

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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IT HAS BEEN said that nothing in this world is certain except death and taxes. Surely temptation could be added as a third. Our lives are constantly fraught with urges and desires that we either succumb to or rebuff.

Having fasted for 40 days and 40 nights, Jesus was left in the most vulnerable of human conditions. Sensing weakness, Satan sprung into action and tried to tempt Jesus three times. On each occasion, the great deceiver was spurned by Jesus, who stubbornly obeyed the will of God. Denying God's will didn't even enter Jesus' mind as He chided Satan for his wilderness volleys. Jesus' resolve faced a much more vigorous test in Gethsemane when He asked God if the cup of His pending crucifixion might pass Him by. Even then, Jesus overcame human frailty to submit to God's will.

As was the case with our first parents in the Garden of Eden, we are offered freedom of choice and are constantly tested by temptation. Like Adam and Eve, our human infirmity renders us susceptible to Satan's seductions. As we begin Lent, let us use the traditional practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving to provide us with the defence we need to fend off the advances of Satan. These practices, rooted in our belief in Jesus as our redeemer, are the bulwarks of that resistance. *(Reflection of Frank Campbell, of Living with Christ)*



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 2, 2020

8:30 a.m. Blessings for Peter Carvalho
7:00 p.m. Intentions of the Soare Family

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

8:30 a.m. For Pope Francis
7:00 p.m. Intentions of Fr. Daniel Schlapelo

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Kathleen & Bernard McNamee

Thursday, March 5, 2020 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Pearl-Ann Galayini
+ Edmund McCabe

Friday, March 6, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Louisa Lobo
9:00 a.m. Holy Hour
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. + Rosie & James O'Dea

Saturday, March 7, 2020 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Alec Chan
Blessings for Tara Bajnath's upcoming surgery

4:30 p.m. Special Intention of Veronica Yuen

Sunday, March 8, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho
9:30 a.m. + Paolo Laganá
11:00 a.m. + Frank and Tekla Ramski

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" this 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

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 on the table in the lobby.

Lectio Divina

Cardinal Collins' talk to be live-streamed this 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.

WALK-IN COUNSELING CLINIC

Catholic Family service
Open to the public at two locations:
Every Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
1155 Yonge Street, Ste. 101 Phone: 416-921-1163
Every Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
245 Fairview Mall, Ste. 201 Phone: 416-222-0048

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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 this 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 resumed on Monday, February 24th and will continue to Monday March 30th, in the parish hall.

Please note that, because of the parish Lenten Mission, the evening group will not meet this Monday, March 2nd.

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 this weekend. 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 this 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.