

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

2nd Sunday of Lent

LULLED BY THE repetition of my days, I often miss what matters most. Moments pass me like newsfeeds as I blindly scroll...scroll... scroll from one duty to the next. No wonder I grow jaded. Or rather: No *wonder*, I grow jaded.

Without even realizing – or perhaps because of it – I have grown bored, weary and indifferent. A sure sign it's time to take a hike.

Come on, Jesus says, tapping our shoulders, drawing us away to be alone with him on a mountaintop. Answer that invitation to rise above it all; to be still and breathe deep; to see Jesus with new eyes. Because no matter how well we think we know him, and no doubt his three closest disciples thought they did, Jesus always has more to reveal about himself, about his father, and about the world and our place in it.

When those men returned from the mountain that day, fish needed catching, buckets needed filling and fires needed stoking. Their world, duties and lives had not changed and yet, surely everything had. Now they knew; they'd seen; and they were filled with wonder. Time with Jesus does that.

Today as we celebrate Jesus' presence in the Eucharist, spend time with Jesus on that mountain. Feel the wonder. Listen to him. For even just a glimpse of his glory changes everything.

(Reflection of Caroline Pignat, from Living with Christ)

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

St. Edward's and Blessed Trinity parishes, jointly, will present a Lenten Mission, to be held at **Blessed Trinity from Monday, March 20th to Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017. Fr. Errol Fernandes, world renowned Jesuit priest,** will preach beginning with 7:00 p.m. Mass each evening. You are invited to follow Fr. Errol's daily reflections, which can be found on his Blog: <https://errolsj.blogspot.com/>. Come and spend the evenings preparing and reflecting as we enter into the heart of Lent. Confessions will be heard on Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Trinity. A number of priests will be available, including Fr. Pat.

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 hearts.

Dear Parishioners:

I wish to thank our Youth Director, Kimberly Go, and our seminarian, John Sutka, for helping me to facilitate two Confirmation Retreats this past week (Tuesday and Friday) for the students of our parish schools, public schools and private schools who are being prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which they will receive in late April. I also thank the many volunteers who took time to help us. I invite your prayers for all students who are preparing to celebrate this most important sacrament.

Fr. Pat

CWL SPECIAL PROJECT

The St. Edward's Catholic Women's League is running a special project to raise funds for a canoe for Camp Ozanam, a camp for disadvantaged boys run by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

To raise funds for the canoe, the CWL is selling a recipe book, entitled, "By Popular Demand", for \$10, following Masses this weekend and next. They will gladly accept any freewill offerings as well for the canoe project. If you have any questions, or are interested in learning more about the CWL, please contact Marie Barry at 647-351-3788.

Come & See Weekend – March 17 to 19, 2017

Come and See Weekend – Friday, March 17 (Begins at 7 p.m.) to Sunday, March 19, 2017 at St. Augustine's Seminary. Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, 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 Fr. Pat or the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org

St. Patrick's Day Annual Mass

Friday, March 17th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
Presider and Homilist; Bishop John Boissonneau
Music by St. Michael's Choir School Alumni
and Eithne Heffernan, Irish Harpist
ALL WELCOME

MARCH 12, 2017



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 13th, 2017

8:30 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special Intention

Wednesday, March 15th, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Candida Lobo

Thursday, March 16th, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Vito Saracino & Family

Friday, March 17th, 2017

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Mac Regis

7:30 p.m. + Honorina Franco

Saturday, March 18th, 2017

4:30 p.m. + Idaco Gervasio

Sunday, March 19th, 2017

8:00 a.m. + Bonnie Ann Smith

9:30 a.m. + Grainne Leahy

11:00 a.m. + Vincenzo & Anna Saracino

FRIDAYS IN LENT

Besides the regular morning Mass at 8:30 a.m., there will be:

6:30 p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. – Mass

Knitting Group

The seniors' 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.

Fruit Cake Sale

For all those who didn't have a chance to taste the delicious fruit cake made by the Monks of Val Notre-Dave Abbey and sold last weekend, there is still an opportunity to order some. To do so, please contact Yolanda Chin at 416-226-3619. Large cakes (1 kg) are \$20.00 and smaller ones (600 g) are \$15.00 – all proceeds go to the Campaign for Life Coalition.

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.



Now accepting EDGE Registrations!

For students in Grade 6 - 8

Come by the office, email us, or visit our website (www.stedward.ca) for the EDGE Registration Form.

Registration fee is \$25. Submit the completed form with payment to the parish office. If there are any financial difficulties, please contact our Youth Director, Kimberly Go, at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com.

Kick-Off: Friday, April 28, 2017!

Coins for Life 2017

Parishioners are welcome to take home a coin box during Lent in support of the work of Campaign Life. This also supports the Annual March for Life in Ottawa. This can be a great spiritual exercise during Lent in support of pro-life. Boxes will be made available after all Masses on a table in the lobby.

Chiara Lubich & the Family

The Focolare Movement invites you to an afternoon dedicated to “**the renewal of family life in the light of Chiara’s Spirituality of Unity**” featuring some aspects of her thought and the impact it has had on families.

Sunday, March 12, 2017 – 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

St. Edward the Confessor Parish Hall

75 Churchill Avenue, North York

ShareLife

Living the Gospel by providing for vocations to the priesthood...

“Living and studying at St. Augustine’s can bring untold blessings into the lives of those entering ministry,” shares Matt McCarthy, a current Seminarian. Matt’s interest in sports and his desire to enter the priesthood and minister to those in his community, gives him an opportunity to serve the Church in a unique way. At ShareLife-funded agencies such as Serra House, St. Augustine’s and Redemptoris Mater Seminaries, individuals undergo extensive theological education and practical field training. Through ShareLife, you are helping to sustain vocations to the priesthood and inspire discernment for God’s call. **Last year ShareLife helped support 70 seminarians in their formation studies**

Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday

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