TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners:

I trust your Thanksgiving Day was a time filled with many graces and blessings for you and your family. This past weekend also provided a great response of non-perishable food items for the Good Shepherd Refuge. We are still collecting for this weekend in order to help the Good Shepherd Refugee to have ample supply of resources since they will have served so many people over the Thanksgiving holiday. They are very grateful for the wonderful response of our parish.

For those who may have been away on the holiday weekend, I wish to highlight once again the appointment of two new persons to our parish family.

The first is Kimberly Go, who will begin her ministry as Youth Director for the parish. I am delighted to provide this opportunity for the youth and young adults of our parish. As you know, this was one of the goals of our Family of Faith campaign introduced last year (the other goals, ministry to those in senior years, and the upgrade and paving of our parking lot have already been initiated and more details to follow). Kimberly will also be working closely with the parish schools and the sacramental programs.

I also welcome our new Choir Director, Marc Michalak, who will conduct the main choir at the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass, and who will help in overseeing and assisting in developing further training and recruitment for music ministry. Marc has an extensive background in music. He currently teaches piano to students at St. Michael's Choir School, is experienced in conducting and is also a cantor.

I am also pleased to inform that our former seminarian-intern, Favin Alemao, will be ordained a deacon on Sunday, November 13, at 3 p.m., at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Ajax, by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins. Favin's brother, Ryan, will also be ordained a deacon at the same time, making this a truly historic moment for our local Archdiocese. I hope to be able to provide a bus to the ordination and we will be announcing those plans shortly.

Finally, I am pleased our parish will be hosting a Healing Mass, on Saturday, October 29th, at 11 a.m. Details on this are highlighted in this week's bulletin. We shall have a number of priests on hand for this very special mass. Please inform your friends and neighbours about this mass; in particular if you are able to bring someone who might need a ride, I am sure it would be most appreciated.

In conclusion, let us remember one another in prayer.

Fr. Pat

It is an absolute thrill to join the music ministry at St. Edward's. I've been singing professionally for almost two decades across Toronto in both churches and choirs such as the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, the Elora Festival Singers and Tafelmusik. I hold a Degree in Music from the University of Toronto and a Masters Degree in Environmental Studies from York University. I play and teach the piano to both kids and adults. I teach twice a week at St Michaels Choir School. I love playing soccer and chasing after my two and half year old son, Tristan. I'm married - my wife's name is Sheila.

To speak about or thinking about joining the 11:00 a.m. Choir, please come and see me any time. Or email me anytime at marcfmichalak@gmail.com - Marc

Welcome to Kimberly Go

Hello there, my name is Kimberly Go. By way of introduction, I would like to express my gratitude to Fr. Pat for welcoming me and allowing me to work and serve as Youth Minister here at St. Edward the Confessor.

I was born in the Philippines, but immigrated at the age of nine with my parents to Canada. I studied English Literature and Art History in my undergrad at the University of Toronto. Presently, I am working towards the completion of my Master of Divinity at Regis College at the Toronto School of Theology in the University of Toronto. My passions include the arts, education, reading, writing, nature, and of course, working with young people. The first time I served in this parish was the past summer as a Totus Tuus Missionary from the Office of Catholic Youth and the Vocations Office in the Arthdiocese of Toronto. Prior to this mission, I worked for a number of years at my home parish, St. Marguerite d'Youville, in Brampton. With a special focus on the youth, I assisted in the delivery of parish-based youth ministry programs like EDGE and Life Teen, as well as catechetical formation in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I am very happy to be here and I look forward to meeting you all and being a part of this wonderful parish community.

- In Christ, Kimberly Go

"Little Lambs" - Volunteer Teachers"

Looking for someone to join the Little Lambs ministry team. This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to teach our youngest members (children up to 4 years old). Little Lambs Ministry is dedicated to providing children a loving environment to share the Catholic faith through fun and interactive stories, prayers, song, and art. This is a small commitment of approx. 1 hour per month. Anyone interested in becoming a teacher on the team or donating art supplies, please contact Father Pat and he will put you in touch with one of the Little Lambs teachers.

St. Edward's CWL

A special invitation to all women of the parish....to our meeting on Thursday, October 20th. Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by a meeting in the hall with guest speaker, **Adrianne Sequeira**, **RN**, **MD.v**, **Registered Psychotherapist and Certified Psychoanalyst** who will help us to understand "How to Respond To Mental Health Crises".

Please come and feel free to bring a friend!



Monday, October 17th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Leo Manuel Penala Jr.

Tuesday, October 18th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Andrew Jeon

Wednesday, October 19th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Robert Woocock

Thursday, October 20th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Vincenzo Saracino

Friday, October 21st, 2016 Multi- intentions

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

+ Leonardo and Caterina Renda

Saturday, October 22nd, 2016

4:30 p.m. +Leo Stang

Sunday, October 23th, 2016

8:00 a.m. + Jerry Wejdyle

9:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Neres and Ester Medina

11:00 a.m. + Felicisimo V. Ramos, Sr.

Cardinal's Dinner

The 37th annual Cardinal's Dinner will be held on **Thursday**, **November 10, 2016**, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building, with appetizers at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. To date, this dinner has raised over 6 million dollars for charities. The cost is \$190 per person. Fr. Pat will attend. Anyone wishing to join him, please leave your name and phone number at the parish office.

Ministry with Maturing Adults (50+): An Opportunity

A "Life Story Writing Programme" will be held here at St. Edward's Church beginning Monday, October 17th. This is an opportunity to look back over the process of life in order to gain deeper understanding and insight. The ten sessions will be held on consecutive Mondays from 10:00 a.m. – Noon. The facilitator will be Sister Mary Rose Marrin CSJ, Maturing Adults Minister. Brochures with additional information and registration directions are available at the Welcome Table.

Healing Mass

Fr. Pat will be celebrating a Healing Mass on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., at St. Edward's. With the help of several guest priests, there will be Anointing of the sick for the elderly; adults and children who are living with major illness, facing surgery or serious medical tests, or who have suffered a serious accident and for those living with chronic and mental illness.

SACRAMENT REGISTRATIONS

Students who attend our Catholic schools, public or private schools, and who wish to be prepared for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation, are required to register for the sacraments through their local parish. While the priest works closely with the students and teachers at the Catholic schools, the church is the primary place of registration since the Sacraments are celebrated at the parish where the students attend Mass. Below are the dates and times for this year's Registration.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Parents/Guardians who wish to register their children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are **required** to attend a Registration and Information Session at the Church on:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19th, at 7:00 p.m.

Please bring a photocopy of your child's baptismal certificate; if you do not have one, simply contact the parish where your child was baptized and they will provide you an updated one.

CONFIRMATION

Parents/Guardians who wish to register their children for the Sacrament of Confirmation are <u>required</u> to attend a Registration and Information Session at the Church on:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27th, at 7 p.m.

Parents are asked to bring with them a copy of the student's baptismal certificate. If unable to find one, simply contact the church where the child was baptized and they will provide you an updated one.

At each of the Registration Nights, Fr. Pat will outline the program of study for the respective schools, and the program for those attending public schools. For students attending public schools, classes will be held at the parish church; a schedule for those classes will be provided to the parents at the Registration Night. There will be some option of dates for the celebration of the Sacraments and parents will be asked to sign up for the dates which best suit them at the Registration Nights. The following are the dates that have been approved for St. Edward's Parish:

FIRST COMMUNION MASS Saturday, May 6th, 2017 at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 7th, 2017 at 2 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Saturday, April 29th, 2017 at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 30th, 2017 at 2 p.m.

Bundle Up for St. Vincent de Paul! November 5/6, 2016

Please bring your donation of gently used clothing, shoes, linens and household goods to support our neighbours in need.