

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Parishioners:

In this week's bulletin you will find information on three new initiatives for the youth of our parish. The first announcement details a plan for a one week Summer Camp for our youth, which is entitled, Totus Tuus (Totally Yours). I had personal experience with this particular style of summer camp in the past, and so I am excited about it coming to St. Edward's Parish.

Secondly, Clea Soare, a very talented singer and choir director, has been invited to start a Children's Sunday Choir, beginning on alternate Sundays in March, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Clea previously conducted the Children's Christmas Choir; this led to much interest in forming a more regular children's choir. It might take time to grow, but we are excited at involving more youth in the Mass.

Finally, I wish to invite any young people of high school or university age to consider serving at a particular Sunday Mass which would reflect their particular age group. Feel free to contact me through the parish office or the parish email.

Fr. Pat

Lenten Mission

The parish Lenten Mission will commence next weekend, March 5/6. Fr. Robbie McDougall will offer the homily at all weekend Masses and will offer a Lenten Reflection on each consecutive weeknight (Monday, March 7 – Thursday, March 10), at 7 p.m. All are welcome

Lectio Divina and Gospel Study

Sr. Eva Janning, CPS will continue to facilitate prayer and study based on the gospel of St. John, Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall, beginning February 3 until April 27. Everyone is welcome for part or all of the sessions. No registration required.

Children's Choir

A children's Choir is being introduced for the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass starting in March. Rehearsals will be held, at least for now, on Saturdays, from 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. Clea Soare will direct the choir. For more information, or to contact Clea, email her at cleaandcharlie@gmail.com



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 27th, 2016

4:30 p.m. + Elizabeth Chua &
+ Anthony & Teresa Philip

Sunday, February 28th, 2016

8:00 a.m. + Elio Sartor
9:30 a.m. For the DeBonis Family
11:00 a.m. Carylle George

Monday, February 29th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Catherine O'Sullivan

Tuesday, March 1st, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Annabel Marchildon

Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016 Multi-Intention

8:30 a.m. + Sharon Chesire and for the Health of
Susie Decker

Thursday, March 3rd, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Lea Urbanc

Friday, March 4th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Leonardo & Caterina Renda
7:30 p.m. + Ludwig Hauser

Totus Tuus is Coming!

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

St. Edward's will begin Registrations after all Masses on the weekends of April 2/3 and 9/10. You may also contact Rosanna at: delgrosso@sympatico.ca



Tiny Shroud Ministry

We have started this wonderful ministry at our parish. We, together with the knitting group, will be knitting blankets/shrouds, and bonnets that will wrap stillborn babies, and babies who pass away soon after birth. These shrouds and bonnets are knitted with prayers and will be carefully prepared into care packages that will go to local hospitals. You do not have to be a part of a knitting group to participate.

You may wish to do it from the quiet of your home and bring them to the church once completed or have them delivered (we will provide the patterns). We encourage everyone to spread awareness on these "silent births" by donating wool, knitting needles, ribbons and neutral-coloured baby fabrics, or by making a monetary donation to help us pay for the wool and supplies. As a garment is prepared, a special prayer is said for the child it might embrace in the future. For more information, contact Margaret at: 416-857-6220 (TinyShroudMinistry@gmail.com).

Please keep our efforts in your prayers!

Knitting Group

The Knitting Group has resumed and are looking to duplicate their success of last year. They are in need of donations of wool to make warm items for those in need. A drop box is located in the lobby. For more information, contact Joyce at 416-590-0832.

First Friday, March 4th

Adoration at 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
Mass at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Stations of the Cross Every Friday in Lent

7:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Day of Confessions

The Archdiocese has asked all churches to hold a day of Confessions during the Lenten season, for those who do not regularly receive this sacrament. Fr. Pat has designated **Thursday, March 10th**, day of confession, for St. Edward's Parish. Schedule as follows:

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Senior Residence Masses

Fr. Pat will celebrate Mass for the senior Residences as follows:

Canterbury Place: March 11, at 10:30 a.m.
1 Canterbury Place April 8, at 10:30 a.m.

Del Manor (North York): March 16, at 10:30 a.m.
5351 Yonge St.. April 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Lansing Senior Residence: March 11, at 2:20 p.m.
10 Senlac Road April 8, at 2:30 p.m.

Coins for Life

Parishioners are welcome to take home a coin box during Lent in support of the work of Campaign Life. This also supports the Annual March for Life in Ottawa. This can be a great spiritual exercise during Lent in support of pro-life. Boxes will be made available after all Masses.

Religious Articles Sale

Saturday, March 5th, 1:00 p.m – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 6th, 9:00 a.m – 1:00 p.m.

St. Edward's Church Hall

Gifts for all occasions – First Communion, Confirmation, Baptism, Easter and more. Everyone is welcome!



The St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance sold out after only a week of ticket sales! Thanks to the Social committee for their great work.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts School on celebrating their **25th Anniversary** on Tuesday, March 1st.