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Weekend Masses

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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

It is a genuine grace that at this time in the life of the Church in Canada, the liturgical year points us to the Gospel of Mark. The starkness of Mark's literary style, the speed with which the story he tells unfold, the intensity of Jesus' conflict with the forces of darkness and death were all intended to push the hearer to take a clear and unambiguous stand with Jesus.

Mark also wants to show clearly that Jesus' greatest saving work was His humiliation and death on the cross. All the miracles, all the healings that come before were but preludes to this one great work. Every attempt made in the Gospel – whether by disciples, opponents or others – to “get a handle” on who Jesus is, is promptly shut down (see, for example, February 7). The Transfiguration (as we see at the end of this month) is one exception to this rule: God in person tells the apostles that they are to listen to His Son when He tells them that His path is the path of the Suffering Servant, the journey to the Cross. The other important exception is at the foot of the Cross itself, when the centurion, seeing the way Jesus had died a broken man, says “Truly, this man was God's Son.” The humiliation is the revelation of Jesus' divine identity: God who makes Himself neighbor to the poor, the broken and the marginalized.

And this pattern of humiliation is presented by Mark as the pattern for our following of Christ. If it looks like worldly success, if in our discipleship as individuals and as the Church we become comfortable with various compromises with the powers and principalities of the world, then we have strayed from the Gospel. For Mark, there are no ifs, and or buts about it. Matthew's Gospel on Ash Wednesday reinforces this perspective.

And this is the challenge to us as we begin the season of lent in the middle of this month. This year, can we make a serious examination of conscience as individuals and as local Christian communities, to see where our adherence to the Gospel of Christ has been compromised by the desire for or the achievement of economic, social or political success? In particular, can we acknowledge our failures to make ourselves neighbor to the marginalized, out of fear of humiliation and rejection by worldly authorities? What graces of conversion do we need, to once again take a clear and unambiguous stand with Christ the Suffering Servant?

(February 2021, Living with Christ – by Fr. Gilles Monjeau, S.J.)

MESSAGE FOR ALL YOUNG ADULTS

We would like to invite all the young adults of the parish, ages 18 – 35, to join us for an on-line get-together. In the meeting we would like to introduce and get to know one another as well as discuss future plans for youth ministry in the parish. Please send an email to stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com with your contact information and weekly availability. Thanks



Monday, February 15, 2021 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Kitty & Henry Grimes
+ Rose Anne Clancy
+ Assunta Scaini

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Thomas Callaghan
+ Patricia Jacob
+ Birthday Wishes for Laura Lee

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Virginia Pereira

Thursday, February 18, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Antonietta Bumbaca

Friday, February 19, 2021

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Saturday, February 20, 2021 – Multi Intention

9:00 a.m. + Giuseppe Critelli
+ Special Intention of Rosa Borelli & Family
+ Special Intention of Patricia & Bob Gordon

4:30 p.m. + Birthday Wishes for Mary Leung

Sunday, February 21, 2021

11:00 a.m. + Richard McKenna
+ For the Protection of the Unborn Children

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.

Mass intentions for Saturday and Sunday Masses will be said at the live-stream Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass.

ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Cardinal Collins has approved that parishes, who are able to do so, may administer the ashes to parishioners throughout the day, in special prayer services that will be similar, in length, to the Communion Services held on Sundays. Msgr. Pat approved this for our parish at St. Edward's.

The proces for registering will be similar to the weekly Communion Services. Parishioners will be sent, on Monday, February 15, a FLOCK NOTE message that will highlight the times for the Ash Wednesday services. These services will be held every 20 minutes, starting at 9:20 a.m., and concluding in the evening at 8:45 p.m. Persons attending MUST register. No walk-ins allowed.

For those unable to attend these services, all parishioners are invited to join in the live-streamed mass, ASH WEDNESDAY, at 8:30 a.m. This mass, once completed, may also be viewed later in the day through our website: www.stedward.ca.

For those attending the services, during this time of pandemic, the ashes will NOT be placed on your forehead, in order to avoid the touching of the skin. Instead, the celebrant will sprinkle ashes over the head of each person. Similar to the Communion Services, the presider will be masked and each group will be no more than 8 people; the Eucharist will also be distributed. Each service should last about 7 minutes, and given the intervals between services, it should allow for a safe social distance between arrival and departures.

The Cardinal has also granted permission for these services to be held on the Thursday and Friday after Ash Wednesday, to accommodate the possible need for people unable to receive on Ash Wednesday.

The Thursday and Friday schedule of services will also be announced in the same FLOCK NOTE that will be sent out with the schedule for Ash Wednesday. We hope this very generous schedule will permit many of our parishioners to be able to receive the ashes as we begin the Lenten season.

Traditional Lenten Disciplines

Penance: Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

Fasting & Abstinence: Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18 – 59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

Prayer: Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Almsgiving: Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money they saved by eating, drinking or buying less as they rely more upon God's abundant grace.

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Msgr. Pat has sent a letter to all Grade 2 and Grade 7 parents (through the Principals) of our parish schools informing that plans are underway to register students for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. The Principals forwarded these letters to the parents of students in each of these classes. The deadline for the return of the registration forms is March 1st. For students in the Catholic schools of our parish, keep in mind they are already taking the curriculum for the sacraments as part of their religion program in each of these grades. Msgr. Pat, and seminarian Sean Jacob, will be working with the teachers, and students, mainly in the virtual form, as a means of support and encouragement. In his letter to the parents, Msgr. Pat provided guidelines on what is required in order to receive these sacraments, as well as to inform that a webinar for all parents will be announced following the reception of all registration forms on March 1st. At this webinar, parents will be provided tentative dates for both the First Communion celebrations and Confirmation.

For students in Grade 2 and Grade 7 attending public or private schools, parents are also encouraged to register. However, please note you will need to register on line, by visiting the parish website: <http://www.stedward.ca> Once on the front page of the website, simply scroll down, and click on the section that says: "Read updates for First Communion and Confirmation". In that section is Msgr. Pat's letter of explanation as well as a separate link for the actual Registration form. Kindly return the form by March 1st, the deadline, and you will be informed of the date of the parents webinar. Students attending public or private school will be required to attend classes on line, since their schools do not provide the religious curriculum. The class dates and times will be discussed at the webinar. Thank you to all for your attention to this important update.



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