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prepare the way...

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THINK OF A time when you received news too far beyond your understanding of belief. Good news or Bad, it doesn't matter. Was disbelief part of your response? No way. Couldn't be. Seriously? If so, you are in good company. This was Mary's response. At the Annunciation she was much perplexed and she pondered. She offers us a great example of how we can welcome our own bewilderment. Ponder. Pause. Question.

And this is only what we hear in the text itself, what she did on the outside. Imagine what might have been swirling around in her heart and in her head. Fear? Shame? Judgment? I wonder how long it took to go from perplexed to yes. We know after her "yes" she went, in haste, to her kinswoman Elizabeth for confirmation.

If (as we say we believe) the Word of God is living and active in our midst, what can Mary's response to God's invitation offer us and our moments of pondering and questioning?

Responding in faith to life's challenges and invitations calls us to be counter-cultural. In times of potential division and challenge, I pray for the wisdom to be like Mary – to take time to ponder, pause and pray my way to an answer. Our tradition calls it contemplation. I call it invaluable. From throughout the Scriptures, we have God's whole-hearted promise of fidelity.

(Reflection of Susan Kidd, of Living with Christ)

SHARELIFE

St. Edward's Parish has raised \$108,036.00 towards the annual appeal for ShareLife, a very impressive amount considering the lockdown of churches. Msgr. Pat received an email from Arthur Peters, at ShareLife, offering words of gratitude on behalf of all the charitable agencies that will benefit from this help. Thanks to all for your generous support of ShareLife!



Monday, December 21, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Daniela Flores

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Elizabeth McNamee

Wednesday, December 23, 2020 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Domenico Castelli

Special Intention of Vic D'Souza

Thursday, December 24, 2020

8:30 a.m. For our Holy Father

4:00 p.m. + Erin Holt

6:00 p.m. + Basilia Siqueira

8:00 p.m. + Bernard & Kathleen McNamee

Midnight For the Parishioners of St. Edward's

Friday, December 25, 2020

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the McDermott Family

9:30 a.m. For the Wong Family

11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Edward's

12:30 p.m. For the Holy Father

Saturday, December 26, 2020 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Noberto C. Pagtalunah Sr.

4:30 p.m. + Fr. James Hurley SJ

Sunday, December 27, 2020

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Edward's

9:30 a.m. Special Intentions for Nikita Malieckal

11:00 a.m. + Elba Eugenia Avellaneda

SHEPHERD'S TRUST



The Shepherds' Trust fund support the needs of retire clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served for many years. By support of the Shepherds' Trust, retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years. To date, St. Edward's has collected \$7,717.00 for Shepherds' Trust. Thank you to all for your contributions. For more information about the Shepherds' Trust, please go to: www.shepherdstrust.org

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES

The Children's Liturgy of the Word team have placed Sunday Resources for the children of our parish on the parish website: www.stedward.ca
These may also be downloaded for the children to keep and read.

HOLY HOUR

The daily Holy Hour, Monday – Friday, 5 – 6 p.m. has concluded. Please note the schedule for private prayer visits listed below. A new Holy Hour schedule will be announced in the New Year.

This Weekend:
Church Open for Personal Prayer

Msgr. Pat wishes to open the Church for people to stop by for a time of personal prayer. We will follow the guidelines of no more than 10 persons allowed in the church and social-distance. Masks should be worn. A representative will be on hand to assist.

Times for Personal Prayer

Saturday, December 19th	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 20th	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday, December 21st	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 22nd	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 23rd	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ANGEL TREE

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Angel Tree Program, which assists the families served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish, Children's Aid Society, and the Good Shepherd Ministries. Gifts and gift cards will be distributed before Christmas. A report of what was raised will be provided following Christmas, as donations to the St. Vincent de Paul collection are still coming in. May God bless all our works and outreach to the needy this Christmas.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

In the event churches are permitted to open parishioners will be able to register for one of the Christmas Masses, through **EVENT BRITE** which will be sent to all parishioners by way of the Flock Note message.

The Tentative Schedule:

Christmas Eve: December 24th

4:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

Midnight Mass (12:00a.m.)

Christmas Day: December 25th

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

If churches are permitted to be open on Saturday, December 26th and Sunday, December 27th, you will receive notice via Flock Note.





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