

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners:

I am pleased to welcome, this weekend, Terry McDermott, a parish nurse, who will inform us of the work of the Coalition for Health Care & Conscience (of which the Archdiocese of Toronto is an active member). In particular, there has been engagement around the issue of euthanasia/assisted suicide for some time. She will speak on this.

All parishes have been invited to participate in the Call for Conscience Campaign. This initiative invites all parishioners to ask Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's) to provide robust conscience protection for medical professionals in Ontario.

Terry will speak briefly, at the end of Mass, to inform more about this initiative and to invite interested parishioners to fill in forms they may send to their local MPP's. These forms will be made available after Mass in the parish hall.

I also thank the Catholic Women's League for their leadership in this cause. They will also be present in the parish hall to inform of their local council, and to welcome any new members. I thank the CWL for also providing coffee and refreshments as people gather in the hall this weekend.

God Bless
Fr. Pat



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 20th, 2017

8:30 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, February 21st, 2017 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Kalman Vida
+ Robert Woodcock

Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Michael Sutka

Thursday, February 23rd, 2017

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Sean Gyotat

Friday, February 24th, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Annabel Marchildon

Saturday, February 25th, 2017

4:30 p.m. + Vincenzo & Anna Saracino

Sunday, February 26th, 2017

8:00 a.m. + For all Deceased Members of Devaraj Family
9:30 a.m. + Marilyn Sutton
11:00 a.m. + Michelle Wallis-Trentadue

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. St. Edward's will be hosting this event on **Friday, March 3rd, 12:00 – 2:00 pm**. This year, we are praying for the Philippines. All are welcome.



Now accepting EDGE Registrations! For students in Grade 6 - 8

Registration forms are available for pick-up at the youth ministry table in the lobby. Completed forms with enclosed cash/cheques are to be dropped off at the parish office anytime during office hours. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Youth Director, Kimberly Go, at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) will be celebrated on **Wednesday, February 22nd, at 7:00 p.m.** (please note time change from last week's bulletin) for students of our parish schools who registered this past Fall in preparation for their First Reconciliation and Communion. Parents are asked to bring their children to the Church by **6:45 p.m.** Extra priests will be on hand to assist in hearing confessions. Let us pray for all those preparing for this important Sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Confirmation Retreats

The Confirmation Retreats will be held at St. Edward's on:

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for St. Edward's School (plus private and public school candidates).

and

Friday, March 10, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for St. Antoine Daniel School and St. Cyril School (plus private and public school candidates).

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.

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. For more information, contact the Grand Knight, Peter Bernotas at 416-460-7089. We meet the second Thursday of each month.

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.

Pancake Sunday

The Knights of Columbus will host an early "Shrove Tuesday" next Sunday, Feb. 26th, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Pancakes and sausages, coffee and juice will be served. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. Tickets are available after all Masses.

IRISH CONCERT

In anticipation of St. Patrick's Day, Eithne Heffernan, renowned Irish Harpist, will offer a special concert of Irish Celtic and Religious music on:

Saturday March 4th, from 5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
(after a short break following the 4:30 p.m. Mass.)
Free will offering

(Eithne will also play the Harp at the 4:30 p.m. Mass)

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.

Choral Scholarships

St. Edward's Choral Scholarships were created for young talented singers to support and nurture our music ministries. The proud winners are Evan Morrin (tenor) and Katherine Ma (soprano). Here's a little something about them:

Evan Morin is a student at Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts in the vocal program; he studies voice as well as piano at the RCM Grade 10 level. He has sung with numerous choirs including the Orpheus Choir and the Upper Canada Chorus. Since beginning voice lessons at the age of 8, Evan has won many gold medals, including the RCM gold medal for voice -- four times -- for highest exam mark in Ontario and Quebec. After singing with the St. Edwards choir for four years, Evan is delighted to have been chosen to receive this scholarship.

Katherine Ma is 15 years old (going on 16), and a tenth grader attending the TOPS Program at Marc Garneau C.I. In the past, she has participated in choirs at Claude Watson School for the Arts and at the RCM. She enjoys all types of music, from singing to playing piano, flute, and writing or composing; she once performed her own composition, a flute piece, at her school concert. She has been a parishioner at St. Edward's Parish for 3 years. Congratulation to both of them!

LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1st

Mass with Distribution of Ashes

8:30 a.m.

12:10 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Note: following the 12:10 p.m. mass, people are welcome into the parish hall for a cup of warm soup, courtesy of the 55+ Club.

FRIDAYS IN LENT

8:30 a.m. Mass

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

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. Mass