

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5th Sunday of Easter

For the past four weeks we have been basking in the glow of the Resurrection. However, the readings today convey a simple but urgent message directly related to living out one's Christian mission.

The account from Acts sounds like a travelogue instead of what it really is: a description of the birth of the early Church. The faith of the early Christians represents the miraculous movement from disbelief and confusion to faith and order, a passage to which so many of us can relate as our faith grows and matures.

How do we participate in the building of "a new heaven and a new earth" today? The gospel prepares us for this overwhelming task. There is a poignant moment when Jesus tells his disciples, "I am with you only a little longer." What a blow for his friends and family. It is easy to imagine them asking each other: How will we manage? What will we do? How can we go on?

But Jesus gives the perfect answer to all their questions – and ours: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another." This is often much easier said than done. Yet it is precisely this love for each other which marks us not only as disciples of Christ but as ordinary people who seek to bring about the kingdom of God on earth in this day and age.

(Reflection of Marilyn-Ann Elpbick, from Living with Christ)

Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life:

Spring Programme in St. Edward's Parish Hall
Tuesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

This series is a continuation of the Fall programme. All men and women in the second half of life are welcome. It is not essential to have attended the first four sessions. Each topic is a separate unit. The sessions will be facilitated by Sister Mary Rose Marrin CSJ.

April 26th Reaching Out
May 3rd The Challenge of Forgiveness
May 10th Gratitude and Celebration

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, April 30th at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday, May 1st at 2:00 p.m. Students and sponsors are to arrive **one hour** before Mass in the Parish hall. Parents and all other guests should go directly to the Church.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 23rd, 2016

4:30 p.m. + Julius Galszechy

Sunday, April 24th, 2016

8:00 a.m. + Michael Monaghan

9:30 a.m. + Bronco Balazic

11:00 a.m. + Perlita Tristan and Sovita Tadalán

Monday, April 25th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Annabel Marchildon

Tuesday, April 26th, 2016

8:30 a.m. For All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, April 27th, 2016

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Thursday, April 28th, 2016

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Fr. Pat O'Dea

Friday, April 29th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Margaret Fonseca and

+ Erica Kim

Ordination to Priesthood

Cardinal Collins will ordain two men to the priesthood on Saturday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m., at St. Michael's Cathedral. All are welcome. Please pray for Thomas Kluger and Julien Malenfant who will be ordained in service to God's people.

The office of Vocations is hosting a prayer vigil at the Cathedral the evening before (Friday, April 29th, 6 p.m. – Midnight) for vocations.

Children's Choir

A children's Choir is being introduced for the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass. Rehearsals will be held, at least for now, on Saturdays, from 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Clea Soare will direct the choir. For more information, or to contact Clea, email her at cleaandcharlie@gmail.com



APRIL 24, 2016

Tiny Shroud Ministry

We have started this wonderful ministry of knitting tiny blankets/shrouds and bonnets that will be provided to hospitals to wrap newborn babies who pass soon after birth or who are stillborn. They are knitted with prayers and are of great comfort to parents in their time of need. Patterns available and can be done at home.

For more information, contact Margaret at: 416-857-6220 (TinyShroudMinistry@gmail.com). Please keep our efforts in your prayers!

Knitting Group

The Knitting Group is looking to duplicate their success of last year. They are in need of donations of wool to make warm items for those in need. For more information contact Joyce at 416-590-0832.

Summer Camp

St. Edward's will host Totus Tuus this summer! The children and youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) this summer from July 17 – 22, 2016. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and college students travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of Our Lord, through catechetical instruction, Mass, confession, songs and games!

The grade school program, for children entering grades 1 – 6, runs Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The Intermediate/High School program for Grades 7 – 12 runs Sunday – Thursday from 7- 9 p.m. during the week of July 17 – 22 (only). The Day Camp Registration Fee is \$75 per child for the entire week. The Evening Program Registration Fee is \$20 per youth for the entire program. More information about the program itself can be found at: www.totustuutoronto.ca. You may also contact Rosanna at: delgrosso@sympatico.ca

55+ Club Meetings

Persons, 55+ and older, are invited to come out each Wednesday afternoon, 1 – 3 p.m. in the parish hall. Activities vary each week.

Alpha

Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm

Alpha is a series of interactive conversations about faith in a friendly and informal environment. Come out for dinner, a talk, and small group discussion about life's big questions and the message of Christianity. Alpha began on Monday April 4th. There is no charge, and childcare is provided (please register for childcare). Contact Josh at jcanning@alphacanada.org, or 647-468-1195 to register.

WEEK 4 TOPIC: Faith: How Can We Have Faith?

Tastes of Heaven Gala

His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Apostolic Chancellor of Catholic Missions in Canada requests your presence at the Tastes of Heaven Gala 2016

**Thursday, April 28, 2016, Cocktails 6 p.m. Dinner 7p.m.
Bellvue Manor, 8083 Jane Street, Vaughan**

In 2016, our gala will celebrate the positive changes that result when a community builds a Church. Proceeds from the gala will go to assist the building of a new Church for the community of Fort Simpson, Northwest Territories, in the Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith.

For sponsorship or tickets, visit our website www.cmic.info or contact Patricia Gyulay at ext. 227 at 416-934-3434 or 1-866-937-2642 or email patricia@cmic.info

World Day of Prayers for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon or religious, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, for the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org

Northmount School for Boys

Northmount School for Boys is seeking educators to teach a combination of Music and/or Language Arts and/or French and/or Science to Primary, Junior, and Intermediate level students. The positions will commence on August 29, 2016 and are expected to be Full Time Positions. You may read the job posting online at: applytoeducation.ca