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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*

Rev. Mr. David Quail – *Permanent Deacon*

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Parish Ministries

55+ CLUB - 416-222-5139

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A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH
Bishop Robert Barron



The episode, which the Jewish commentary tradition refers to as the *Akedah*, the “binding” of Isaac, is one of the most terrible described in the Scriptures. I am using the word “terrible” in the double sense, conveying both awesomeness and fearsomeness. God commands Abraham to sacrifice the son of his old age, the one through whom the Lord promised that he would give rise to a great nation, the child whom Abraham loved with all his heart. As he walked up Mount Moriah and heard his little son observe, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” his anguish must have reached flood tide.

As Abraham raises the knife over Isaac, an angel of the Lord stops his arm and praises the patriarch for the depth and intensity of his devotion to God. Even as we’re relieved that Isaac was spared, we might be forgiven for wondering why God would treat Abraham with such apparent cruelty and indeed why Abraham was willing to acquiesce to the killing of an innocent child. How, we might ask, is this story anything but simply terrifying?

We must see this narrative as a hyper-dramatic presentation of one of the most important spiritual principles, namely, that absolutely nothing is to be preferred to the love of God. God must be revered above everything, even above those people we love most dearly. Jesus expresses the principle contained in the story of the *Akedah* when he says, “Unless you love me more than your mother and your father, more than your very life, you are not worthy of me.”

The return of Isaac to Abraham at the end of the story signals a marvelous paradox: the more we sacrifice our finite loves for the infinite love of God, the more those earthly goods come back to us enhanced!

MESSAGE FOR ALL IN GRADES 6-8

St. Edward’s is brining back youth ministry with Youth Nights! We will come together every Friday night from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. to learn more about our faith, play games, and spend time in prayer. We will be using some EDGE material to teach as well as have open discussions about our own faith journey.

The ministry will be organized by a long time Core member, Keith Villaneuva, and our seminarian-intern, Sean Jacob, as well as familiar faces from previous years and some new faces. Join us for our kick-off night, next Friday, March 5th, as we play a few rounds of Fishbowl!

We invite you all to register at the following:
<https://forms.gle/JF4TznAu4h4sUwd3A>

Stay tuned for more information provided through email as well as on our Instagram page @st.edsym!

Monday, March 1, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Joan Bulger

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Ernesto Rodriguez

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Antonietta Bumbaca

Thursday, March 4, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Kathleen & Bernard McNamee

Friday, March 5, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Antonietta Bumbaca

Saturday, March 6, 2021 – Multi Intention

9:00 a.m. + Adolf Rygiel
 + Janet Flora Hughes

4:30 p.m. + Jim Hutchinson

Sunday, March 7, 2021

11:00 a.m. + Joseph Yuan Yung Fu &
 Maria Cheung Kee Sau
 + Christopher Manicas
 + Katarzyna & Josef Faltyn

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 saved by less eating, or shopping. Consider donations to Share Life or the St. Vincent de Paul Society who serve the poor and needy.

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 messages that announce 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.

We are not sure if the churches, in Toronto, will be able to reopen at 30% capacity following March 8th. However, be sure to read your weekly FLOCK NOTE for any new updates.

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 this Monday, March 1st. For students in the Catholic schools of our parish, keep in mind they are already receiving 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.

A webinar for all parents will be announced once the March 1st deadline has passed. We will inform you of the date of the webinar by email that you submitted with your registration form.

For Catholic students in Grade 2 and Grade 7, who are 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". 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.

Yes, Lord! A Lenten Liturgy of the Word for Kids

Tune into Salt + Light Television on Friday mornings during Lent for a kid-friendly approach to the Sunday Mass readings and homily. Whether you are worshipping at home due to the pandemic or are just looking for a way to boost your family's faith life, you won't want to miss this brand new series!

- Fridays at 9:30 a.m.**
- Saturdays at 4 p.m.**
- Sundays at 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.**
- On Demand: www.slmedia.org/yeslord**

St. Edward's Children's Liturgy of the Word resources for month of March can be downloaded from our website: www.stedward.ca

Live Your Best Life in Love

Friday, March 5 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, March 7 at 3 p.m.
A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

In these stressful times, give your marriage a booster shot! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, as husband and wife, you learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship!

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Two New Documentaries on BL. Michael McGivney, Founder of Knights of Columbus

Known as "Apostle of Christian family" and "Priest of the Beatitudes," Fr. Michael McGivney lived during turbulent times of discrimination and division, which were particularly difficult for Catholic families. Today, his legacy lives on thanks to the work of the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest community of lay Catholic men, which he founded in 1882. This Lent, immerse yourself and your close ones in the virtues of prayer, holiness and charity through the life and legacy of this new blessed in the Church – and learn about his historical and active links to the Canadian Church. Watch two new documentaries about his life and legacy here: <http://bit.ly/McGivneyDocs>.

Know someone who could benefit from joining a local Knights Council? Visit or share www.kofc.org/joinus for further details.



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