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3rd Sunday of Easter

WE MIGHT BE tempted to forget about God in good times, but during hard times, such as illness or family crisis, our fears and insecurities can bring us back to God and His unconditional love. God gave His only Son so that we might have eternal life. We then can turn to God for help in our hour of need.

Today's Gospel recalls the appearance of Jesus to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They were confused, perhaps brightened, and Jesus showed them the way. In the breaking of the bread He revealed Himself as the risen Christ, and the disciples' hearts burned within. In our own life's journey, we are able to carry our crosses because Jesus walks with us. He is guiding and protecting – we need to learn to look with our hearts and eyes to recognize His presence.

What can we do to express gratitude for the great gift of Easter? By feeding our spirit, by receiving Jesus in communion, we ensure we are never separated from the joy experienced by the two disciples nor from the light that Jesus shines in our lives to show the way. Staying connected through prayer, we are grateful and gain consolation in difficult times. Jesus will carry us when we fall. (Reflection of Ildiko O'Dacre 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. Hope to see you there!

Totus Tuus Summer Camp NOW Open for Registrations!

Our parish is hosting Totus Tuus again this summer from July 16-21 for students entering Grades 1-12 in the next school year. Join us for some catechesis, Mass, confession, songs and games! The program is \$100 per child for the day program and \$40 for the evening program. Hope to see you there! Registration forms are available on the table in the lobby outside the parish office or on our website at https://stedwardtheconfessorno.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/news-archive/parish/totus-tuus-2023/.

For; more information and volunteer opportunities, contact Keith Villanueva at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com



Monday, April 24, 2023

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Angela Jeung

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Ella Pereira

+ Lim-Pai-Tsu

+ Violet Poon

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

8:30 a.m. + Anar Adatia

Thursday, April 27, 2023 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for the Braimah Family

Friday, April 28, 2023

8:30 a.m. Blessings for Lucia & Umberto De Santis'

50th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, April 29, 2023

9:00 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Sylvia Leaver

Healings for Michael Tan + Sister Pat Halpin F.C.J.

4:30 p.m. Special Intention for the Braimah Family

Sunday, April 30, 2023

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving – Neres & Esther Medina

9:30 a.m. + Luigi Carlesimo & Family

11:00 a.m. + Alfredo Pepe

ShareLife

"Living the Gospel" through our parish ShareLife campaign. Next week, we will be holding the second collection in our parish's ShareLife campaign. We ask for your kind generosity and support once again. Thank you

Mental Health in the Faith Communities Awareness Sunday, May 7th, 2023

On Sunday, May 7, 2023, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are encouraged to participate in Mental Health in the Faith Communities Awareness Sunday. The special focus for this day to raise awareness in our parish communities of the importance of mental health, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if we are struggling. In our faith communities, people often report experiencing shame or stigma attached to mental health and mental health illness. Having open conversations about mental health issues, listening, and sharing information, opens doors to seeking help, and healing. So, on Sunday, May 7, 2023, let's talk about mental health and help stop the silence, stigma and shame.

The Gift of Faith and Mental Health

Friday, May 12, 2023 – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Nativity of Our Lord Parish Hall 480 Rathburn Road Etobicoke, ON M9C 3S8

The Southdown Institute invites you to join us for a day of insightful, educational, and practical talks to promote mental health, wellness and spirituality, designed specifically for the Catholic community of faith.

This is a free event, and registration is required to attend. To register, visit www.southdown.on.ca

Vocations

Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in His presence? How are you being called – as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org



Congratulations to all the students who will be making their First Communion on the weekend of May 6th/7th. We look forward to their Reception of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist on a regular basis as they continue to deepen their relationship with the Lord.

GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES



A reminder that the casseroles for Good Shepherd Ministries are due the 2nd weekend of the month. Thank you for providing a hot meal for the homeless people at Good

nourishing meal for the homeless people at Good Shepherd Centre.

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.

Blue Mass 2023 Saturday, Apr 29, 2023 – 10:30 a.m. St Edward the Confessor Parish 75 Churchill Ave, North York, ON M2N 1Y8

Please come and participate in the Blue Mass, thanking our first responders, men and women, serving in their 'Blue' uniforms for our citizen communities.

We are expecting police cruisers, dogs and horses, fire engines and ambulances, the respective chiefs and/or their representations and families. This is a good opportunity to show particularly our younger generation the respect we owe our uniformed. Congregations from other parishes and schools are welcome. Light refreshments and socializing after the mass. Please contact HenryTang@TangInc.com for large groups so we can arrange seating.

<u>Catholic Education Week – April 30th – May 5th, 2023</u> "We are Many, We are one."

Catholic Education Week 2023, runs from April 30th to May 5th. For more than 165 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have been integrating our faith into all aspects of school life, nurturing the gifts and talents of every student. We celebrate the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools provide, giving thanks and offering our prayers for all those who faithfully journey with our young people each day. For more information about Catholic Education Week visit www.goodnewsforall.ca

COINS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN 2023

For those who have not yet returned the Coins for Life boxes, we ask that they be returned next weekend, April 30th. Thank you for your generosity for God's preborn babies in the womb!

TV DAILY MASS - OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Msgr. Pat will celebrate the daily TV Mass on Wednesday, April 26th for the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel and in recognition of the great ministry of the Catholic Women's League throughout Canada for whom she is the patronage.

Poor Box

Don't forget the poor. The St. Vincent de Paul poor box is located in the lobby. Please be generous. The St. Vincent de Paul of our parish works faithfully to serve the needs of the less fortunate. Thank you for opening your heart.

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