

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

3rd Sunday of Lent

I ONCE DID a day hike in a desert-like landscape on a hot day in July. By noon, I had no water left in my water bottle. I began to experience an increasingly painful thirst. My throat was parched. My whole body was crying for water while the desert sun kept beating down on me.

The desert can be an image for a period of suffering that we experience in our lives. We can feel so drained, so tired of pain, so distressed. We thirst for some relief, for a better time. We languish.

The Samaritan woman was thirsty. Not just for water but mainly for a better life. She meets Jesus who offered her hope. In fact, He makes a promise to her: "The one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." This sounds too good to be true. But Jesus insists by saying that He is offering her life in all its fullness. She believes in Him and her life is transformed.

Jesus invites us today to follow Him more closely. As the Psalm says, "O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord." By listening to His infinitely merciful and caring voice, we can bring to Him the parched and hurting parts of our lives and be transformed.

(Reflection of Emmanuel Martel of Living with Christ)

St. Patrick's Day Mass

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

Senior Residence Masses in March 2020

Wednesday, March 18th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

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 are held on Mondays, and will continue to Monday March 30th, in the parish hall.

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

EDGE

EDGE-Youth Ministry will return after March Break on Friday, April 3rd. We shall assist at Stations of the Cross.



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 16, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Muriel Williams

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Candida Lobo

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Ricardo Sanguyu

Thursday, March 19, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Tom Meagher

Friday, March 20, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Teresa, Domenico & Ana Mesianu

9:00 a.m. Holy Hour

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. + Norberto & Honorina Franco

Saturday, March 21, 2020 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Victoria Irene Fernandes

4:30 p.m. + Horatio Conceicao

Sunday, March 22, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Thomas Meagher

9:30 a.m. + Vincenzo & Anna Saracino

11:00 a.m. + Yolanda De Arebalo

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 are available on the table in the lobby

St. Edward's Catholic Women's League



The CWL invites all women in the parish to join them at their next General Meeting: Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Starting with Mass at 7pm, followed by a fun evening to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! We also have a half day Lenten retreat on March 21, 2020. If you wish to sign up for the retreat, please send an email to stedwardcwl@gmail.com

Poor Box

Please remember the poor, especially during this Lenten season, when we are asked to reflect on alms giving.

March 15, 2020

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.

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

Message from the Archdiocese **Re: Coronavirus for Parish and Staff**

Our goal is to act responsibly, based on credible information from reliable sources. We have been in regular contact with local health officials and will continue this dialogue. Information from the provincial website (Ontario.ca/COVID-19) provides basic background and practical advice.

At this time Cardinal Collins is requesting that all parishes implement the following measures on a temporary basis:

- At the Sign of Peace, refrain from shaking hands – a simple bow, nod or “Peace be with you” to your neighbour is appropriate.
- For parishes offering communion under both species, forgo the distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice for the congregation at this time.
- Parishes should continue to ensure that those distributing communion wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of communion.

There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses. Take these everyday steps to reduce exposure to the virus and protect your health:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Stay home if you are sick

Contact Your Member of Parliament! **New Euthanasia Legislation Introduced in Canada**

Legislation that would expand access to euthanasia in our country has been introduced by the federal government. Among the alarming changes are amendments to expand euthanasia to those without a terminal illness, including those with disabilities. Only 30 per cent of Canadians have access to quality palliative care which would significantly reduce the number of people wanting to end their lives. Every life has value - visit www.helptheliving.ca to send a letter (prepared for you) to your Member of Parliament. The process takes less than 5 minutes. More information can also be found at: www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia. We continue to pray and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

Text Scam Targeting Parishioners

The Archdiocese has been contacted by a number of parishes in the last weeks regarding a scam whereby parishioners received an email (or text) reportedly from their Pastor asking them to purchase: iTunes cards to help sick parishioners. If you are a target, inform your parish to let them know, or inform police. Pastors do not solicit parishioners in this way, so be careful not to respond to such emails. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus **Thank You!**

The Knights of Columbus wish to inform that their recent fundraising dinner (Italian Night) made a profit of \$2,000 to be used for the charitable works of the Council. Thank you to all who supported this event.

55+ Club

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our weekly meetings on Wednesday, from 1 – 3 p.m.

Knitting Group

The seniors' knitting group is still very active with their projects for Out of the Cold and Tiny Shroud Ministry. They are in need of donations of wool to make warm items for the needy. For more information, contact Marie Heard at 416-222-5139.

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