

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAINT PAUL PRAYS for the Thessalonians, and also for us, that God will make us worthy. Sometimes we think we deserve everything we want, so we need the reminder that everything is gift, and that it is only by God's gift that we are made worthy to be the children of God.

The Book of Wisdom explains why this is so astounding, acknowledging that we are part of a vast universe. When we say that God is great, that greatness comes from God's care for us, who are "the speck that tips the scales." Tiny though we are, we are offered divine love for free, like handfuls of candy. Too often we just don't get it, and we sit hungry in the midst of a rich feast of grace. And when we don't get it, it is good to hear Jesus in the gospel showing the lengths to which God will go to make us worthy: "the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

But why did Jesus call Zacchaeus? Weren't there other worthy tax collectors around? Jesus saw how Zacchaeus worked past his own limitations in order to have an encounter with Jesus. In ways large and small, our lives are filled with opportunities to do the same.

(Reflection of Glenn Eyer, from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, October 31st, 2016

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Gaughn Family

Tuesday, November 1st, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Wong & Leung Families

Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016

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7:00 p.m. For all Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, November 3rd, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Leonard Houlahan

Friday, November 4th, 2016 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Esmeraldo Menorca

7:30 p.m. Special Intention of Julia Jeon
For the Protection of Unborn Children

Saturday, November 5th, 2016

4:30 p.m. Special Intention of Thomas Callaghan

Sunday, November 6th, 2016

8:00 a.m. + Joseph Boyle

9:30 a.m. + Maria Vincenzina Gallucci

11:00 a.m. + Thena Ton

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.

"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 approximately one 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.

All Souls Day Masses Wednesday, November 2nd 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Besides the regular morning Mass, at 8:30 a.m., a second Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. for all who have died, especially those in our parish who have died over the past year.

During the month of November, parishioners are welcome to write the names of their beloved deceased in the Book of Remembrance in front of the altar. All the deceased will be remembered in all Masses throughout the month of November.

The Alemào family

OCTOBER 30, 2016

Joyfully invites you to the ordination of

Ryan Arnold Alemà

&

Favín Alemà

To the Transitional Diaconate

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins

Will celebrate the Ordination Mass

On Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 3 p.m.

At St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church,

1001 Ravenscroft Road, Ajax, L1T 4X1

Please join us for a casual reception immediately

Following the Ordination Mass

We're delighted to announce our first **Young Adult Social** beginning with the Mass of All Souls at 7pm on November 2nd. Following mass, we will gather in the parish hall for snacks and light refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to connect, form new friendships, have fun, and pray together in community. Bring a friend and an open mind and heart! Hope to see you there!

Sunday, November 13th – HALL EVENTS

Parishioners are invited to visit various displays following each Sunday Mass on Nov. 13th.

This will include olive wood items for sale (nativity sets, rosaries, etc.). As well, pro-life Christmas cards will be made available.

On the same Sunday, there will be a "Sharing Fair"; crafted items made by women in developing countries with the support of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

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.

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 416-223-5139.

Come & See Weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary **Weekend of Nov. 4 to 6, 2016**

Single Catholic men 18 years and older are invited to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Altar – Server Awards

The following altar-servers of our parish were awarded the 2016 annual Altar-Server Award at St. Paul's Basilica, this Saturday, October 29th.

The St. Edward's parish community extends its best wishes and prayers to **Abner Bernard, Bryan Lopez, David Colaco and Michelle Kim.**

Congratulations!

St. Edward's Young Adult Social

When? Wednesday, November 2, from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Where? St. Edward's Parish Hall

Friday, November 4th, First Friday Holy Hour, **Benediction and Mass**

Join us on Friday, November 4th, for First Friday Holy Hour (6:30 – 7:30 p.m.), followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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. A Saint Vincent de Paul truck will be in the church parking lot on the weekend of Nov. 5/6. Thank you for your support.