

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

JESUS IS CALLING us, His disciples, to stand up and be counted, to be like salt. Hold on, I wonder, why salt? I ask The Bride, my better half of 35 years, to remind me of the purpose of salt. Jennifer gives me one of those “you’re kidding” looks, and explains that salt acts as a preservative, but also enhances texture and, most importantly, the flavor of the food.

Then our Lord calls us to be light in the world, to “shine before human beings.” Okay, now I think I know where Jesus is going. As Christians, we are called to live intentionally and differently. Our faith calls us to be in the pew on Sunday and also much more.

Being salt and light doesn’t sound difficult, but nor is it easy. It means we, who love God and follow Jesus, must make space in our busy lives for daily prayer and quiet reflection. It is here that we listen and invite the Holy Spirit to speak to our mind and heart. Then, when we feel the nudge to say hello to the stranger, help our elderly neighbor, visit the sick and give generously to the less fortunate, we are mindful that our good deeds are because of God’s love for us and through us. We give all credit and praise to our Father in heaven.

*(Reflection of Harry McAvoy of Living with Christ)*



### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, February 10, 2020

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Lucia De Santis

#### Tuesday, February 11, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Gerry & Ruth Leaver

#### Wednesday, February 12, 2020 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special intentions of Freddy & Natali

#### Thursday, February 13, 2020

8:30 a.m.

#### Friday, February 14, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Claire McDermott

#### Saturday, February 15, 2020 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Christina Hung

4:30 p.m. + Emilio Carlesimo

#### Sunday, February 16, 2020

8:00 a.m. + John Gregoris

9:30 a.m. + Joseph & Katharina Bischoff

11:00 a.m. Special Intention of Ida Wilkinson

### *The Gospel according to Matthew*

Our series on the *Gospel according to Matthew* will end this Monday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 Monday evening, for our last session of this series, 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.

### 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. To register, contact Jessica, our Youth Director at: [stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com)

### **Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Ashes will be distributed at the following Masses:

**8:30 a.m.**

**12:00 Noon**

**7:00 p.m.**

Lenten soup will be made available in the parish hall after the 12:00 Noon Mass, courtesy of the 55+ Club.

### Lenten Fridays

**Morning: 8:30 a.m. - Mass**

**9 – 10 a.m. - Holy Hour**

**Evening: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. - Lenten Soup in Parish Hall**

**6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross**

**7:00 p.m. - Mass**

**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 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: Lifeteen – **Agape XLT**

Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: EDGE – **Masterpiece**

**ST. EDWARD'S PARISH LENTEN MISSION  
February 29 - March 4**

**Retreat Director:** Fr. Daniel Sehlapelo  
**Theme:** "Journey to the House of the Father"

Fr. Daniel is known to many parishioners; a priest from South Africa, Father is on sabbatical in Toronto completing his theological studies with an emphasis in Homiletics. Father will preach at all Masses the weekend of February 29/March 1 (First Sunday of Lent) and will continue our parish Mission Retreat on Monday, March 2nd, and Tuesday March 3rd, at 7 p.m. (he will celebrate Mass at 7 p.m. and include his spiritual reflection). On Wednesday, March 4th, at 7 p.m., Fr. Daniel, and a number of other priests will be available for Lenten Confessions, which will conclude the Retreat.

**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.

**Senior Residence Masses –February 2020**

Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

**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.

**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.

**Vocations**

"Jesus did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham." If God is calling you to consider the priesthood, diaconate, brother or sister, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.** email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**Feed My People**



The third weekend of each month is Casserole weekend. For those interested in preparing a Casserole, trays and recipes will be available after each Mass. Each tray provides a hot, nourishing meal for ten homeless people at the Good Shepherd Centre.

**Income Tax Receipts – 2019**

The 2019 income tax receipts have been mailed.