

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

4th Sunday of Lent

WHILE IT MAY seem odd, I look forward to Lent all year because it permits me the luxury of meditating on the rich tradition of lament that is often forgotten or ignored altogether. Lament is the action of truly mourning the incompleteness of our lives, our society and our world in the sight of God. There is a wealth of emotions bubbling in the reading from Chronicles as the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple has effectively terminated the sacred worship space of Jewish people. Psalm 137 reiterates the destruction and we are drawn into the devastation through the psalmist's plaintive words.

John's Gospel shows a way out of the lament and devastation: "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten son." Love is the path out of lament and devastation. Through this ultimate sacrifice on our behalf, we become people of the light forever abandoning the darkness that threatens to overshadow hope.

In a few days, we will set our faces to Jerusalem, to liturgically journey with Jesus during his passion, death and resurrection. Today, we witness the second Scrutiny for the Catechumens. The scrutinies are rites for spiritual self-searching. We as church support the elect with our prayers as they journey toward the cross.

(Reflection of Marilyn-Ann Elphick, from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 12th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Kim Yeung & Teresa Fok

Tuesday, March 13th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Aquilino Ramos

Wednesday, March 14th, 2018

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

Thursday, March 15th, 2018 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Hector Joseph
Thanksgiving Wishes for Normita Gimena
Special Intention of Joan Bongfen

Friday, March 16th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Candida Lobo
7:30 p.m. + Honorina Franco

Saturday, March 17th, 2018

4:30 p.m. For Healing – Rev. Deacon Luigi Bertolone

Sunday, March 18th, 2018

8:00 a.m. + Vincenzo and Anna Saracino
9:30 a.m. For All Souls in Purgatory
11:00 a.m. + Thomas & Marie Callaghan

Dear Parishioners:

This past week our parish celebrated a Lenten Retreat with Fr. Errol Fernandes who spoke on the theme, "Leave Every Negative Thought". The retreat was well attended, beyond expectation, and many stayed behind to join in the parish hall for social and discussion following each evening session. I wish to thank all who assisted Fr. Errol in his time with us, and a special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the evening socials.

Fr. Pat.

Annual Mass of St. Patrick – March 17th

The Archdiocese of Toronto hosts the annual Mass of St. Patrick on Saturday, March 17th, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All are welcome to attend. Music will be led by the St. Michael's Alumni Choir, and Harpist Eithne Heffernan. Fr. Pat O'Dea, our Pastor, oversees this event each year and invites any parishioner who wishes to carry a flag representing a particular Irish County to contact him.

ShareLife

ShareLife is the official annual charitable appeal of the Archdiocese of Toronto, raising funds to help support a large family of Catholic Agencies. Annually, ShareLife social service agencies provide over 381,000 services to over 114,000 people locally and assist countless more in developing countries around the world. They feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, protect the meek and care for the sick. In 42 municipalities, in 225 parishes, and in more than 20 languages, those in need received professional, faith-informed and compassionate care as a result of our generosity.

Sunday, March 18, 2018 is ShareLife Sunday
Please give generously.



St. Edward's 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Dance

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, with **cocktails starting at 6:30 p.m.** The evening will include full dinner, open bar and dancing to a live band. Ticket are \$75:00 per person. To purchase tickets, please contact:

Peter Bernotas – 416-460-7089
Rosanna Del Grosso – 416-512-0554
Danny Rebello – 416-226-1232

MARCH 11, 2018

Come & See Weekend

Come and See Weekend – Friday, March 23 (begins at 6:30 p.m.) to Sunday, March 25 (ends at 1:30 p.m.), at St. Augustine’s Seminary: Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God’s call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ’s disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For more information, please contact Fr. Pat or the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997,
email vocations@archtoronto.org

EDGE Youth Ministry

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

When? Friday, March 23, 2018 from 7:00-9:00pm

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

What: “Temptation”

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

2018 Totus Tuus Summer Camp

Registration for St. Edward’s **Totus Tuus Summer Camp (July 15-20, 2018)** will take place on Palm Sunday Weekend (March 24th/25th) after all the Masses. Totus Tuus, which means “Totally Yours” in Latin, is a unique and fun-filled program featuring a team of four university/college-age students who will engage our youth with a week-long program focusing on the Catholic faith. The week is packed with skits, games, songs, and inspiring teaching.

Day Camp (students entering grades 1-6) is from Monday to Friday from 9:00am-2:30pm. 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 7:00pm-9:00pm. Registration fee is \$25.00.

To register please contact Kimberly Go at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com or call St. Edward’s Parish at 416-221-9131. Registration forms will be provided in the parish lobby on Registration Weekend.

Senior Residence Mass – March 2018

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

FRIDAYS IN LENT

Besides the regular morning Mass at **8:30 a.m.**, there will be:

Stations of the Cross – 7:00 p.m. followed by Mass – 7:30 p.m.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE – 2018

Thursday, March 29th

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord’s Supper—7:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Friday, March 30th

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

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and

3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross – 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 31st

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil Mass – 7:30 PM

(No 4:30 PM Mass)

Sunday, April 1st

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM

55+ Club

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our meetings, every Wednesday, from 1 – 3 p.m. in the parish hall. New members always welcome.

Knitting Group

The seniors’ 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.

Poor Box

Please remember the poor box as you leave (or enter) Church. FUNDS go directly to support families served by our parish St. Vincent de Paul Association.