

4th Sunday of Easter

Toronto Catholic District School Board Awards

HE CALLS US by name.

After a long winter, spring finally arrives in the Yukon, sometimes as late as May. When it comes, it is like a sudden revelation. First, a faint tinge of green sweeps across barren hillsides. In just days, trees burst out in full leaf. Long silent, held fast in a snow-covered land, life breaks free, filling the valleys and mountains to the brim.

Renewed by the increasing warmth of the sun, northerners deeply savour this abundance of creation. How many times have I climbed high to try to take in this majesty even more deeply from the vantage of some mountain pasture? In the words of the Bard of the Yukon, Robert Service, "It's the beauty that thrills me with wonder, it's the stillness that fills me with peace."

No matter what we have suffered or how much we have been asked to endure, the hope-filled offer of new life presents itself over and over again to us physically and spiritually. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter called out to the "corrupt generation" of his day. "Repent, and be baptized," he urged. Do we hear the voice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, calling today?

What does Jesus tell us of his vocation? "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Green pastures await us if only we enter through his gate.

(Reflection of Michael Dougherty, from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 8th, 2017

7:00 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Tuesday, May 9th, 2017

7:30 a.m. + Robert Woodcock

Wednesday, May 10th, 2017 Multi-intention

7:30 a.m. + Deceased Members of San Juan Family

Thursday, May 11th, 2017

7:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving to Immaculate Mary

Friday, May 12th, 2017

7:30 a.m. + George Le Blanc

Saturday, May 13th, 2017

4:30 p.m. + Deceased Members of the Mesiano Family

Sunday, May 14th, 2017

8:00 a.m. + Yung Fu & Kee Sau Yuan

9:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving to Our Lady

11:00 a.m. + Eric D. Ramos

Fr. Pat, our Pastor was awarded the 2017 (TCDSB) Award of Merit, for his leadership in promoting positive relationships between parish and schools, at a ceremony held this past Monday, May 1st, at the Toronto Catholic District School Board. Other winners included Dr. Mark McGowan, Professor and Author at the University of Toronto, and Bruce Rivers, Executive Director of Covenant House.

As well, Lisa Canning, a parishioner of St. Edward's Parish, and co-director of ALPHA, received the 2017 Alumni Award of the TCDSB; a graduate of Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts, Lisa was honoured for her continued involvement in the Catholic community and as one who has distinguished herself in her career as a designer.

The awards night also included awards being presented to almost 100 students throughout the Toronto Catholic District School Board for individual and group achievements. Congratulations to all those recognized as leaders in the Catholic community!

Construction Notice for Parishioners

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

Please note that rainy weather might make the parking lot quite messy, so please be careful when walking. You may wish to consider parking on nearby streets, or if you live nearby, you might wish to walk to Church.

A CHANGE TO THE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE DURING CONSTRUCTION

Please note Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, May 8th, at St. Edward's Church. **However, starting Tuesday, May 9th, daily Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. at St. Cyril's School, 18 Kempford Blvd., until further notice.** Mass will be held in the school hall. 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. We wish to continue offering a daily mass, even if we have to move it to the school for a short time.

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer
Friday, May 12, 2017

On this day, Cardinal Collins has asked that we all take the time, as a community, to pray for all vocations; priesthood, religious and consecrated life. During this time, we also ask that you pray for our five soon-to-be priests along with all those who are discerning or who are currently in formation. The morning Mass, on May 12th, at St. Edward's will highlight a time of prayer for Vocations, and in anticipation of the Ordinations the next day.

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

75 years ago in the place where Cardinal Carter stands today a small Church was blessed and named by Archbishop McGuigan. The small community had been using the Church hall for a number of years already for Masses and the Archdiocese of Toronto was finally ready to recognize this new Church as a part of it – they named it the Church of Saint Edward the Confessor. From this new Church a community flourished and grew larger and larger.

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.

In anticipation of the upcoming 75th Anniversary of St. Edward the Confessor parish on Sunday, June 11th, the social committee is preparing a presentation to be held after the Mass on the history of our parish. If any parishioners have old photos of any previous pastors, Church events or other Church photos, they are asked to email them to the parish office at pastor.stedward@rogers.com or bring them into the office to be photocopied. Please note that the focus of this presentation is on the Church as well as past events or pastors – therefore most pictures of specific parishioners will not be included.

Senior Residence Masses – May 2017

Friday, May 12th – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, May 12th – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 17th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

ShareLife

Living the Gospel by providing for those in need...

"One of the core components of our Pastoral Plan in Catholic Outreach is Justice and Love. As a Catholic community we are called to be the hands and face of Jesus in our communities. One of the ways that we do this is through our annual ShareLife appeal, which provides resources to agencies serving the poor and marginalized not only in our archdiocese, but also around the world. ShareLife is a tangible way that we can put the Gospel value to love one another as I have loved you into action, and I invite all parishioners to support the mission work of the Catholic Church by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife." – Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

Today is ShareLife Sunday – May 7, 2017
Thank you for your generosity

Ordination

Deacon Favin Alemao will be ordained to the Priesthood next Saturday, May 13th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All are welcome.

Fr. Pat will provide a bus for those who are unable to drive or take public transportation. The bus departs at 8:00 a.m. from St. Edward's and leaves St. Michael's Cathedral at noon. Sign-up sheets available after the weekend Masses.

The following day, Sunday, May 14th at 11:00 a.m., Father Favin will celebrate his First Mass here at St. Edward's. All are welcome.

Congratulations

Fr. Pat wishes to congratulate, on behalf of the parish, all the students who will be making their First Communion this weekend. We look forward to their Reception of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist on a regular basis as they continue to deepen their relationship with the Lord.

St. Edward's Catholic Women's League
Geranium Sale – May 20 – 21, 2017

Beautiful, mature plants delivered directly from the nursery. Reasonable prices. Pre-order after all Masses in foyer. For more information, contact Susan Barry at 416-223-5261

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.