

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS GOSPEL PASSAGE recounts the first of four challenges to Jesus from Jewish leaders. The message Jesus preached had reached them and threatened the détente they had attained with the Romans who had mandated that taxes had to be paid. Tragically, this made the Jewish people complicit in their own oppression. Jesus' retort challenges the Pharisees and us to look beyond the obvious and remain focused on what belongs to God.

Although paying taxes still rankles us, we recognize that they provide education, healthcare, a standard of living and more that could not be sustained otherwise. The common good, a principle of Catholic social teaching, can only be achieved and maintained if we come together in concern for one another.

Today is World Mission Sunday. Through our generosity, we can extend our concern beyond our borders to our brothers and sisters who are in need in every corner of the world. Our contributions testify to the fact that we believe that all of humanity is from God and worthy of our care.

Jesus counters the Pharisees by asking whose image was stamped on their coin. For us, the important question goes beyond image. We are challenged to declare that it is Jesus, the son of the living God, who lives in our hearts, so that we might place love above all else.

(Reflection of Connie Paré from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, October 23rd, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Cornelio Romero

Tuesday, October 24th, 2017 Multi-Intention

8:30 a.m. + Eugeniusz Klepacki Neres
+ Leo Wigglesworth

Wednesday, October 25th, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Rosina Spinelli

Thursday, October 26th, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Jack Gillett

Friday, October 27th, 2017

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Wong Bik Kwan

Saturday, October 28th, 2017

4:30 p.m. + Norberto Franco

Sunday, October 29th, 2017

8:00 a.m. + Jerzy Wojdylo

9:30 a.m. + Kristen Song

11:00 a.m. + Felicisimo V. Ramos Sr.



The Great Pumpkin Drop-In Party

On **Saturday, October 28 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**, join us for our annual **Great Pumpkin Drop-In Party** at St. Edward the Confessor's Parish Hall! Parents are welcome to drop in with their children to watch a classic Halloween movie. In anticipation for Halloween, or All Hallows' Eve, enjoy delicious treats, warm drinks, arts and crafts, fun games, and more! Hope to see you there!

ALPHA

Join us on Mondays at 6:30p.m. to experience Alpha. Alpha is a series of dinner and discussion of life's most meaningful questions in a friendly and accessible environment. Admission is free and friends are welcome. Childcare is provided as well. Learn more at www.alphacanada.org



EDGE Youth Ministry

EDGE is back at St. Edward's!

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

When? October 27, 2017 from 7:00-9:00pm

Where? St Edward's Church (Parish Hall)

What? "One Direction" – The Communion of Saints

Registrations are still open! **The EDGE Registration Fee for 2017-2018 (September to June) is \$50.00 per child and \$30.00 each for siblings.** Please contact Kimberly Go at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com for registration and/or more information.

Community Service Hours

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved at St. Edward's, particularly high school students seeking community service hours. For various volunteer opportunities, please contact our Youth Minister, Kimberly Go, at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com.

55+ Club

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our weekly meetings, every Wednesday, from 1 – 3 p.m.

**Reflection by
Seminarian Shawn D'Souza**

As I was reflecting on the passage, Malachi 3:14, the question, "What do we profit by keeping God's command?" struck me. In the past, I used to think, "Well, I kept the commandments of the Lord, but *why should I? What am I going to get out of it?*" I used to say to myself, "I have prayed and God has not given me anything." When I say "*anything*" I mean material things. Now, if this is the criteria of my prayer life and my prayers are always about receiving, then I need to examine my prayer life and a different direction in prayer needs to be considered. There is nothing wrong with having a prayer of petition, (i.e., if we need something then we ask God for it). In the scriptures, Jesus says, "Your Father knows what you need before you ask him." (Matt. 6:8). So, if I am always asking and doing the talking, then consideration needs to be given to what God might actually want of me. Like the words of the Old Testament, "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10), prayer then does not become about just taking things, but also about giving of ourselves, essentially listening. In listening, we will develop an intimate relationship with God.

I reflected on my life in the past and I found that I would chase material wealth a lot. Material things would consume my thoughts. I began to ask, "Do these material things really fulfill me?" I thought I had it all when I was working (i.e., my close circle of friends, expensive things, etc.). Yet, it left me feeling empty. I began to ask myself, "What is my life amounting to?" And, "What is the purpose of my existence?" I looked to the scriptures for answers and the scriptures challenged me to ask the right question, "What is it that I ought to truly desire? Fame, money, etc. or should it be God Himself?" I began to realize that all these things are passing, and have a temporal value, which means they are only temporary, but God is not passing and He has eternal value. Hence, a relationship with God is much more important and more fulfilling.

Going back to the question "What profit do we have in keeping God's command?" Well, the answer can be found in the Gospel. Jesus says, "How much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask of him" (Luke 11:13). The emphasis is on the "*Holy Spirit*". It is the Spirit of God that enables us to live a life in the Trinity which is a life of fullness and well-being, while being one with God. God is the true pearl of great price! It was never the *gift*, but rather *the one giving it* who was, is and always will be most important. Let us keep our eyes focused on God desiring Him above all other things .

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION



Parents/Guardians who wish to register their children for the Sacrament of Confirmation are **required** to attend a Registration and Information Session at the parish on **Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.**

Parents are asked to bring a photocopy of the student's Baptismal certificate. If you do not have one, simply contact the parish where your child was baptized (even if overseas) and they will re-issue one for you.

At the Registration Night, Fr. Pat will outline the program of study for the respective schools, and the program for those attending public and private schools. For students attending public schools, classes will be held at the parish church; a schedule for those classes will be provided to the parents at the Registration Night. If parents have further questions or concerns, contact our Sacramental Coordinator Kimberly Go at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Sunday, April 22nd at 2:00 p.m.**

Employment Opportunity at St. Edward's - Caretaker

A job posting has been placed on the Archdiocese of Toronto website. For job responsibilities and general requirements, please go to <https://www.archtoronto.org/contact-us/employment-opportunities>. If interested, submit your resumé with cover letter to pastor.stedward@rogers.com. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Come & See Weekend - November 3 to 5, 2017

Come and See Weekend – Friday, November 3 (begins at 7 p.m.) to Sunday, November 5 at St. Augustine's Seminary: Inviting single Catholic men 17 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. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. Please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org

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.