

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHRISTIANITY IS OFTEN castigated for teaching that God is an angry God whose wrath at human sin required a perfect human sacrifice to appease his bad temper. And we can even admit that some Christians do misrepresent the gospel in this way. But today's readings tell a different story.

It is not God who demands the death of the innocent, but us. The reading from Wisdom lays bare the human response to innocence. It can make us uncomfortable. And so, when God comes to us as an innocent man, we cannot bear his presence and we crucify him.

In the letter of James, and in today's Gospel, we see the human dynamics that underlie our propensity to sacrifice the innocent. But we also see Christ's answer to those dynamics. If we are not to be people who sacrifice the innocent, we must be, as James says "peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy," or, as Jesus says, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

The sacrifice we offer at Mass today, then, is not an innocent victim presented to an angry God, but a loving victim who offered himself to God precisely by offering himself to us, even as we "condemned him to a shameful death." (*Reflection by Brett Salheld, from Living with Christ*)



Mass Intentions

Monday, September 24th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Raymond Hoffman

Tuesday, September 25th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Rosa and Vincenzo Spinelli

Wednesday, September 26th, 2018 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Nicoletta & Sabatino Ficaglia
+ Manuel Malong
+ Ursela Scott

Thursday, September 27th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Romeo Reyes

Friday, September 28th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Elisabeth Klose

Saturday, September 29th, 2018

4:30 p.m. + Linda Kwan

Sunday, September 30th, 2018

8:00 a.m. + Alice Reilly

9:30 a.m. + Gen Robertson

11:00 a.m. + Eugenio Girmonte

Father David Hosts a New Series

"Rejoice and Be Glad!"

Do you ever get the feeling that other people are more holy than you are? Do you ever get the feeling that the spiritual life is something that other people have, but not you?

Earlier this year, Pope Francis released *Gaudete et Exsultate* ("Rejoice and be Glad!"), an exhortation to holiness in today's world. The Pope believes that holiness is not only possible for everyone but that God calls all of us to holiness.

Father David Warren will lead us in an exploration of the Pope's letter on four Tuesday mornings (September 25, October 2, October 9, October 16) from 10:30 to 11:30 am in the parish hall. All are welcome!

Pre-Marriage Course

St. Edward will host a pre-Marriage course in the parish hall on the following dates:

Tuesdays 7:00 – 9:15 p.m.

October 9, 16, 23, 30

November 6

Saturday, October 27, 9:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

All sessions are mandatory

\$ 150.00 per couple

Registrations forms are available online at www.stedward.ca or on the table in the lobby.

RCIA

Rite of
Christian
Initiation
for Adults



Interested in becoming Catholic?

R.C.I.A.: For those wishing to be Catholic

The course for those wishing to become Catholic has now begun. New people are still welcome for the next two weeks. Held on Wednesdays from 7 pm – 9 pm. Contact St. Eva at 647-542-3309 or email eajanning@gmail.com

Music Ministry – Exciting News!

We are looking for new members, young and older, for existing and new opportunities. **Main choir – Sunday,**

11:00 a.m., a multi-aged group, seeking adults (especially male voices) and even teenagers (Grade 9 and up). **Julie Ryall's 4:30 p.m. Saturday choir** is also seeking singers and instrumental players. We are also in the process of developing two new groups: **Young Adult Choir (ages 19-30)** and **Teenage Choir (ages 13 - 18)**. Instead of a weekly commitment, these new choirs will get together on various occasions to play at either the 4:30 p.m. Saturday evening Mass or the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass. Looking for both singers and instrumentalists. **Cantoring:** If you sing but cannot commit on a weekly basis, perhaps monthly, consider offering your musical voice to sing the Psalm at Mass. Adults and teenagers (Grade 9 and up) welcome. Training provided. News about Children's Choir special events will be forthcoming in a few weeks. Please contact Marc Michalak on any of these interests at: marcfmichalak@gmail.com

Good Shepherd Ministries Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive: Weekend of October 6th/7th, 2018

Please bring non-perishable food items to the Church on the weekend of October 6th/7th. Your donation will help make it possible for the Good Shepherd Ministries to continue to offer nutritious meals to those in need. **Urgently needed items are: canned meats, canned fruits, canned tuna & salmon, canned soups and stews, peanut butter, ground/instant coffee, breakfast cereals, pasta & sauces, cookies and crackers, tea, jams, sugar & rice.**

OPEN HOUSE

Brebeuf College is holding an Open House for students who are entering high school on Thursday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. at 211 Steeles Avenue East.

OCTOBERFEST – October 12, 2018

The Knights of Columbus are hosting OCTOBERFEST in the parish hall to raise funds for the amazing work they do in our parish. Tickets are \$40 per person and include schnitzel, bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad and a complimentary drink. Tickets are on sale in the foyer after Mass today. Expected to sell out!

St. Cyril's School

Congratulations to St. Cyril's School as they celebrate their 60th Anniversary!

SACRAMENT REGISTRATIONS

Students attending our Catholic schools, public or private schools, and those who wish to be prepared for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, or

Confirmation, are required to register for the Sacraments through their local parish. While the priest works closely with the students and teachers at the Catholic schools, the church is the primary place of registration since the Sacraments are celebrated at the parish where the students attend Mass. Below are the dates and times for this year's registration. At each of the Registration Nights, Fr. Pat will outline the program of study for the respective schools and for those attending public and private schools. For students attending public schools, classes will be held at St. Edward's Church. A schedule will be provided on Registration Night. If parents have questions or concerns, please contact our Sacramental Coordinator Jessica Bews at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents/Guardians who wish to register their children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are **required** to attend a Registration and Information Session at the parish on **Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:30 p.m.**

Parents are asked to bring a photocopy of your child's Baptismal certificate. If you do not have one, simply contact the parish where your child was baptized (even if overseas) and they will provide you with an updated one. There will be two dates for the celebration of the First Communion. Parents may choose their preference at the Parent's Registration meeting.



FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Sunday, May 26th, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
OR Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION

Parents/Guardians who wish to register their children for the Sacrament of Confirmation are **required** to attend a Registration and Information Session at the parish on **Thursday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m.** Parents are asked to bring a photocopy of the student's Baptismal certificate. If you do not have one, simply contact the parish where your child was baptized (even if overseas) and they will re-issue one for you.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.
OR Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.