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FOR MATTHEW THE kingdom of God – the relationship between God and humanity – is clearly fulfilled in Jesus the Christ. Traditional aspects of feasting, of gathering in community to celebrate the intimate life-giving relationship of marriage, are allusions to oneness with Christ through the Eucharist.

However, other aspects of today's Gospel parable are shocking. Some invitees are uninterested, others obnoxious. The host responds with harshness, intolerance, dismissing those who refuse the invitation as unworthy and banishing one who arrives unprepared to perpetual suffering. How are we to understand these images in relation to the kingdom of God?

It is helpful to remember that the tellers of our sacred stories bring something of themselves into their narratives. Written at least 50 years after Jesus' death and resurrection, Matthew's Gospel has a single focus. Its author speaks passionately of Jesus as the anticipated Messiah. Frustrated with those who disagree, perhaps Matthew uses the chilling image of isolation in darkness to shock his contemporaries into rethinking their unbelief.

In Matthew's Gospel, all are called to choose the peace and fulfillment of the kingdom of God. In doing so, all commit to celebrate Christ's transformative love through their relationships with God, self and community.

*(Reflection of Ella Allen of Living with Christ)*



### Mass Intentions

**Monday, October 12, 2020**

8:30 a.m. + Tom Kenney

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving- Virginia

**Wednesday, October 14, 2020 Multi-intention**

8:30 a.m. + Roland Powis

    Birthday Wishes for Martin Lugo

**Thursday, October 15, 2020**

8:30 a.m. + J. Wojylo

**Friday, October 16, 2020**

8:30 a.m. Blessings for Sr. Theresina Kim

**Saturday, October 17, 2020 Multi-intention**

9:00 a.m. + Aurora Sanguyu

4:30 p.m. + Peter Cox

**Sunday, October 18, 2020**

8:00 a.m. + Leonard Rebello

9:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Andrew Wong

11:00 a.m. Special Intention of Piera

### R.C.I.A.

#### FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

The program for those who may wish to learn more about the Catholic faith, and/or who may wish to join the Catholic Church, is known as the Rite Of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This past year, we welcomed 14 new Catholics into our parish community through baptism or Reception into Full Communion. Sr. Eva Janning, who coordinates this course so wonderfully each year, has announced that anyone who wishes to consider becoming a Catholic for this coming year, should contact her by filling in the special forms available on our parish website: <http://www.steward.ca>

The program, this year, will commence on October 14th and consecutive Wednesdays. Depending on numbers, and social distance, Sr. Eva may teach and communicate with you, either in a small class setting, or on line, or a combination of both. This is still being looked into. However, the program will indeed proceed. Please contact Sr. Eva, or Msgr. Pat, if more information is needed, or if you need assistance with the information provided on the parish website.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, has given permission for parishes to begin the process of celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for students who had already been prepared to receive it, prior to the celebrations being delayed because of COVID-19. This is good news for all students in our parish who had been waiting to celebrate this important Sacrament. In order to offer this Sacrament at Masses, and to ensure we follow proper social distance, and other health requirements, the celebrations will be in smaller numbers at specific masses, aside from other regular Sunday masses, in the month of October. All parents and students have been informed. Please pray for all students who will soon receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and for their families.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry is now being conducted virtually (on-line). For more information, contact Jessica Bews, our Youth Director, at one of the following links:

Instagram: @st.edsym

Email: [stewardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stewardyouthministry@gmail.com)

#### SHARELIFE SUNDAY

Today is ShareLife Sunday. From today through Nov. 8, all contributions to ShareLife will be matched up to a total of \$500,000, thanks to a generous donor.

Please give generously

*A Prayer for Thanksgiving Day*

Loving God,  
We turn our hearts to you on this  
day for giving thanks, mindful of  
your many gifts.  
For each one, we are grateful.  
For each one, we are blessed.  
For each one we are opened to the  
abundance of your love.  
May this Thanksgiving Day offer a  
reminder to be generous with others,  
as you are with us.  
We praise you.  
We rejoice in you.  
We give you thanks.  
Amen.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

The second group of children will be making their First Communion at St. Edward's Parish at Masses scheduled specifically for this purpose, so as not to overcrowd the regular Mass schedule. Please pray for the children and their families who will celebrate on the following dates:

**Saturday, October 17th, and  
Sunday, October 18th.**

**GOOD SHEPHERD THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

Good Shepherd Refuge, in Toronto, is once again accepting food items for their annual Thanksgiving Appeal. This year, please note there are specific items that are needed: Mustard, Mayonnaise, BBQ sauce, Salad Dressing, Cereal, Granola Bars/Protein Bars, Chocolate Bars/Hard Candy, Rice, Canned Soup, Canned Corned Beef, Canned Vegetables, Curry + garlic powder, and Teabags. Kindly drop off these items to the parish hall over the next two weekends. Good Shepherd Refuge will send a truck to pick them up. Thank you for your generosity to the poor.

**Parishioner Attendance Count**

On October 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> we ask for your cooperation as we conduct a Parishioner Attendance Count to help provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese. The ushers will assist in this, and it should not disrupt the Mass. Thank you.

**VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE – St. Joseph Morrow Park**

St. Joseph Morrow Park Catholic Secondary School will be hosting a **Virtual Open House for Grade 8 students and parents** that includes the following:

1. An informational video that will be available on our school website beginning October 13<sup>th</sup> @ 4 p.m. Please visit [www.tcdsb.org/stjosephmorrowpark](http://www.tcdsb.org/stjosephmorrowpark) for a link to the video.

2. Virtual Town Hall on October 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. to learn more about high school life at St. Joseph Morrow Park. Please use the following link to register for this event.

**St. Joseph Morrow Park Virtual Town Hall Registration**

**ATTENTION: UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

Please note that there are wonderful opportunities for Catholic university students to meet other students on campus in support of one's religious life and faith formation. In particular, incoming students may wish to know about the wide range of chaplaincies and Catholic student activities at York, Ryerson, and the University of Toronto (Newman Centre), among other locations.

Keith Villanueva, a University student, and a parishioner at St. Edward's Church, has kindly offered to connect other students to the various opportunities at all our local universities. You may contact Keith at one of the following:

E-Mail: [keithardenvillanueva@gmail.com](mailto:keithardenvillanueva@gmail.com)

Cell: (416) 825-0884

Instagram: @\_kavill

**VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE – Brebeuf College**

Brebeuf College School is an All-Boys TCDSB Catholic School that focuses on Faith Development, Academics, Athletics, and Student Leadership. Our applications for the 2021-2022 School Year are now available. To learn more, please join us at our Virtual Open House on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. To register and to further explore what Brebeuf can offer your son and family, please visit <https://sites.google.com/tcdsb.ca/brebeufcollege> and click

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on “Brebeuf Open House”. We look forward to seeing you then.

