, Children's Xmas party, Angel Tree Program and of course, the weekly Three Hail Mary program. Now, we are asking for your financial support. We are having a fund raiser. In return for your \$50.00 ticket, you will receive a gourmet Italian dinner, prepared for you by Paisano's Italian Restaurant, along with Italian pastries, wine, live music and dancing. This is not your average dinner. You will not leave hungry! You will be here, with your fellow parishioners, friends, family, "loved ones", after all, it is the week before Valentine's Day. You will enjoy an evening of friendship, fun and dance AND, at the same time, help the Knights of Columbus raise funds so that we can continue to help our church and parish become a community of support following Jesus." Tickets available after all Masses this weekend and during the week.

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, February 7th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: EDGE - **Restoration**

Friday, February 14th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: Lifeteen – **Agape XLT**

WEBSITE - CARDINAL'S VISIT

The parish website now has highlights of the recent visit of Cardinal Collins in which he presented Msgr. Pat with the papal scroll on his being named a Monsignor. Be sure to also check out other aspects of the parish website which has recently been updated and improved.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

The Ministry to the Sick welcomes any new parishioners who might wish to join this important ministry of visiting the sick either in hospital, in senior residences or at home. This ministry will require an interview, first, as well as training. Ministers to the Sick enable those who cannot come to Mass to receive the Eucharist. As well, some of the ministers assist the priests in their monthly visits and masses at the senior residences. For more information, please leave your name and phone number at the parish office either by phone or through the parish email.

Saint Vincent de Paul

The members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at St. Edward's parish would like to thank all parishioners for their support of the conference over the last year and at Christmas. During the year we visited 71 families in the parish, assisting 192 adults and 128 children with food, clothing and bedding. We sent three boys to Ozanam and two girls to Marygrove summer camps, and at Christmas we distributed grocery assistance and children's gifts donated by parishioners to 56 families. We also provided support to the Society's residential housing programs, including St. Clare Residence women's shelter in Willowdale.

The members of St. Edwards Conference thank you sincerely for your support in this ministry to the needy in our community

Parishioners who may be interested in joining the Society can enquire through the parish office. We meet monthly at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday each month .

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP

Mark your Calendars! St. Edward's Parish will be offering our summer camp the week of July 19-24, 2020.

Day Program – July 20-24 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., for children entering grades 1-6 in September 2020.

Evening Program – July 19-23 from 7-9 p.m., for youth entering grades 7-12 in September 2020.

More information will be available in next week's bulletin on registration dates, volunteers, and contact information.

Income Tax Receipts – 2019

The 2019 income tax receipts were mailed this past week