

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6th Sunday of Easter

Did you ever know a family who didn't have disagreements? Members of families often squabble over things trivial to cataclysmic. But when the disagreement passes, peace is restored and the family emerges stronger.

This is true of the Church as well, as we hear in today's readings. There were disagreements when the groups the apostles left behind wrestled with questions of how to separate cultural practices from the essentials of Scripture. There are still differences today as bishops around the globe try to reconcile Christ's teachings in a world of clashing cultures.

The apostles had no road map to the New Jerusalem – the city of peace – beautifully and mystically described in Revelation. But Jesus gave them a key to unlock the mystery: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you... Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

This is no ordinary peace. It is a peace that is alive and leavened with compassion and justice. "The Holy Spirit... will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you." The Holy Spirit is alive today, guiding the Church in the perpetual reinterpretation of the gospel. These words are as relevant today as they were at the beginning. This is the eternal peace we are promised.

(Reflection of Patrick M. Doyle, from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 30th, 2016

4:30 p.m. + David Brooks

Sunday, May 1st, 2016

8:00 a.m. + Annabel Marchildon

9:30 a.m. + Palmieri De Bonis

11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving for Neres & Esther Medina

Monday, May 2nd, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Lawrence Bongfen

Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016

8:30 a.m. For the Special Intention of Anna Kim

Wednesday, May 4th, 2016

8:30 a.m. For the Deceased Members of Ruggiero Family

Thursday, May 5th, 2016 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + George dvesa Halmos

+ Horace Moore

Special Intention of Paul Tang and Family

Friday, May 6th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Louise Gardner

7:30 p.m. For the Protection of the Unborn Children

A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

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 of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The topics for the coming weeks are listed below.

May 3rd The Challenge of Forgiveness
May 17th Gratitude and Celebration
(There will be no May 10th meeting)

First Friday, May 6th
Adoration at 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
Mass at 7:30 p.m.

MAY 1, 2016

Dear Parishioners:

The new class of Permanent Deacons for the Archdiocese of Toronto will be ordained at St. Paul's Basilica, on May 28th.

I am pleased to inform you that His Eminence, Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, has appointed one of them, Deacon David Quail, to St. Edward the Confessor Parish, following his Ordination. This is great news and a wonderful honour for our parish. I welcome Deacon David Quail, and his wife, Elisabeth, to our parish community.

As mentioned, Deacon David will be ordained on Saturday, May 28th, at 10 a.m., at St. Paul's Basilica. All are welcome to attend. He will join us for the first time, the next day, on Sunday, May 29th, his first Sunday with us as a newly ordained deacon. This is a significant moment in the life of our parish community, and so I invite your prayers for him and his wife, as he prepares for his Ordination Day.

Fr. Pat

Introducing our new Permanent Deacon

Elisabeth and David Quail have resided in North York for the past 36 years after their marriage in 1979. They have two daughters, Jennifer and Lisa (33 and 31, Son in Law Jeff (34) and two grandchildren, Lilian and John David (4.5 and 2.5).

Elisabeth and David met while working at Sears Canada. David worked at Sears Canada for 31 Years and finished his career as a National Operations Manager with extensive travel in Asia. Elisabeth, after leaving Sears worked as a bookkeeper and now has her own bookkeeping and accounting business. After two years of retirement, David and Elisabeth purchased a Printing and Design Company in Downsview and have managed this business for the past 6 years.

Elisabeth and David have been parishioners at St. Timothy Catholic Church for the past 35 years. Both have been active members at St. Timothy as Sacristan, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion/visiting the Sick and Elderly, Lectors, Liturgical Committee, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Social Club, First Communion / Reconciliation. Elisabeth completed the RCIA program in 1989 taught by Fr. Pat and is a long time member of the CWL. Elisabeth is currently the Chair of Spiritual Development for the CWL at St. Timothy.

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 5 TOPIC: Prayer: Why and How Do I Pray

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

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

St. Edward's Catholic Women's League **Geranium Sale – May 21 – 22, 2016**

Beautiful, mature plants delivered directly from the nursery. Reasonable prices. Pre-order after all Masses in Foyer this weekend, April 30th, – May 1st, and the weekends of May 7/8th, and May 14/15th.

For further information, contact Susan Barry at 416-223-5261.