

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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DOES IT NOT strike you as amazing that Jesus calls on ordinary people to become his first disciples? Jesus wants them to join him in a new kind of community and to experience intimately a loving and faithful relationship with him and with each other. It is a call to proclaim “the good news of the kingdom” to all people they will encounter and minister to.

What would so profoundly influence their decision to become Jesus’ first disciples? I believe it was their faith in and desire for the love of God that inspired them to bring love and hope to a dark world. They were being given the opportunity through God’s gift of grace to change their ways and participate as a community in God’s plan of love and salvation.

During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, let this gospel serve as a reminder that Jesus summons all of us to be in real relationship with him and with those around us. As Christians in community, let us listen to Paul who reminds us we are “united in the same mind and for the same purpose,” to serve and care for those around us, especially for the poor. It is in communion with Jesus that our hope and promise of God’s abundant grace are to be found – a pure a gift for all of us. *(Reflection of Julia Cacia, from Living with Christ)*



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 23rd, 2017

8:30 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 24th, 2017

8:30 a.m. Kong Shui Ying

Wednesday, January 25th, 2017 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Kan Law Kwai Yang
+ Anne Clarke
+ Mario Manalo
+ Lam Pak Sing
Special Intentions

Thursday, January 26th, 2017

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Agatha Kim and Family

Friday, January 27th, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Carol Copp

Saturday, January 28th, 2017

4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of the Wong Family

Sunday, January 29th, 2017

8:00 a.m. + Henry & Kitty Grimes
9:30 a.m. + Maria & Simon Kurnat
11:00 a.m. + Paz Nambatac & Domingo Javier

Alpha Program

The Alpha Program has begun at St. Edward’s Parish. It is an opportunity to explore questions about life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. It begins with dinner at 6:30 p.m. each Monday in the parish hall (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.). Childcare provided. Contact Josh at jcanning@alphacanada.org

Children’s Choir

Rehearsal for the Children’s Choir will be held Thursdays, 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The children will sing every other week at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass. Those wishing to join are asked to attend the practice each Thursday. For more information, contact Marc Michalak, choir Director, at marcfmichalak@gmail.com

Milk Bag Mat

Thank you to all parishioners who donate empty milk bags, that are eventually made into mats for the poor. Larisa Mottaz, of St. Edward’s School Parent Council, invites everyone to the school gym this Monday evening, January 23rd, 7 – 8:30 p.m., to help in making the Milk Bag Mats.

Join the Parish Knights of Columbus!

St. Edward’s Parish Knights of Columbus is celebrating more than a year in Formation. It is open to new members, men (age 18 and older) who wish to join a great community of Catholic men, eager to serve the church and to be a part of a great fraternity of Brother Knights. For more information, contact Grand Knight, Peter Bernotas at 416-460-7089

The 3 Hail Mary’s

At the end of Mass we remain in our seats to offer 3 Hail Mary’s:

- For all the Veterans and uniformed men and women who put their lives ahead of others;
- For anyone suffering through pain or illness;
- For parishioners and families who may suffer the loss of a loved one this week.

This prayer is said to let all know how important your footprint is in our community and how cherished you really are.

High School Retreat

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at **Blessed Sacrament Parish, 24 Cheritan Avenue Toronto on Saturday, February 11, 2017 (from 9am to 5pm)**. Provides a time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. Day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. For more information please call the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

World Day for Consecrated Life

On Thursday, February 2, the Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 900 religious men and women of 100 different religious congregations. This World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will preside at a special Mass on Sunday, January 29 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.

Catholic Women's League 2017 – 2018 Executive

The Catholic Women's League of St. Edward's Parish recently elected its new executive for the coming year. Congratulations to the following women:

Marie Barry – President
Elisabeth Quail – President Elect & Organization
Susan Barry – Past President and Historian
Geraldine Rebello – Vice President and Community Life
Nancy Cummings – Secretary
Zanaida Wong – Treasurer
Genevieve Gonsalves – Chair, Spiritual Development
Maureen Grzywina – Chair, Resolutions
Debra LeBleu – Chair, Education and Health
Kathleen Sampson – Chair, Christian and Family Life

Ordinandi Dinner

Tuesday, March 7, 2017
Reception & Cash Bar – 5 p.m.
Dinner – 6:20 p.m. SHARP
Pearson Convention Centre
2638 Steeles Ave., East, Brampton

A dinner is being held to congratulate the graduating class of St. Augustine's Seminary (the men who will be ordained priests this spring). Deacon Favin Alemao, our former seminarian – intern, will be one of the men who will speak at the event. Fr. Pat has reserved 4 tables. The event includes a full course dinner and wine at each table. Tickets are \$70 per person. Fr. Pat will subsidise the tickets and offer them for \$50. Should anyone wish to donate a ticket for a young person to attend, please speak with Fr. Pat.

Tickets will be made available after each Mass starting this weekend.

St. Paul's Basilica – Thank You

The Christmas Co-ordinators at St. Paul's Basilica, Sharon Vernon and Betty MacNeil, recently sent Fr. Pat a thank-you note to be shared with the parish of St. Edward's. They wrote: "Christmas at St. Paul's was a wonderful blessing. Over 400 families thank you for making it all possible (through the "Angel Tree" Program). Each year we begin on Nov. 1st; people of all faiths are interviewed. We thank you for your generosity and kindness. Hopefully, we can look forward to your support in the future."

55+ Club

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our meetings, every Wednesday, from 1 – 3 p.m. A variety of activities are planned for the New Year.

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.