

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6th Sunday of Easter

DO YOU EVER feel alone? We all do at times, but in today's gospel we are reminded that we are never truly alone. The Advocate, the Spirit of truth, has been given to us by God and is abiding with us, inclining our hearts to make the right choice about where to go, what path to take, what decision to make at any given moment.

'Abide' is one of the most beautiful words in Scripture. With the noise of the world surrounding us, and perhaps an agitated spirit (which is not of the Spirit) circulating in us, it is not always easy to hear this abiding Spirit of truth. God is with me, and I am in God; what can be more beautiful or life-affirming?

How can we know this Spirit of truth? We need to ask the Holy Spirit to lead us to the deepest desire of our hearts, to show us where the Spirit dwells – and then the truth will be revealed.

The Spirit of truth is not temporary or passing – it is a promise forever. In these times where a commitment for "forever" is rare, it is comforting to know that we can count on the Holy Spirit in this ever-changing, ever-challenging world.

Let us give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

(Reflection of Sr. Nancy Sullivan CSJ, from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 22nd, 2017

7:30 a.m. + Vincenzo & Anna Saracino

Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017

7:30 a.m. + George Le Blanc

Wednesday, May 24th, 2017 Multi-intention

7:30 a.m. + Manuel Veloso
Angela & Michael Liam &
Daerek Bunn – Safe Travel

Thursday, May 25th, 2017

7:30 a.m. + Rosina Spinelli

Friday, May 26th, 2017

7:30 a.m. + Marie Callaghan

Saturday, May 27th, 2017

4:30 p.m. + Maria Romano

Sunday, May 28th, 2017

8:00 a.m. + Jacqueline McCaig
9:30 a.m. + Vincenzo & Anna Saracino
11:00 a.m. + Anthony Laraze & Perlita Tristan

75th Anniversary Year

"Even in 1930 the intersection of Yonge Street and Sheppard Avenue was a muddy corner, with Yonge Street running south to Toronto many miles away."

—Opening sentence from the Parish History written in 1964

As the community of St. Edward's grew it became harder and harder to hold Masses in the original Mission Church and a new Church was commissioned on Yonge Street. This new Church became a vibrant hub of activity as it received a new pastor – Bishop Francis Marrocco. St. Edward's was honoured to host a bishop as its pastor and Bishop Marrocco helped to define the community of St. Edward's, starting many traditions that would continue for years to come. The Knights of Columbus council was later named in honour of this highly influential priest and the community was forever changed because of him.

Join us on Sunday, June 11th for the kick-off to our 75th Anniversary Year with a special Mass to be said by Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins at 11:00 AM followed by a reception in the hall.

We are still accepting pictures of past (pre-2014) Church events to help with a presentation to be shown during the reception. Of particular interest, right now are pictures of priests from the 90's (Father Cryer and Fr. Robitaille) and 2000's (Father Jon Bromley and Fr. Paul Saleh. You can send the pictures digitally to pastor.stedward@rogers.com or bring them into the office to be photocopied.

Totus Tuus Summer Camp

Registration for Totus Tuus (July 23-28, 2017) is now open! Totus Tuus is a unique and fun-filled program featuring a team of four college-age students who will engage our youth with a week-long program focusing on the Catholic faith. **Day Camp (students entering grades 1-6)** Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.. Bring your own lunch. Registration fee is \$75.00 per child. The **Evening Program (students entering grades 7-12)** Sunday to Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$25.00 per person. Registration forms available on the table in the lobby. For more information contact: Kimberly Go at: stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com or call St. Edward's Parish at 416-221-9131.

MAY 21, 2017

A Wonderful First Mass

Fr. Pat wishes to thank all parishioners for their great support of Fr. Favin Alemao, as he celebrated his First Mass at St. Edward's Church this past weekend. So many people commented on the beautiful and inspiring Mass, and the many priests, deacons, sisters and seminarians who attended. A special touch was the presence of Fr. Favin's brother, Fr. Ryan Alemao, who was also ordained to the priesthood, as well as the Alemao family, to include their 90 year old grandmother, who travelled from India. A special word of thanks to the choir and all who assisted at the Mass. Finally, Fr. Pat wishes to thank the Catholic Women's League, and all who assisted them, for hosting an outstanding reception following the Mass. It was a very memorable day, and the flowers for all mothers on the occasion of Mother's Day was also appreciated by the mothers who attended. Let us continue to pray for Fr. Favin and Fr. Ryan, and all the newly ordained, as they serve the Church through their Priesthood.

Construction Notice for Parishioners

The parking lot will be **CLOSED weekdays** but will re-open for Saturdays and Sundays.

Fr. Pat did not wish to cancel the daily Mass so it has been moved earlier in the morning to 7:30 a.m. and will be celebrated at St. Cyril School (in the school hall) 18 Kempford Blvd., until further notice. This change will allow the construction teams full access to the front of our church during the duration of their work and better access for their trucks and equipment (the weekend Mass will be held as usual at the church). Thank you for your patience during this period of construction.

Monsignor Ambrose Sheehy – 50th Anniversary

In honour of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Reverend Monsignor Ambrose Sheehy, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 12:15 p.m. at Blessed Trinity Church, 3220 Bayview Avenue, Toronto. A reception will follow in the parish hall. R.S.V.P. on or before May 23, 2017 to blessed_trinity@rogers.com. Additional parking is available at Blessed Trinity School (east side of Bayview), Bayview Arena (north of the church) 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Medical Centre (north of the church).

TCDSB Staff Arts presents "Into the Woods"

The Toronto Catholic District School Board Staff Arts, will present "Into the Woods". Stephen Sondheim's renowned Tony Award winning musical.

Friday, June 9 – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 10 – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 15 – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 17 – 7:30 p.m.

Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts

36 Greenfield Ave., North York

Tickets: \$ 25:00 **Phone:** 416-222-8282 ext. 2787

Web: www.tcdsb.org/staffarts

Poster: <http://bit.ly/TCDSBintothewoods>

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 heart.

Archdiocese of Toronto Celebrates 175th Anniversary

December 17, 2016 marked the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, kicking off a year-long celebration of this historic milestone. Originally part of the Diocese of Kingston, on December 17, 1841, Pope Gregory XVI formally created the Diocese of Toronto and named Michael Power its first bishop. The Archdiocese of Toronto is planning numerous historical and spiritual activities to commemorate the 175th anniversary, including a largescale celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on **May 30, 2017**. For more information on the Archdiocese of Toronto 175th celebrations visit: www.archtoronto.org

EDGE Youth Ministry

All students in **grades 6, 7, and 8** are invited to our upcoming EDGE Night!

When? May 26, 2017 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Where? St. Edward's Church (Parish Hall)

What? Three in One Love – A catechesis night on the Trinity

For more information or to register, please contact: Kimberly Go at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com Registration forms are available on the table in the lobby or at www.stedward.ca