

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was much younger, we used to play a game called Truth or Dare. If you didn't want to answer your opponent's question truthfully, you had to accept a dare. Today, Jesus turns the game inside out and challenges his followers to tell their truth by accepting his dare. Jesus asks, "Do you dare to be publicly Christian? How? What are your limits on doing so? What consequences are you willing to risk?" Jesus does not promise us the proverbial rose garden. Rose gardens, like nations and kingdoms, will surely pass away. Jesus simply promises his presence, his words and his wisdom. These will never pass away. He is where the good news lies today for us who accept his challenge.

This is a good time to start preparing for the new church year ahead, asking ourselves how we will be boldly Christian in 2017. Pope Francis offers an example. In his quiet, gentle way, he calls us to examine the lines we have drawn in the sand – and to take one small step past them.

Two of the great dismissals at the end of Mass graciously instruct us, "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord" or "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." Perhaps one should boldly declare, "The living God is with you. Don't just sit there: do something. Change the World!" (*Reflection of Margaret Bick, from Living with Christ*)

### Calling all Children!

Be part of the Christmas Children's Choir

Children from Grades 3 – 12 are welcome to sing at The Christmas Eve Children's Choir, December 24<sup>th</sup> at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

If interested, church musicians Clea Soare and Marc Michalak will prepare the children at 3 rehearsals prior to Christmas Eve.

**Rehearsal Dates:** Thursday, Dec. 8, Dec. 15, and Dec. 22.

**Rehearsal Time:** 6 – 7 p.m. in the Church

To sign-up, parents may contact choir Director, Marc Michalak at: [marcfmichalak@gmail.com](mailto:marcfmichalak@gmail.com)

### Are You Considering a Religious Vocation?

"By your endurance you will gain your souls." Be patient with yourself and with God as you await the sign of your call. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at: 416-968-0997 or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Fergus Houlahan

#### Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Annabel Marchildon

#### Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Robert Woodcock

#### Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Angela Bowes  
Wedding Anniversary Wishes for  
Wilfred & Jasmine  
+ Franc Zelko

#### Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Maria Gervasio

#### Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

4:30 p.m. + Agatha and Gannie Greck

#### Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

8:00 a.m. + Virginia Dattilo

9:30 a.m. + Al Gerardi

11:00 a.m. + Vincenzo Saracino

### Remembrance Table

November is the month of All Souls. Parishioners are welcome to write the names of their beloved deceased on the remembrance table in front of the altar. They will be remembered at all Masses during the month of November.

**"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine on them.  
May their souls and the souls of  
all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen."**

### Good Shepherd Ministries

Thank you to all who participated in the Good Shepherd Ministries' 2016 Thanksgiving Food Drive. The food drive was a great success, resulting in an increase in donations of non-perishable food items from last year.

Thank you for remembering those in need in our community and for making a difference and offering your compassionate care.

### Looking for Catechists for Sacraments

**NOVEMBER 13, 2016**

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St. Edward the Confessor Parish is looking for volunteer catechists for the Sacraments. Catechism classes for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion take place on Sunday mornings following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Catechism classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation take place either on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., or Saturdays mornings (specific time TBD). If you are interested in supporting our sacramental programs, kindly email Kimberly Go at [stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com).

### **CWL General Meeting**

**Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**, starting with Mass at **7:00 p.m.**, followed by meeting in the hall, where **Elections for next Executive** will be held. This will also be a planning meeting. All women of the parish are invited!!

### **Faith Connections**

Faith Connections has published its first book! Portraits of Faith explores what it is like to be an active and engaged young adult Catholic today. This collection of 15 essays shared by Catholics from across Canada offers a series of portraits from a diversity of backgrounds. <https://en.novalis.ca/products/portraits-of-faith>

Portraits of Faith Book Launch --- In the Toronto Area? Consider joining us on the evening of Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> for a glass of wine and a chance to meet some of our young adult authors. For more information: <http://faithconnections.ca/node/4550>

### **Upcoming Events for St. Edward Young Adults**

Our next **Young Adult gathering** will be held on **Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the parish hall. The hope of these gatherings is to offer a welcoming, positive, and prayerful space for young adults looking for community. Topics to be discussed will be posted shortly!

On **Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**, join us for our first **Young Adults Pub Night** at The Frog: A Firkin Pub (4854 Yonge St.), just off the Sheppard-Yonge subway station. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to connect, meet new people, share stories, and have fun together.

University/college students, young professionals, singles, and engaged and married couples between the ages of 19-35 are all welcome! Kindly RSVP to Kimberly Go at [stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com) by November 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **55 + Club**

Men and women, 55 and older are welcome to attend our weekly meetings in the parish hall, every Wednesday from 1 – 3 p.m.

**Traditional Lessons and Carols Service**  
**St. Edward's Church**  
**Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the Holiday season. Join the choir and musicians of St. Edward's parish for a reflective evening of sacred music. We will present a glorious selection of Advent music. Join in singing well known Christmas hymns. Light refreshments to follow. All are welcome! There will be no admission fee. A free-will offering would be appreciated for the work of the Sisters of Life.

### **Prescription Eye Glasses Needed**

Please consider donating your **used** prescription eye glasses to Dr. Andrew Simone. His organization, Canadian Food for Children, sends food, clothing, eye glasses and other supplies to developing countries all over the world. You may leave your glasses in the designated box provided on the table in the foyer. Periodically, throughout the year, these eye glasses will be dropped off at Dr. Simone's warehouse in Etobicoke. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Used Postage Stamps For The Leprosy Mission of Canada**

The Leprosy Mission of Canada is working towards the day when leprosy is eradicated. How may we help you might ask? At St. Edward's Parish, we are going to collect used postage stamps, especially international stamps. They do not need the generic Canadian stamps. The Leprosy Mission of Canada sells these stamps to collectors, using the monies collected for education, medicine and research. The Leprosy Mission asks that we trim the stamps, leaving no less than ¼" and no more than ½" paper border. Stamps may be deposited in the basket on the Welcome Table. Thank you for caring.

### **Knitting Group**

The senior's knitting group is still very active with their projects for Out of the Cold and Tiny Shroud Ministry. They are in need of donations of wool to make warm items for those in need. For more information, contact Marie Heard at 416-222-5139.

### **New Sunday Missals**

The new St. Joseph Missals will be available after each Mass, for persons wishing to obtain their own copy. Each Missal costs \$5.00. There will be a special table in the foyer reserved for the sale of missals.