

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THIS YEAR WE listen to the Evangelist Mark. His is the shortest of the four Gospels. In today's few verses, Mark reveals the intensity and urgency of Jesus.

Jesus was compelled to share the Good News as deeply and broadly as possible. Look at the work he accomplishes in one day. First, he teaches in the synagogue and frees a man from an unclean spirit. Then, in Simon's home, he heals Simon's mother-in-law of serious fever. And then, he spends the evening healing the sick and casting out demons. Mark tells us that the whole city was gathered at the door.

After all that intense effort, Jesus is up the next morning before sunrise and goes away to pray alone. His energy is renewed in prayer with his Father and then he sets out again, moving from one town to the next, proclaiming the loving mercy of God. Let us remember, he walked everywhere he went.

Jesus knew his mission. He had no time to waste.

Do we dare ask for that grace of urgency? We can try. Start each day in prayer, deliberately treat everyone we meet as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, and stay alert for God's invitations to live ever more deeply in his love and mercy. (*Reflection of Marilyn Sweet, from Living with Christ*)



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 5th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Rose Anne Clancy

Tuesday, February 6th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Cristina Camus

Wednesday, February 7th, 2018 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Amilcare, Giulia & Pompilio Iannucci
+ Douglas Bonney

Thursday, February 8th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Friday, February 9th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Una De Souza

Saturday, February 10th, 2018

4:30 p.m. Special Intention for Thomas Seol

Sunday, February 11th, 2018

8:00 a.m. + Vincenzo & Anna Saracino
9:30 a.m. + Katharina & Joseph Bischoff
11:00 a.m. + Tekla & Frank Ramski

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Kasun – February 11, 2018 - 3 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2018 celebrations, Bishop Kasun will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2018. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th+ wedding anniversary this year, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place Sunday, February 11th, 3:00 p.m. at **Blessed Trinity Parish (3220 Bayview Ave., North York)**. A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend - couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling (416) 934-3400, x 523.

Special Note: Fr. Pat would like to acknowledge and bless those in our parish community, who are celebrating special anniversaries at each of our parish Masses, the weekend of Feb. 10th/11th. Kindly leave your name, the anniversary date, and the Mass you will be attending, at the parish office before Feb. 9th, 2018. Thank you!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) will be celebrated this Tuesday, February 6th, at 7:00 p.m., 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 7:00 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.

Pancake Sunday

The Knights of Columbus will host their second annual Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, February 11th, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and are available after all the Masses. Come and enjoy a good meal.



Saturday, March 17th, 2018 St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance

The annual St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance will be held on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17th from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. Dinner, Dancing & Irish entertainment. Tickets are \$35:00 per person (cash bar). Tickets will be available after all Masses, starting the weekend of February 24th/25th.

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EDGE Youth Ministry

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

When? Friday, February 16, 2018 from 7:00-9:00pm

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

What? Secret Admirer – A Valentine's Day themed EDGE
Night on Divine Revelation

Please contact Kimberly Go at
stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com for more information.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul welcomes new members.

- We visit people in their homes who are in need of assistance for food.
- We travel in pairs.
- We have a monthly meeting.

If interested, please contact Jeannette @ 416-392-3887. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m., in the parish hall. This will be a great opportunity to give back to your community.

Save the Date

Fr. Pat wishes to announce that the St. Edward's Gala Dinner & Dance in honour of the 75th Anniversary of the parish will be held on Friday, June 1st at Presidente Banquet Hall. The evening will include full dinner, open bar and dancing to a live band. Ticket sales will be announced shortly (\$75:00 p.p.)

Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference

On February 24th join **Hector Molina** and the **Bishop of St. Catharines, Gerard Bergie**, along with hundreds of men for Serviam Ministries' 3rd annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Manly Virtue". It is a one day intensive men's retreat consisting of spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fraternity and prayer.

Special Father/Son rates available. For information and tickets, call 1-888-522-2070.

Senior Residence Mass – February 2018

Friday, Feb. 9th – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 9th – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21st – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

Lent 2018

Ash Wednesday – February 14th

There will be 3 Masses celebrated on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent:

8:30 a.m.

12:00 Noon

7:00 p.m.

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses. Fr. Pat will also be visiting the schools.

For those attending the Noon Mass, the 55+ Club, following Mass, will be serving a Lenten meal of soup and rolls (vegetable and lentil soup) in the parish hall. **No charge.**

A reminder that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat.

The laws of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds those who are 18 to 59 years old. Those who are sick and pregnant are exempt from the laws of fasting and abstinence.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening in Lent at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Parish Lenten Retreat & Mission

Monday, March 5th to Friday, March 9th

Retreat Director: Fr. Errol Fernandes

Renowned Retreat Director, Fr. Errol Fernandes will lead us in a Lenten Mission of the theme:

"Leave Every Negative Thought" (LENT)

We are pleased to co-host this Retreat with Blessed Trinity Parish. All sessions will take place, this year, at St. Edward' Church.

Monday 5th – 7:00 p.m. – Mass & Reflection

Tuesday 6th – 7:00 p.m. – Mass & Reflection

Wednesday 7th – 7:00 p.m. – Mass & Reflection

Thursday 8th – 7:00 p.m. – Reconciliation Night

Friday 9th – 7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross with Reflection