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Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: By Appointment

First Friday of the Month

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Baptism: Contact the office to register your child. Baptism dates assigned at time of interview with Priest or Deacon.

Marriage: Contact the parish office for appointment.

Office Hours: Monday – Wednesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Pastoral Team

Msgr. Patrick O’Dea, C.H.H. – *Pastor*

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SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD **January 24, 2021**

Sunday of the Word of God has been designated by Pope Francis as a special day devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of Scripture. It is intended to encourage the people of God to become more familiar with the Bible and to learn to pray with it.

The Pope wrote of the role of the Holy Spirit in opening our hearts to the “inspired, dynamic, and spiritual character of the sacred text.” Without the work of the Spirit, he writes, there would be a risk of remaining limited to the written text alone, which could lead to a “fundamentalist reading, which needs to be avoided.”

The Bible is a collection of religious “books” written by dozens of authors over the hundreds of years. The writers used many types of literature (poetry, legend, myth, laws and commentary, preaching, parable) to express their understanding of the meaning of human life and the role of God in our lives. None of the books is intended to be a simple recounting of events, like a newspaper report or a history book. Our challenge is not to wonder what happened, but to discover the lesson that the author was trying to express through the writing...

...God was involved in the long process of the Jewish and Christian people slowly growing in their understanding of life and God’s role in their lives. What was expressed by an author in 1000 BCE is not the final word; neither is what was expressed by the authors of the Gospels. That process has continued through centuries of Tradition, and must continue today.

Meditating about any Bible passage all by ourselves runs the risk, as the Pope wrote, of being confined to a limited perspective. A visit to the Novalis website (<https://en.novalis.ca/>) could provide a good starting point for reading what others think about the Bible, and on that basis opening our hearts to the work of the Holy Spirit. It can be unwise to search the internet on our own for information about the Bible,

because many online sites are fundamentalist, tending to take every biblical story literally.

In seeking to become more familiar with the Bible, we might take the four readings that have been chosen for Mass each Sunday, learn about them for a couple of days each, and pray with them.

In reflecting on any Bible passage, we consider what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves. God isn’t going to ‘magically’ stop the pandemic or relieve extreme political situations, or indeed reverse the inevitable in our own personal lives. What we can ask of God is wisdom to help us understand the meaning of events in our lives and in our world. Our search for wisdom and meaning takes place in a context of unconditional love. God is Love and the power of God is the power of Love. We are loved, no matter what happens to us, and no matter what we do. What we ask of ourselves is integrity; we ask God to help us to be true to ourselves in all our decisions.

(Article written by Noel Cooper; re-printed, in part, from Living with Christ, January 2021 Missalette.)

ENTHRONE THE BIBLE IN YOUR HOME

Msgr. Pat will speak this coming weekend, dedicated to the WORD OF GOD SUNDAY. As part of his homily, he will encourage everyone to consider the idea of “enthroning” the Bible in a special place in your homes. He will point to a special resource offered by the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, “A Prayer Service for Enthronement of the Bible.” This resource has been placed on the parish website, so that you might download and pray with your family. The resource is written by Stephen J. Binz.

Children’s Resources

The Children’s Liturgy of the Word team have placed Sunday Resources for the children of our parish on our website. You can also download them for the children to keep and read. Visit: www.stedward.ca

JANUARY 24, 2021



Monday, January 25^t, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Reynaldo Arriola

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

8:30 a.m. 54th Wedding Anniversary of Jim and Judy Fernandez

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving: Jasmine Carvalho

Thursday, January 28, 2021 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Helen Stynes

Friday, January 29, 2021 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Tom O'Brien
Birthday Intentions for Martina Leung
Birthday Intentions for Bridget O'Dea

Saturday, January 30, 2021

9:00 a.m. Martina Lo – Birthday wishes

4:30 p.m. + Tom Meagher

Sunday, January 31, 2021

11:00 a.m. + Joseph Passalacqua

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

For those who have not yet obtained their new envelopes, and wish to reserve a time to pick them up, just contact the parish office. If you don't plan on using them, please advise the parish office as well. Thank you.

LOCK DOWN

IMPORTANT: Please note that with the ever-changing situation on COVID-19 measures, in Toronto, we will update parishioners, weekly, through the FLOCK NOTE message that announces the weekend schedule. If Communion Services are to be held, on a weekend, we will live-stream only the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass, in order to have more time in the church for the Communion Services. The live-streamed mass, once it is shown, is then uploaded on to the website for later viewing on the weekend. Be sure to read your weekly FLOCK NOTE, carefully, for recent updates. If you wish to be added to FLOCK NOTE, just email the parish office and inform us.

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. PAT

Pope Francis has declared this the Year of St. Joseph.

I have placed a statue of St. Joseph in our church, for the coming year, so that at every Mass, and in private prayers, we can remember to invoke his intercession.

I will be providing each parishioner a prayer card of St. Joseph; it will arrive shortly. In the meantime, consider the following prayer, composed by Pope Leo XIII, in his 1889 encyclical, "Quamquam Pluries".

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most Holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, ad with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

Thank You

The members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at St. Edward's parish thank all parishioners for their support of the annual Christmas collection which raised \$11,159.00 this year in support of the Conference's Christmas assistance program and ongoing works in the year.



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