

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent times have provided horrendous tragedies throughout the world: tsunamis, earthquakes, hurricanes, civil wars and other horrific events. Reading Daniel and then hearing Jesus speak about the end times, we do get the strong feeling that history has been, and constantly will be, plagued by what the prophet calls “a time of anguish” and Jesus calls “a time of suffering.” Most of these signs are caused by nature and, however fearful they are, none should be considered as fateful or, even less so, as a punishment from God in anger.

Nowadays we have been made sensitive to the fact that nature alone is not to blame. We too have our share of responsibility in the dramatic changes in nature and climate. We too are responsible or complicit in the mistrust between religions, races and countries that fuels conflicts.

Nevertheless, both Daniel and Jesus emphasize not the dark side of human history but the bright side of God’s saving plan. The end times lie in the hands of God who sends out the archangel Michael to protect his people when persecuted and, ultimately, Jesus, “the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory.” When contemplating the future of humankind, Christians are never to yield to fatality or fear. For do we not wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour? (*Reflection by Jean-Pierre Prévost, from Living with Christ.*)

Alpha

Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm to experience Alpha. Alpha is a series of dinner and discussion of life’s most meaningful questions in a friendly and accessible environment. Admission is free and friends are welcome. Come see why 27 million people have tried Alpha. For more information or questions contact Lisa Canning at: lisa@lisacanning.ca #tryalpha

For those Wishing to Become Catholic

The RCIA course is now running every Tuesday at 7 p.m., in the parish hall, for those wishing to become Catholic. For more information, contact the office or Sr. Eva Janning, CPS at eajanning@gmail.com or 647-542-3309.

New Offertory Envelopes

New offertory envelopes for 2016 will be available the weekend of Nov. 28/29th. The envelopes are arranged numerically. Please verify your number with your name on the label. If you wish to register for envelopes, fill in the Registration Form at the Welcome Table in the lobby.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 14th, 2015

4:30 p.m. + Aurelio & Walter Muscat

Sunday, November 15th, 2015

8:00 a.m. + Kazimiera & Jozef Mikus

9:30 a.m. + Pietro Mazzitelli

11:00 a.m. + Franc Zelko

Monday, November 16th, 2015

8:30 a.m. + Karen Gilmour Barrett

Tuesday, November 17th, 2015

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Carvalho Family

Wednesday, November 18th, 2015

8:30 a.m. + Maria Gervasio

Thursday, November 19th, 2015

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving for 50th Wedding Anniversary of Teresa & Dan Coppinger

Friday, November 20th, 2015

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

**St. Michael’s Cathedral Open House
Meet the Cathedral Restoration Artists
Tuesday, December 8 and Wednesday, December 9
10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
St. Michael’s Cathedral
65 Bond St., Toronto**

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, and Father Michael Busch, rector of St. Michael’s Cathedral, invite the entire community to experience the beauty, architecture and unique historical journey of St. Michael’s Cathedral. Extensive restoration has taken place over the last several years with the cathedral closed since June 2015 for major work. Two days of open houses during the Advent season will provide visitors with a preview of these efforts. From sculptors to brick layers and stone masons, restoration artists will showcase their expertise inside the church, with diverse exhibits highlighting the incredible efforts to restore the mother church of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Open houses will take place on December 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. with a prayer service each day at 12 p.m.

Come celebrate our faith in the city and meet the restoration artists of St. Michael’s Cathedral.

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NOVEMBER 15, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

As announced last weekend at Mass, St. Edward's Parish is joining with all other parishes in launching the Family of Faith Campaign, initiated by Cardinal Collins; the campaign will address critical priorities that will benefit Catholics all across the Archdiocese of Toronto.

The Family of Faith Campaign will help our parish, too. For every dollar raised, our parish will receive 25 cents. If we exceed our goal, we will keep 75 per cent of every dollar over goal.

As you know, the priorities for our parish will be to invest in youth and young adult ministry, ministry to those in senior years, renewing and initiating ministries to persons of all ages, and of course to do some critical upgrades to our church interior and to re-pave the parking lot.

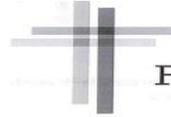
Parishioners will be invited over the next few weeks to consider a financial "pledge", which can be offered over the course of 5 years. Our parish goal is \$535,000 (of which 25%, or \$133,750, would come back to the parish). Obviously, if we go over goal, the return on over-goal amounts is 75 cents per dollar.

As pastor, I would not ask parishioners to pledge if I were not to pledge. I, along with many priests of the Archdiocese, will join our parish communities in offering a pledge as well. As announced last Sunday, I shall be pledging \$10,000 to the campaign (\$2,000 per year for 5 years). This invitation to consider a pledge is open to all and I ask you to prayerfully consider your own personal gift (pledge forms will be made available shortly). For those unable to do so, please pray for the campaign. My thanks to all who asked to volunteer.

Be sure to visit our website (www.stedward.ca) to hear the Cardinal speak about The Pastoral Plan in more detail. For those wishing to speak with me more personally feel free to contact the parish office.

In closing, know of my gratitude for your generous and prayerful support. As my family of faith, you remain constantly in my prayers. Thank you.

Sincerely
Fr. Pat



Family of Faith

Heavenly Father

We ask you to be with us as we work together
as a family of faith,

sharing and following the example of your son
Jesus in loving service.

May we be inspired by your divine love,
as we share our time, talent and treasure to
strengthen our family of faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

St. Edward's Special Event

Fridays in November

1 - 3 p.m.

"Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life"

Led by St. Rose Marrin, C.S.J.

Please join us on Fridays in November, from 1-3 p.m. for this free seminar in the Parish Hall.

Recent gerontology research has revealed the under-developed potentials in our maturing years (50+). Of these, Spirituality (inner growth) has been identified as an under developed resource. In fact, maturing years have the possibility of being a time of unparalleled inner growth. This presentation helps one to become more aware of the ways in which our Spiritual lives continue to blossom and evolve as we grow older. Join us at 1 p.m. on the following dates:

Friday, November 20th

Friday, November 27th

New Sunday Missals

The new St. Joseph Missals will be available after each Mass, for persons wishing to obtain their own copy. Each Missal costs \$5.00.

CWL General Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 19th, starting with mass at 7 pm
All women of the parish are invited.