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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

LIGHT, AT OUR most basic level of awareness, at the core of our being, we know the power of light. Physically we seek it, are energized and refreshed by it, drawn to its warmth, its nourishment, its luminous beauty. Our strong connection to light means its properties have emotional and spiritual resonance. Vision, insight and revelation can become interconnected.

Spiritually, light is associated with life itself, with transformation and hope. "Let There be light!" is the first command of the Creator God of Genesis. "I am the light of the world," declares Jesus, God's fullest self-revelation in time as he brings vision – light to darkness – to a blind man. Through Jesus' resurrection we are similarly transformed in Christ, says St. Paul to the church at Ephesus – so live "as children of the light."

Here we are, people and Church, making our annual Lenten pilgrimage. Active disciples, the body of Christ in our time and place, we seek renewal in living Jesus' mission of love. Today's readings illumine our path in their use of light imagery to define discipleship. Our invitation? Reflect the light of Christ! We are called to transformation, individually and as Church... where the light of compassion can transform relationships, alleviate the darkness of systemic injustice and reveal the holiness of all that is.

*(Reflection of Ella Allen of Living with Christ)*

### EDGE

The EDGE program for **grades 6, 7, and 8** students is a weekly program where youth get to grow in faith and fellowship. It is held every Friday from 7-9 PM in the parish hall. Join us as we learn more about Catholic teachings, pray, have discussions, and play fun games! If you have any questions about the ministry, please feel free to email us at [stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

### Reserve the Date!

#### Totus Tuus – Summer Camp

Totus Tuus is a summer camp for youth entering any grade 1-12. This year St. Edward's parish is hosting it from **Sunday, July 16 - Friday, July 21**. The summer camp is led by four young-adult missionaries and allows the youth to learn about the Catholic faith in a fun, fresh, and creative environment! Announcements and registration for the camp will be released soon.

### 55+ Club

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our meetings, every Wednesday, from 1 – 3 p.m. in the parish hall. New members always welcome.



#### Monday, March 20, 2023

8:30 a.m. + Eustace Pereira

#### Tuesday, March 21, 2023

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Agnes Karst

#### Wednesday, March 22, 2023

8:30 a.m. + Maria Rita Carta

#### Thursday, March 23, 2023 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Salvador San Juan Jr.  
Birthday Wishes for Christopher Kim  
Special Intention of Cheon Eh Debra Kim

#### Friday, March 24, 2023

8:30 a.m. + Edward & Helen Winiarczyk

#### Saturday, March 25, 2023 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Special Intention of Susanna Chan  
Blessings for Gabriella & Daniel's Wedding

4:30 p.m. Deceased Members of Saracino Family

#### Sunday, March 26, 2023

8:00 a.m. + In Thanksgiving – Julianne Gavaran

9:30 a.m. + D'Angela Family

11:00 a.m. + Salvatore Adragna

### Bible Course – The Catholic Epistles

Most of the letters in the New Testament are addressed to particular communities, but some of them are addressed to the Church universal. For that reason, these letters are known as the "Catholic Epistles."

Father David Warren is offering a six-part series on the Catholic Epistles. The series began on Monday, February 27. We will meet on *Zoom* from 9:45 to 11:00 a.m.

If you haven't already signed up for Father Dave's Bible Study Group, you can sign up on the parish website. Just look under the heading *Latest News* → *All News*.

### St. Joseph – Feast Day

The Feast Day of St. Joseph will be celebrated on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. Mass. He is also the patron saint of Canada.

MARCH 19, 2023

**Installation of Archbishop Leo and Final Sunday Mass  
for Cardinal Collins**

The installation of Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo as Archbishop of Toronto will take place on **Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.**

This will be an invitation-only event given the capacity restrictions at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. The Mass of Installation will be livestreamed through [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live) and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: [www.slmedia.org](http://www.slmedia.org).

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the Central Region on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 – Blessed Trinity Parish, Toronto – 7 p.m.

A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

**Coins For Life 2023**

Would you, your family and friends put aside your toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes during the next 4-6 weeks, and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a **Culture of Life in Canada**? If so coins for life boxes may be picked up at the back of the church this weekend. This project helps us to continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa **on May 11, 2023**.

**Vocations**

“We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day.” Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997**.

Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**Pauline Parish Book Fair with the Daughters of St. Paul**

The Pauline Books & Media Centre is bringing a mini-Book centre to St. Edward the Confessor! Join the Daughters of St. Paul after the Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses on March 25-26 to choose from an excellent selection of Catholic books for children, youth & adults, including for Lent, Easter, Communion & Confirmation! Select gift items and DVD movies will also be available. Visit our webstore at [www.paulinestore.ca](http://www.paulinestore.ca) or call us at 416-781-9131 for special requests. We look forward to seeing you there!

**FRIDAYS IN LENT**

**8:30 a.m.** – Morning Mass

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** – Holy Hour

**7:00 p.m.** – Stations of the Cross

**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.

**Used Postage Stamps For The Leprosy Mission of Canada**

The Leprosy Mission of Canada is working towards the day when leprosy is eradicated. How may we help you might ask? At St. Edward's Parish, we collect all used postage stamps. The Leprosy Mission of Canada sells these stamps to collectors, using the monies collected for education, medicine and research. The Leprosy Mission asks that we trim the stamps, leaving no less than ¼" and no more than ½" paper border. Stamps may be deposited in the wooden box on the table in the lobby. Thank you for caring.

**ShareLife**

**Show your love on the Feast of St. Joseph through ShareLife...** Today we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph and reflect on his holy life and the way he loved and cared for Jesus and Mary. Next week is the first ShareLife Sunday. May we emulate St. Joseph's example and share our blessings with the least of our brothers and sisters. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

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