

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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AS CHRISTIANS, WE are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We must keep our fervor in spreading the good news of the gospel. Unfortunately, there are many forces trying to suppress our faith. Our own culture would prefer that we hush up about it. Sadly, there is even a growing attitude among Christians that we should keep our faith to ourselves.

What could be further from our vocation? A relationship with Jesus Christ, the son of God, is our source of happiness and fulfillment. It is the only path to eternal life. In a world starved of true joy, how can we not spread the message of God's love? If you found the cure for cancer, would you keep it to yourself?

Let us not shy away from proclaiming our faith. This does not mean shouting on street corners, but rather witnessing within the context of a relationship. Pray for the opportunity, and always be an example of holiness. When the right time comes, have that crucial conversation with your friend, co-worker or family member. Remind them that Jesus loves them and wants a relationship with them more than anything. Be not afraid; the Holy Spirit is with you. May we go forward as faithful Christians to enlighten the world with our faith!

(Reflection of Connor Brownridge, for Living with Christ)

St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance

The Social Committee is pleased to inform we shall host a St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance on Saturday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. There will be live music, a D.J. and full supper. Tickets are \$30 per person and will go on sale, starting next weekend after all Masses.

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

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.



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 6th, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Yung Fu and Kee Sau Yuan

Tuesday, February 7th, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Frederick D'Souza and Family

Wednesday, February 8th, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Thursday, February 9th, 2017

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

Friday, February 10th, 2017 Multi-intentio

8:30 a.m. (L) Soo-Yong Thomas Seol

(L) Sang Jim Moss Lee

(L) Ok Kyung Julie Kim

Saturday, February 11th, 2017

4:30 p.m. + Vincenzo & Giuseppina Ruggiero

Sunday, February 12th, 2017

8:00 a.m. + Walter Hausherr

9:30 a.m. + Paul Joseph Ricciardi

11:00 a.m. + Tekla & Frank Ramski



EDGE Youth Ministry

is coming soon to St. Edward the Confessor Parish!
All students in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited!

Parent Information Sessions: Sunday, February 5 at 12pm (in the Parish Hall after the 11am Mass) OR Thursday, February 9 at 7pm (in the Parish Lower Hall). Questions or concerns? Contact Kimberly Go at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com. Stay tuned for more exciting news and information!

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

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

Family of Faith

Thank you for your commitment to our parish's Family of Faith campaign. To help ensure our parish benefits from your help on a timely basis, please make sure your payment information is up-to-date. Donations/payments are to be sent directly to the Donations Processing Centre at:

Donations Processing Centre
Family of Faith Campaign
1155 Yonge Street
Toronto, Ontario M4T 1W2

You should contact the Centre when your address changes or your payment method/information changes (eg. a new card or a new card expiry date). The email address is campaign@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 x555

Income Tax Receipts for 2016

The Family of Faith campaign will be issuing 2016 tax receipts for Family of Faith donations by the end of February 2017. These receipts are not issued by our parish. If you prefer to receive your **Family of Faith** tax receipt via e-mail, please contact the Donations Processing Centre via campaign@archtoronto.org and provide your full name, address, and the name of your parish.

Income tax receipts issued by our parish for your 2016 donations have been mailed.

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.

Pancake Sunday

The Knights of Columbus will host an early "Shrove Tuesday" on the **last Sunday** of February, Feb. 26th, following the 11 a.m. Mass. Pancakes and sausages, coffee and juice will be served. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. Tickets go on sale next weekend.

Save the Date!
July 23-28, 2017

We're excited to announce that our Totus Tuus summer camp is returning to St. Edward the Confessor this summer on July 23-28!

Registration to follow at a later date. But in the meantime, save the date and stay tuned for upcoming announcements!

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. We are looking for volunteers to help plan and/or host this event. For more information, please contact Alice Trudeau at 416-733-3333.

Senior Residence Mass

Fr. Pat will celebrate Mass at our Senior Residences on the following dates in February:

Friday, February 10th – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, February 10th – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 16th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

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 Association of our parish works faithfully to serve the needs of the less fortunate. Thank you for opening your hearts to the poor and needy.