

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Parishioners:

I wish to draw your attention to a few spiritual initiatives specifically designed to help enhance our Lenten preparation for Easter.

Firstly, I invite you to attend the Lenten Mission which begins this Monday at our neighbouring parish, Blessed Trinity (address). Fr. Ed Murphy and I are pleased to jointly host this retreat which will be conducted by Fr. Errol Fernandes, a well-known Jesuit retreat director. It will be held Monday - Wednesday of this week, beginning with Mass at 7 p.m. On Thursday evening, at 7 p.m., I will join with other priests at Blessed Trinity as we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Secondly, I encourage you to attend our Stations of the Cross, each Friday, at 7 p.m. Mass will follow at 7:30 p.m. For those unable to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Blessed Trinity, we will host a Day of Confessions on Friday, March 31st, from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., here at St. Edward's Church. A priest will be available during those times in the church.

Finally, please note, elsewhere in this bulletin, a special project for Lent, in which parishioners are invited to donate socks for the homeless men and women of Toronto. Students and adults will take these socks, as well as sandwiches to the streets of Toronto, on Friday, March 31st.

In conclusion, I wish to thank those who have contributed to the Catholic Women's League project of the purchase of a canoe for Camp Ozanam, a summer camp run by the St. Vincent de Paul Association. Those still wishing to donate are most welcome to do so this weekend.

May God bless all our efforts in this Lenten season.

Fr. Pat

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

Thank You!

Fr. Pat wishes to thank all who assisted and/or volunteered to make our recent St. Patrick's Dinner Dance such a great success. A special thanks to Juliet and Archie Santos, and all the members of The Social Committee, who worked hard to ensure a great and lively event!



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 20th, 2017

8:30 a.m. + James & Margaret Smith

Tuesday, March 21st, 2017

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Christopher Kim

Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Josephine Seol

Thursday, March 23rd, 2017

8:30 a.m. + James Weber

Friday, March 24th, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Luciana Deitos

7:30 p.m. + Jacquelyn Losier

Saturday, March 25th, 2017

4:30 p.m. + Matthew Meagher

Sunday, March 26th, 2017

8:00 a.m. + Benjamin Longo

9:30 a.m. + Emma Olaso

11:00 a.m. + Terese, Lucia & Joe Donato

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 each of the Masses this weekend. 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.

CWL Meeting with Special Guest Speaker Thursday, March 23

We will begin with Mass at 7 pm, followed by the meeting in the hall. Speaker Pauline Murphy, front-line refugee missionary, will speak about her involvement with refugees and the missions that she has worked with. Refreshments included. All women of the parish are invited.

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.

Join the 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 (18 and older) who wish to join a great Catholic fraternity of men, eager to serve the Church. We were delighted to receive close to ten new applicants following the announcements two weeks ago, including a number of young men. For more information, contact Peter Bernotas, Grand Knight, at 416-460-7089. We meet the second Thursday of each month, beginning with a meal at 7:00 pm. The meeting is from 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

Special Outreach Project

Students from Cardinal Carter School for the Arts will come to St. Edward's Parish hall on Friday, March 31st, at 12:30 p.m., to help in making sandwiches to distribute that afternoon to the homeless in downtown Toronto. They will be assisted by their chaplain and teachers. Fr. Pat will join them, bless them, and lead them in prayer as all journey to Toronto to distribute the food.

Parishioners are welcome to join the students in the preparation of the sandwiches. In particular, parishioners are invited to donate socks for the homeless men and women and drop them off at this event, or prior. While a special project for Lent, we hope to do more of this in conjunction with our youth.



**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.

Refugee Family

Fr. Pat and the Refugee committee of the parish continue to monitor the progress of the family that we hope to sponsor. As an update, they have received a "G" number (government number) and have recently completed their physicals. They still await personal interviews which will determine their eventual approval. Regrettably, all of this takes time and no one is able to predict the length of time this may take in terms of their hopeful arrival to Canada. In the meantime, please continue to pray for this family and for all awaiting sponsorship.

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.

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 you may contact Marie Heard at 416-222-5139.

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.

FOR FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

The Feast Day of St. Joseph, Patron of Canada, will be celebrated this Monday, March 20, at 8:30 a.m.

Msgr. Ambrose Sheehy will celebrate the Mass. While the Feast Day of St. Joseph is normally celebrated on March 19th, due to the 19th being on a Sunday this year, the Feast is moved to the next day, Monday, March 20th. All are welcome.

MEMORARE TO ST. JOSEPH

Remember, O most illustrious St. Joseph, that never has it been heard that anyone who invoked your protection or sought your assistance has not been heard. In this confidence I come to

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you, my loving protector, Spouse of Mary, legal father of Jesus
and dispenser of the treasures of His Most Sacred Heart.
Graciously hear and answer my prayer. Amen.