

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

4th Sunday of Lent

The younger son in today's parable experienced twists and turns on life's journey, before he "came to himself." We all need to "come to ourselves" – to know who we really are. Our good and loving God created us to be people of love and goodness. We've been given gifts and talents, for our good and the good of others. We've been created with great dignity and great responsibility.

Often, we forget that. We get lost, go astray: we make the wrong choices, take the wrong path. We need to "come to ourselves" – to remember who we are. Scripture, prayer, Reconciliation, Eucharist: they help us find our way.

Maybe our getting lost or forgetting who we are is not as extreme as with the younger son, but it still happens. It happened to the older son. He, too, needed to come to himself. His father had to remind him: "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours." We need to hear that, too. We need to know that God created us in love and calls us into relationship. When we lose track of that, we don't live as we should: we aren't being the people God meant us to be. We all need to be reminded of who we really are, so we can live from that fullness.

(Reflection of Dinah Simmons, from Living with Christ)

ShareLife Sunday

Sunday, March 13, 2016 is the first ShareLife collection.

Pope Francis reminds us that this is the year of mercy. How do we extend the hands of Christ to others in our daily lives? For some, it may be caring for an elderly relative, volunteering at a soup kitchen, or helping to collect food or raise funds for charity. In our busy society, many of us do not have the time to actively participate, and as such we rely on the many agencies within our community to provide love, care and support to those in need. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, our annual ShareLife appeal provides resources to over 40 agencies, bringing much needed programs and services to those both here in our communities and around the world. Collectively, through our support, we share in their success in making a positive difference in the lives of those they serve.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 5th, 2016

4:30 p.m. +Tim Barrientos

Sunday, March 6th, 2016

8:00 a.m. + Luisa Lobo

9:30 a.m. + George vanMierlo

11:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Sigantoria Family

Monday, March 7th, 2016 Multi-Intention

8:30 a.m. +Paul Zeagman and Annabel Marchildon

Tuesday, March 8th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Wednesday, March 9th, 2016

8:30 a.m. In Honour of Our Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, March 10th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Annabel Marchildon

Friday, March 11th, 2016

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

7:30 p.m. + Maria Augello

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.

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



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

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 SenlacRoad April 8, at 2:30 p.m.

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

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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.