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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

Adoration/Benediction

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 – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pastoral Team

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

Rev. Mr. David Quail – *Permanent Deacon*

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6th Sunday of Easter

YOU MAY RECALL the slogan that accompanies the appeal for donations to the blood bank: "Give the gift of life." That same theme is also associated with appeals for organ donations and other kinds of support for life-saving medical interventions. The emotional attraction of this call is undeniable and hard to resist. But the stark reality is that the life that is offered is transitory and finite. In other words, it is not so much about giving life as about staving off death.

Jesus, on the other hand, makes an offer that is even harder to resist. He offers the gift of eternal life, life that is assured because it is given not by one human to another but by the source of all life, God the Creator, to all who accept it. The assurance of this gift is to be found in the very person of Jesus, whose life is shared with us.

The words of Jesus that we read today are deeply consoling: "Because I live, you also will live." It is not just that Jesus lives, but that He lives in the Father. Therefore, we too live in the Father.

In exchange for this extraordinary gift, the Lord asks of us only one thing: "Love one another as I have loved you."

(Reflection of Leonard Altieri, SJ 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, May 15, 2023

8:30 a.m. + Krystyna Mazerant

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Domenico & Antonietta Castelli
Healing Blessings for Samior Zakher

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

8:30 a.m. + Tony Fernandes

Thursday, May 18, 2023 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Dominico Nguyen
Special Intention for Susanna Lo
Special Intention for Father Sarath

Friday, May 19, 2023

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Fusca & Misiano Family

Saturday, May 20, 2023

9:00 a.m. For Our Holy Father Pope Francis

4:30 p.m. Special Intention for Father Sarath

Sunday, May 21, 2023

8:00 a.m. Belated Anniversary Wishes for Sylvia & Frank Leaver

9:30 a.m. + Vincenzo & Anna Saracino

11:00 a.m. Special Intention of the Pereira Family

Catholic Women's League

All women of the parish are invited to the next General Meeting, on Tuesday, May 16th, beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm followed by the meeting in the hall. There will be discussion regarding our next round of charitable projects, and a Mother's Day theme with giveaways. Pizza will be served. See you there!

CWL Communion Brunch

All women of the parish are invited to a Communion Brunch, Sunday May 28th at 1:00 pm, at Paisano's Restaurant, 116 Willowdale Ave. (at Sheppard Ave. East). Keynote Speaker Kate O'Quinn will deliver an inspirational talk on "The Faces of Mary". Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased in the foyer after weekend Masses May 13-14 and May 20-21. For more information, please contact Marie Barry at 647-351-3788 or at askmarieb@yahoo.ca.

ShareLife

The final ShareLife Sunday is **June 4th**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

*We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.
Amen.*



Congratulations to all the students who received their First Holy Communion last weekend 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.

Construction

As Msgr. Pat mentioned there will be construction on the flat roof of the church in the coming weeks, as that part of the roof has to be replaced. This was a project approved by the Archdiocese last year, but delayed to this year. There will be no impact on the weekday or Sunday Masses, but the front entrance to the church may be closed at certain times during the weekdays, yet entry through the backdoors of the church will be made available.

Vocations

The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphaned," Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Congratulations

Congratulations to Fr. Sean Raphael Jacob, Fr. Mirko Ljuba, Fr. Carlos Alberto Torres Marquez, Fr. Matthew Cole Powers, Fr. Savio Antonio Bruto da Costa, Fr. Michael Chris El-Nachef, Fr. Peter Long Hien Tran and Fr. Joseph Son Quang Do, who were ordained to the Priesthood on **Saturday, May 13th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.**

Parishioners to Host a Ukrainian Family

Are you able to host a Ukrainian family? When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 200,000 Ukrainians have already arrived in Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 800,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org) and register for a virtual information session.

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