

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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The foundation of Jesus' ministry is expressed in his statement to the crowd – and to us. “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Jesus knows, as surely as we do when we are humble and honest with ourselves, that all of us have acted badly in our relationships – with others and with creation – and will do so again. However, we can fall into the trap of continually assessing how badly we have acted and then comparing ourselves to others. This comparison inevitably leads either to self-congratulation and harsh judgment of others or to self-loathing and being victimized ourselves.

Neither leads us to becoming a more compassionate person, and compassion is what we are called to. When compassion replaces judgement and self-loathing, we are no longer as concerned with fairness. We are freed up to attend to the true purpose of the spiritual life: to contemplate and appreciate the beautiful mystery of simply being alive.

Rather than looking at one another and judging ourselves, we will become a community standing in awe before the majesty and mystery of life. The spiritual life is not about rules and consequences or excluding those who are different than ourselves; the spiritual life can be found in divesting ourselves of whatever prevents us from appreciating creation in all its splendour and diversity.

(Reflection of Joe Vorstermans, from Living with Christ)

ShareLife Sunday

Working wonders by providing vital life-restoring needs.... “Agencies are lifesaving and life-restoring to those who regularly rely on them. Families are working through crises and are healing. People with developmental challenges are supported as they experience a sense of self-worth and fulfillment in their daily activities. Seniors are living independently, yet have access to the social services and care they need. Refugees and new Canadians are guided toward a stable, productive livelihood in their newfound home. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible but, always, they make a tangible difference. Please prayerfully consider today how you can support ShareLife.” – **Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.**

Parish Lenten Mission

Fr. Pat would like to thank all who participated in our Parish Lenten Mission this past week. It was well attended. A special thank you to Fr. Robbie McDougall for his wonderful homily last weekend and for sharing his thoughts and musical talents with us.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 12th, 2016

4:30 p.m. Special Intention of Lucia DeSantis

Sunday, March 13th, 2016

8:00 a.m. + Tony Corado & Elsa Baldasario

9:30 a.m. + Lucia Unger

11:00 a.m. + Pasquale Macchione

Monday, March 14th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Emily Picco

Tuesday, March 15th, 2016 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Enid and Augustine Tellis

Wednesday, March 16th, 2016

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Saracino Family

Thursday, March 17th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Candida Lobo

Friday, March 18th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Idaco Gervasio

7:30 p.m. Birthday Wishes for Lisa Santos

Men's Conference

On **March 19th** join Cardinal Thomas Collins, Matt Fradd and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers for Serviam Ministries' 1st annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The day will strengthen and challenge men to grow in faith and virtue while also addressing the struggles that men face. Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets:

www.BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron/ or
info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070

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 –

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10:45 a.m. Clea Soare will direct the choir. For more information, or to contact Clea, email her at cleaandcharlie@gmail.com



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!

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE 2016

Sunday, March 20th

PALM SUNDAY

Masses: 4:30 (Saturday, March 19th)
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM - Sunday

Thursday, March 24th

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:30 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Friday, March 25th

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
12 NOON
and
3 PM

Saturday, March 26th

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil Mass—7:00 PM
(No 4:30 PM Mass)

Sunday, March 27th

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent

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

Assisted Suicide - Protect the vulnerable and those who care for them! CanadiansforConscience.ca

By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. Cardinal Collins encourages Catholics throughout the archdiocese to visit **CanadiansforConscience.ca** and support the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. The coalition represents a group of like-minded partners, including 5,000 doctors across Canada, who are committed to protecting conscience rights for health practitioners and facilities. You can use this website to write directly to your Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns. Given tight timelines

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for this legislation, please take action no later than April 1, 2016.

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.