

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings bring up a difficult question: is it possible for one who enjoys a life of privilege to be a true Christian? I am reminded of the uncomfortable image of the camel trying to pass through the eye of the needle. Are good intentions enough?

Amos and Paul offer some valuable clues. The first reading sternly warns the rich and powerful against cheating and taking advantage of the poor in the pursuit of profit. The second reading reminds us that "kings and all who are in high positions" need our prayerful support in order to carry out their responsibilities to promote peace and dignity for all.

The psalm, however, draws us deeper. We are told, "The Lord raises the poor from the dust... to make them sit with princes." In other words, God erases the artificial distinction between rich and poor, between the powerful and the needy. For the Christian, there can be no "us" and "them". "There is one God," says Paul, and so we are all members of the same family, the same body. As we work to promote justice, peace and equality in our world, we are called to embrace each person as our sister or brother. Though our circumstances may differ, we are all in need and we are all blessed.

(Reflection of Druystyna Higgins from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 17th, 2016

4:30 p.m. + Jack and Lucy Devries

Sunday, September 18th, 2016

8:00 a.m. + Kazimiera and Josef Mikus

9:30 a.m. + Kee Sau Yuan

11:00 a.m. + Vincenzo Saracino

Monday, September 19th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Agnes Dulay Fernandez

Tuesday, September 20th, 2016

8:30 a.m. Intention of Changhyun Hasang Paul Park

Wednesday, September 21st, 2016 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Annie & Patrick Houlahan

+ Paul Kim

Thursday, September 22nd, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Jo-Nam Joseph Park

Friday, September 23rd, 2016

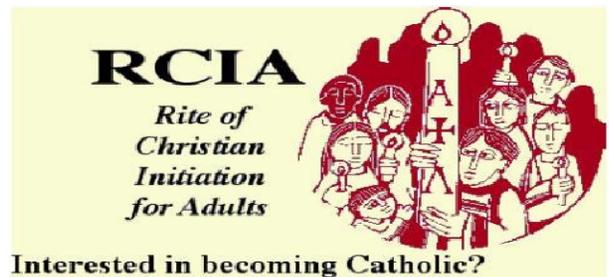
8:30 a.m. + Al Gerardi

Welcome to Seminarian John Sutka

Hello, my name is John Sutka. I'm originally from Toronto, grew up in Etobicoke and have been in the seminary for six years, entering my seventh now on Internship here at St. Edward's. My first three years, I resided downtown at Serra House, where I studied philosophy, completing my degree at St. Philip's Seminary at the Oratory in Parkdale. I entered St. Augustine's Seminary's 'Spiritual Year' later that year (2013), and just completed my 2nd year of Theology. I enjoy sports, hockey, cycling, (spiritual) reading, and generally try to work hard in whatever endeavours I'm in. I worked a long time as a quality control supervisor prior to the seminary, where I gained many life skills and growth in my own personal life. I look forward to being part of the parish community this upcoming year as it is a new experience for me being part of this community. Fr. Pat O'Dea has been very patient and clear in helping me to become comfortable with the life of the faith community here where I hope to continue in growing in true love of God. I wish each and every one of you many blessings and may Our Lady intercede for us daily.

Sincerely yours,

John Steven Sutka.



Interested in becoming Catholic?

R.C.I.A.: For those Wishing to Become Catholic

The course for those wishing to become Catholic will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 27th from 7 – 9 p.m., in the parish hall. For more information, contact Sr. Eva Janning at 647-542-3309, email: eajanning@gmail.com

Senior Residence Mass

Wednesday, September 21st – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta



The film, "Mother Teresa: The Legacy" will be shown on Saturday, Sept. 24th at 6:00 p.m., and on Sunday, Sept. 25th at 3:00 p.m., here at St. Edward's Church. Ann Petrie, the film producer, who followed Mother Teresa for almost ten years, will be here in person to introduce her film and to speak of her experience in working with Mother Teresa. There will be no admission charge. The Archdiocesan Catholic Women's League is assisting me in sponsoring this event. Please consider attending.



St. Edward's Knights of Columbus

The monthly meetings for the new parish council of the Knights of Columbus will be held the second Thursday of each month in the parish hall at 7 p.m.

Men of the parish, 18 and older, who wish to join the Knights of Columbus, are invited to contact Peter Bernotas at 905-764-8623.

3 Hail Mary's

At the end of each Mass, a member of the Knights of Columbus will lead parishioners in offering 3 Hail Mary's for the sick of our parish, those who need prayers for special intentions, and for anyone who may pass on during the week from this life to eternal life. By reciting these 3 simple Hail Mary's, may we as a community be bound together in thought and prayer for one another.

Pre-Marriage Course

St. Edward's is pleased to host a pre-marriage course in the parish hall on the following dates:

Mondays 7:00 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.
October 17, 24, 31
November 7, 14, 21
Saturday, November 12 at 9:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
All Sessions Required
\$150.00 per couple

To register, contact the office or pick up a Registration Form at the Welcome Table.

GOOD SHEPHERD NEEDS:

Good Shepherd provides approximately 1000 meals daily to their clients, and **THEY NEED YOUR HELP.**

(1) If possible, could you please prepare a chili casserole for Good Shepherd Ministries; the casserole is to be brought to the Parish the third weekend of the month. Pans and recipes are provided for you.

(2) St. Edwards parishioners serve meals twice a month at Good Shepherd Ministries; if you are able to help serve a meal (two hours a month) at Good Shepherd, please call 416-226-1449.

A special "Thank you" to all parishioners who are already providing casseroles for Good Shepherd, and to those who are helping to serve the meals.

Rededication of St. Michael's Cathedral

You are invited to join in celebrating the rededication of St. Michael's Cathedral at two FREE public events in September:

- Mass and street Party – Friday, September 30th, 12 p.m. First-come, first-seated event
- Sacred Music Concert featuring St. Michael's Choir School – Friday, September 30th, 7 p.m. Free event with tickets available on line in September on a first-come, first-served basis. Link for tickets will go live September 6th: <https://cathedralconcert.eventbrite.ca>. You must reserve a ticket to attend this event.

We look forward to celebrating this important milestone together as an archdiocesan community!