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WHAT IS OUR heart's loyalty? In today's Gospel, the Pharisees attempt to trap Jesus by asking about the obligation of paying taxes to the emperor. They know that if Jesus says that taxes should be paid, He would show a loyalty to another authority over their religious authority. But Jesus does not answer as they expect.

"Give...to God the things that are God's." Jesus' answer helps us reflect on loyalties in a new light. What are the things that are God's? Our hearts are made to seek and to glorify God. Our lives are God's! The path of faith is to discover what things we are giving priority to in our lives and to intentionally set God ahead of all of them. We put obstacles in our spiritual path whenever we set *anything* above seeking God in the heart of the Gospel and placing God first in our hearts.

So how do we clear away the obstacles from our path? We acknowledge that the "things that are God's" are *all* things. We owe God our very hearts, first and foremost, uncluttered by other attachments. When something else comes first before God, we have placed ourselves as the first priority. Seeking to discover how our priorities are not first rooted in trust and gratitude for God helps to loosen their hold on us. *(Reflection of Kelly Bourke of Living with Christ)*



Mass Intentions

Monday, October 9, 2020

8:30 a.m. + K. & J. Mikus

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Vincenzo Saracino

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Rizalto Javier

Thursday, October 22, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Michele Ricciuto

Friday, October 23, 2020

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Ann

Saturday, October 24, 2020 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Otmar Mauser

4:30 p.m. + Yap Chee Wai

Sunday, October 25, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Maria (Bia) Da Silva

9:30 a.m. For the Deceased members of the Saracino Family

11:00 a.m. + Felicisino V. Ramos

Dear Parishioners:

I must say, as I do every week, I am always inspired by the turnout of parishioners at our weekend, as well as weekday Masses. While I know some are unable to attend, out of concern for their health, due to COVID-19, it has been a great joy to celebrate the Eucharist with as many as possible. I am grateful, also, that we now have the capacity to offer a live-streaming option for all our Masses, both for the weekend and weekday Masses, so parishioners can join us from their homes, and unite with us, while reciting the Act of Spiritual Communion prayer.

This weekend, and in the coming weeks, we also celebrate the joyful occasions of First Communion, and the Sacrament of Confirmation, for the young people of our parish. We already had three First Communion Masses in the month of September. We have been careful to ensure these Masses are in smaller groups, following the guidelines of social distance, the wearing of masks, and the sanitizing of hands. In order to help those attending, we held a webinar for all parents, and children, with live visuals of the church, so that they might appreciate what to expect when returning to church for these celebrations. A special thanks to our Youth Director, Jessica Bews, and seminarian-intern, Sean Jacob, who hosted the webinars. It also allowed time for questions and the opportunity to speak about the importance of the Sacraments. I know many felt much better about the process and were more at peace. More importantly, the vast majority of parents and youth decided to move forward, knowing we were offering a number of different options. The other good news is that we can provide a link to the live-streaming of each of the masses, so that grandparents, friends and other relatives can watch from their homes, including relatives and friends from other parts of the city, country, and even overseas. Please pray for all the young people as they prepare to receive their Sacraments.

I do hope your recent celebration of Thanksgiving was a pleasant one, in spite of the COVID-19 restrictions. I also sent out a phone message to each parishioner, to let you know you were in my thoughts and prayers. I trust you felt the prayers of all here at St. Edward's Parish.

In addition, thank you for your great response to the Good Shepherd Food Drive; so many bags and boxes of non-perishable food items were dropped off at the church over the past week. They sent a truck to pick up these items, and they were most grateful. They also picked up the frozen casseroles prepared in recent weeks. Thank you to all who took the time to remember the less fortunate at Thanksgiving.

In speaking with the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish, we will be looking at how we may handle the Angel Tree program for Christmas this year. The Knights of Columbus, and others, will soon meet, in a webinar, to discuss how we will continue to support the needs of the poor and the

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disadvantaged, especially at Christmas. The St. Vincent de Paul Society remains active and I know you join me in thanking them for their good and charitable works in service to those in greater need. Thank you for your support of the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, and/or through donations sent directly to them through the parish.

Finally, you may have heard that the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Michael Joseph McGivney (1852-1890), will be beatified, in New Haven, Connecticut, on Saturday, October 31st. More information will be contained in next week's bulletin, including providing you a link to the Beatification Mass. This is a great moment of recognition for this holy priest, and for all, past and present, who serve the Church as members of the Knights of Columbus. We formed a Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, at St. Edward's Parish, 5 years ago. Please pray for them in their service to the parish community.

In closing, let us pray for one another, especially in these very challenging times. Let us also pray for the discovery of an effective vaccine for COVID-19.

God Bless you. Please stay healthy and be safe.

Msgr. Pat

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: stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com

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

Cell: (416) 825-0884

Instagram: @_kavill

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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 commenced on October 14th and it continues every Wednesday. 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.

FIRST COMMUNION

The second group of children will be making their First Communion at St. Edward's Parish this weekend **October 17th/18th**, 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 be celebrating.

SHARELIFE SUNDAY

All contributions made to ShareLife from now until November 8th, will be matched up to a total of \$500,000, thanks to a generous donor. You can also give securely online at: sharelife.org/donate.

Please give generously

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 21st. 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 on "Brebeuf Open House". We look forward to seeing you then.