

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

2nd Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S GOSPEL PRESENTS a very dramatic story, describing astonishing events. The resurrected Jesus somehow passes through locked doors and appears before his disciples. Later, Thomas the Doubter is invited to put his fingers right into the mortal wounds in Jesus' body to see for himself that the figure standing before them is truly their friend and teacher, who had been killed before their eyes just a few days earlier. These extraordinary moments offer important teachings, not just to the disciples, but to us, too.

But the most powerful teaching moment is also the quietest.

Jesus' followers are hiding in terror, their hopes crushed, their spirits defeated, afraid for their very lives. All seems lost. Then Jesus is somehow among them and says these simple words: "Peace be with you." Instantly their fear and dread are gone and in their place – joy.

Peace, inner peace, is the first gift the resurrected Jesus offers his disciples. Nourished by the peace of the Lord, this group of ordinary people will soon change the world.

And we, also ordinary women and men, also full of anxieties and disappointments, confused about the present and uncertain about the future, are offered the same gift. Right here, today, Jesus is saying to us, too, "Peace be with you." We need only to open our hearts to receive it.

(Reflection of Patrick Gallagher, from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, April 24, 2017

7:00 a.m. + George Zakher

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 Multi-intention

7:00 a.m. + Joseph Ru and All Souls in Purgatory
+ Rosina Spinelli
+ Linda Naguit
+ Rose Djolanga

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

7:00 a.m. + Annabel Marchildon

Thursday, April 27, 2017

7:00 a.m. + Joseph Ru and All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, April 28, 2017

7:00 a.m. + Joseph Ru and All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 29, 2017

4:30 p.m. + David Brooks

Sunday, April 30, 2017

8:00 a.m. + Kathleen McNamee
9:30 a.m. + Leo Penala Jr.
11:00 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Sylvia Leaver

Dear Parishioners:

Firstly, I am still inspired by the wonderful celebration of Holy Week at St. Edward's Parish. We welcomed 13 new Catholics into our midst at the Easter Vigil. Easter Sunday was packed with crowds but the joy and prayerful spirit of the liturgies was truly felt by all. I thank everyone who assisted in the various ministries as well as those who helped to decorate the church.

This coming weekend we shall celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the young people of our parish schools as well as the high school and those in public schools. It has been my pleasure to work with them, along with their teachers, parents, as well as our seminarian, John Sutka, and Youth Director, Kimberly Go. The Retreats, school visits, and Confirmation classes have all been very productive in helping these fine young people to better engage their faith and to welcome this most important sacrament in their lives.

I am also pleased to announce that our former seminarian-intern, Favin Alemao, will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, May, 13, at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral. I will be providing a bus to take people from the church to the Cathedral (and back). Details will be announced this weekend at all masses. The bus will depart the Church at 8 a.m. Favin will also have his First Mass here at the parish, the following day, Sunday, May 14, at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome. A reception will follow. Please remember him in your prayers, as well as the four other deacons, as they prepare for their Ordination Day.

Finally, I am grateful for your patience as we begin the construction in our parking lot. As you know, the construction not only involves the re-paving of the parking lot, but also includes repairs to curbing, improving accessibility, the fixing of the drains in the parking lot, and the installation of new light poles and lighting. It will be extensive work, long planned, and the civil engineers and property manager and workers appreciate the support and patience of all parishioners as we take on this important work.

May God bless all our efforts.

Fr. Pat

Vocations

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Will you respond to God's call to be sent as priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Construction Notice for Parishioners

The parking lot will be **CLOSED weekdays** but will re-open for Saturdays and Sundays. Construction begins daily at 7:30 a.m.

Fr. Pat did not wish to cancel the daily Mass so it will be moved earlier in the morning to 7:00 a.m. each weekday, until the end of construction, which will take a few weeks. Please note, that since there will be not parking available on the Church property (weekdays), people are asked to park on the street during morning Mass. If you live nearby, you may wish to walk to church. We will keep parishioners advised at the end of each week as to the status of the week to come.



All students in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited!

“Minute to Win it” EDGE Night

When? Friday, April 28 from 7:00-9:00pm

Where? St. Edward’s Parish Hall

Come join us and bring a friend!

EDGE Registration Fee is \$25.00

which includes EDGE T-Shirt (April to July session)

Registration Forms are available at the parish office.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated next Saturday, April 29th at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday, April 30th at 2:00 p.m. Students and sponsors are to arrive **one hour** before Mass in the Parish hall. Parents and all other guests should go directly to the Church. Let us pray for all our young people as they prepare for their confirmation. Keep their parents, sponsors and teachers in prayer as well.

Poor Box

Don’t forget the poor. The St. Vincent de Paul poor box is located in the lobby. Please be generous. The St. Vincent de Paul of our parish works faithfully to serve the needs of the less fortunate. Thank you for opening your heart.

St. Edward’s 75th Anniversary

In anticipation of the upcoming 75th Anniversary of St. Edward the Confessor parish on Sunday, June 11th, the social committee is preparing a presentation to be held after the Mass on the history of our parish. If any parishioners have old photos of any previous pastors, Church events or other Church photos, they are asked to email them to the parish office at pastor.stedward@rogers.com, or bring them into the office to be photocopied. Please note that the focus of this presentation is on the Church as well as past events or pastors – therefore most pictures of specific parishioners will not be included.

Senior Men’s High School Retreat
(Grades 11 & 12)

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Richmond Hill on Saturday, April 29, 2017 (from 9 am to 5 pm), providing a time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians will deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. For more information please contact your pastor or call the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Knights of Columbus

St. Edwards Knights of Columbus, Bishop Marrocco Council 16233, is preparing a Memorial Plaque to honour our deceased Brothers.

We want to include deceased St. Edwards Parishioners who were Brother Knights of Columbus, no matter what Council they belonged to.

Currently we plan on including the following deceased Brother names: Patrick Murphy, Donald Boyd, Doug Allard, John (Jack) Greenhill, Ken Davies, and Thomas Callaghan.

If you know of any other Knights from our Parish who qualify, please email Brother George Laceby PGK, at bygeorge2002@hotmail.com or call him at 416 562-7212 with the Brothers complete name and last known address so we add their names to our memorial plaque.