

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOW FAR SHOULD a Christian disciple's love extend? Are there not times when we might appropriately retaliate in response to a slight or attack? The recollection of who God is, and who we are because we belong to God – the theme of all of this Sunday's readings – provides a challenging response.

Christian love is meant to be limitless, extending beyond the local communities and comfort zones of disciples, and embracing even enemies and evildoers. We are not to obliterate our opponents, nor to exact revenge, even if taking only an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. The extent of a disciple's obligation exceeds treating others the way we would like to be treated. A disciple's love gives priority to the other's welfare first.

Disciples aim to emulate God's love, which is selfless, forgiving and unconditional. Such a love has called all creation into being, is ongoing, redemptive and life-giving. Such a love seeks the salvation of all. We recognize all of this in the gifts of Jesus Christ, who announced the reign of God and freely gave himself up to death on a cross, and the indwelling presence of midst. Crowned with such steadfast love and mercy, we strive to imitate the perfection – wholeness, holiness – of God with unreserved service of God and neighbour. *(Reflection of Christine Mader of Living with Christ)*



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 24, 2020

8:30 a.m. Blessings for Marg Leah's 102nd Birthday

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Salvadore Francis Fernandes

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Yoonjae-Oh

12:00 Noon Birthday Wishes for Peter Carvalho

7:00 p.m. Special Intention of Doreen Power

Thursday, February 27, 2020 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Ann-Marie Power & Stuart Wuebbolt

Friday, February 28, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Leonardo & Caterina Renda

Saturday, February 29, 2020 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Felcy Nazareth

4:30 p.m. + Nicolasa & Ildelfonso Arado

Sunday, March 1, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Joseph Yung Fu & Maria Kee Sau Yuan

9:30 a.m. + Iside Vani

11:00 a.m. + Jacob Bizub and Parents

St. Patrick's Day Mass

The annual Mass for the Feast of St. Patrick will be held on Tuesday, March 17th, at 10:00 a.m., at St. Michael's Cathedral-Basilica. 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

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

COINS FOR LIFE 2020

Parishioners are welcome to take home a coin box during Lent in support of the work of Campaign Life. This also supports the Annual March for Life in Ottawa. This can be a great spiritual exercise during Lent in support of pro-life. Boxes are available after all Masses this weekend on the table in the lobby.

Lectio Divina

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

March 1, 2020

in the parish hall

Theme: The Call of Samuel

| Samuel 3:1-21

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.

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.

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.

Registration Forms will be available beginning Sunday, March 1st.

Bible Study Groups

Our morning series (9:30–10:30a.m.) on the Gospel according to Matthew and our evening series (7:00–8:00p.m.) on the Gospel according to St. Paul will resume on Monday, February 24th and continue to Monday March 30th, in the parish hall.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER AND DANCE
Saturday, March 14, 2020

The annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance will be held on Saturday evening, March 14th, in the parish hall. Come out and enjoy a wonderful meal, Irish dancers, and two live bands! This annual event always sells out, so be sure to get your tickets early! You may purchase your tickets following all Masses on the weekend of February 22nd/23rd and February 29th/March 1st. Tickets are \$35 per person. There will also be a cash bar. Again, be sure to purchase your tickets early as seating is limited.

Scholarship Announcement

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to **St. Michael's College**. This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the **University of Toronto** that **St. Michael's College** is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences.

The applications must be submitted by May 31, 2020

For further information, please contact St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Women's League Education and Health Convener: **Genevieve** – stedwardcwl@gmail.com

The Office for Refugees

The Office for Refugees is launching a program to assist parishioners who would like to sponsor a family member overseas who is a refugee. If you are a parishioner, and would like to sponsor a family member, please contact the parish office to schedule a meeting with the pastor prior to March 31st. The Office for Refugees will look to the sponsoring family to provide the necessary funds for sponsorship.

A separate program is available to assist non-parishioners and friends of parishioners. Further information about this program will be announced on the Office for Refugees website in April 2020. The website address is www.archtotonto.org/. Click on "About us", then choose department "O to Z", and select "Office for Refugees".

PROJECT ANDREW DINNER

Bishop Kasun will host a dinner here at the parish on Saturday, March 7th, at 6:30 p.m., for men, Grade 12 and up, who may be considering the priesthood, or who are simply interested in learning more about the call to priesthood. Pastors from local parishes have been invited to attend as well as Msgr. Pat from St. Edward's Parish. There is no commitment on the part of those attending; it is essentially an opportunity for those attending to hear the call stories of their local priests. Msgr. Pat has already spoken with a few young men who wish to attend, and wishes to open it to other men as well. If interested, or if you simply wish to know more about the details of the event, please contact Msgr. Pat so he can register you. There is no charge for the dinner. It promises to be a truly unique and inspiring event. Our thanks to Bishop Kasun and Fr. Chris Lemieux for arranging this special event.