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“HE EXPLAINED EVERYTHING in private to his disciples.”

The closing words of today’s Gospel capture the essence of our need for a personal and private prayer life. Everything starts to make sense when we are alone with our Lord.

Sitting quietly with Jesus, we consider the profound wisdom of his message: simply sow small seeds. Each word or action is a small seed: we have no idea when or where it will sprout and grow. We don’t have to. The grain will eventually mature, ready for harvest. The tree will one day branch out, ready to support a nest.

With faith, we listen attentively as Jesus speaks to us. We ponder how and where to scatter the seeds given to us. We delight in all that is green and growing. We learn what is complete, what is now ready for harvest.

Jesus offers simple words and everyday images: trees, plants and birds. In the Eucharist, we offer bread and wine, gifts of the harvest, each offering once hidden in a very tiny seed.

As we gather in a community and receive the gift of the word, our common faith is strengthened and supported. Privately, one at a time, we receive the Lord into our very being: the harvest of grain and vine nourishing both body and soul. We come forward, with open hands, and we are blessed. We give thanks.

(Reflection of Brenda Merk Hildebrand, from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, June 18th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Annabel Marchildon

Tuesday, June 19th, 2018 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Anne Marie D’Amico

+ Fr. Ildaponso Olaberia

Tyrone & Kathleen Tang - on their 42nd Anniversary

Wednesday, June 20th, 2018

8:30 a.m. Friar Saul Antonio Soriano Rodriguez

Thursday, June 21st, 2018

8:30 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, June 22th, 2018

8:30 a.m. +Tsun Yan Ho

Saturday, June 23rd, 2018

4:30 p.m. Deceased Members of Scaini & Peruzzi Family

Sunday, June 24th, 2018

8:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

9:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Pius Wong

11:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Dear Parishioners:

As announced last week, we thank you for your support of the family we sponsored to Canada. The Hanna family arrived just days ago, Wednesday, June 13, and are settling in with a family within the parish for a few weeks. They will then move to a more permanent residence.

Thank you for the donations of furniture and other items for the residence they will soon move into. We shall keep you updated on these needs and on their progress. They look forward to meeting you in the next week or so.

I also wish to welcome to our parish, for the summer, two seminarians; Vang Tran and Cole Powers. This will be Vang’s third summer with us, so many of you will recall he is studying for the Diocese of Hanoi, in Vietnam, through St. Augustine’s Seminary. In the Fall, he enters his final year of studies at the seminary. Cole will be with us until August. He is from Toronto and will be entering his first year of Theology at St. Augustine’s this fall.

I am pleased to welcome both seminarians to the parish for the summer months. I am sure you will enjoy and benefit from their presence.

Finally, a Happy Father’s Day to everyone in the parish. God bless you.

Fr. Pat

EDGE Youth Ministry

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

When? Friday, June 22, 2018 from 7:00-9:00 pm

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

What? Light the Fire

Please contact Kimberly Go at

stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com for more information

Join the Festival Choir for the Parish’s 75th Anniversary Mass

St. Edward's will conclude its 75th Anniversary Year with a special Mass on Saturday, June 23rd, at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome. Bishop Robert Kasun, C.S.B., will preside at the Mass.

Vocations

Today’s readings remind us that great things often have small beginnings. If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or a permanent deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto** 416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org

June 17, 2018

A Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,
in your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves,
the responsibility of parenting.
Bless those who have lost a spouse to death ... or divorce
who are parenting their children alone.
Strengthen them by your love
that they may be and become
the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Happy Father's Day

Irish Summer Camp 4 Kids (July 23rd to July 27th)

Please note: change of date

This camp takes place at St. Edward the Confessor Church. Sign up now as spaces are limited. Cost: \$180 per child. \$30 off for Comhaltas members. Family discounts available. Financial assistance available for those who qualify. For more information, please visit: www.irishsummercamp4kids.com or contact Maureen Mulvey at 416-446-6993 or at moleary2001@rogers.com

2018 Totus Tuus Summer Camp

Registration for the Totus Tuus Summer Camp (July 15-20, 2018) is open! Totus Tuus, Latin for "Totally Yours" is a unique program featuring a team of four university/college-age students who engage youth in a fun week-long program focusing on our Catholic faith. The week is packed with skits, songs, games, and inspiring teaching.

Day Camp (students entering grades 1-6) is from Monday to Friday from 9:00a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Bring your own lunch. Registration fee is \$80.00 per child.

The **Evening Program (students entering grades 7-12)** is from Sunday to Thursday from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Come out and bring a friend! Registration fee is \$25.00.

Contact Kimberly Go at: stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com or the parish office at 416-221-9131 to register. Registration forms are available in the parish lobby.

ShareLife

Thank you to all who have donated to the annual ShareLife Campaign. To date, the parish has raised \$103,059.85 Our goal is \$ 116,000. The Campaign continues to the end of July. Thank you for your generosity to those most in need. We shall update you in the weeks to come. Donations may also be mailed to the parish office or placed in the regular Sunday collection basket.

Canada Summer Jobs Program

As you know, the government application requirements were amended for the 2018 summer program, impacting at least 27 parishes and organizations that rely on such funding to run summer programs.

Cardinal Collins has encouraged parishes to participate in solidarity with those who will not receive funding this year.

You are invited to consider offering a donation for this cause through this special website (at the Archdiocese) set up to receive donations: www.archtoronto.org. Refer to the DONATE NOW portal for access. You may also offer donations directly through the parish.

Thank you for your assistance in supporting those unable to utilize Canada Summer Jobs.

Bundle Up for St. Vincent de Paul!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting clothing; all seasons (men, women and children) to be given to those in need or to be sold to help support Special Works in the community. Please bring your donation on the weekend of July 14th/15th, to share with others in the community. A SVDP truck will be parked in the parking lot. Thank you for your continued support.

The 55+ Club

The last weekly meeting before breaking for the summer will be on Wednesday June 27th. All are welcome. The 55+ Club will return in September 12th.

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.