

EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of the Lord

A DARK MORNING – it seems like the world is ending. Nothing remains...no future, only sadness... even the tomb is empty. No comfort to be found in grieving. If only time could turn back!

Mary stands, weeping, outside the darkened tomb. She is bereft, hoping against hope, but now she is unable even to gaze on the lifeless body of her beloved Jesus who had been the promise of so much.

Unless we have suffered the loss of someone close, it is impossible to understand death. But this is even worse – a disappearance, obliteration.

Then suddenly, Jesus appears and the darkness engulfing her soul is lifted. We can imagine it is as if light bursts forth from the tomb.

This is Easter, the Resurrection. A new world was born that morning when Jesus stepped out of the tomb where he had lain for three days. The sin which brought darkness was obliterated and the world began anew, bathed in the light of the Resurrection.

This miracle isn't confined to that historical event some 2,000 years ago. It is alive this Easter morning, and it is alive every Sunday morning when we recreate the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus.

This is the miracle: the light of Christ banishes the darkness of hopelessness. *(Reflection of Patrick Doyle from Living with Christ)*



Mass Intentions

Monday, April 22, 2019

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions for Kiter Chu & family

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Belated Anniversary Blessings for
Precy & Nelson Diezmos

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Vincent Pugliese

Thursday, April 25, 2019

8:30 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, April 26, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Monserrat Reynoso

Saturday, April 27, 2019

9:00 a.m. + Agnes Ti Kee
+Maria & Joseph Doncer
4:30 p.m. + Andrea Schluter

Sunday, April 28, 2019

8:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
9:30 a.m. + Francesco Song
11:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Juliet Santos

Easter Prayer

*Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.*

*Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.*

*Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.*

(New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book)

On behalf of Fr. Pat, our Pastor, and Fr. David Warren, our Associate Pastor, Deacon David Quail, seminarian Martin Lugo, Youth Director Jessica Bews, RCIA Director, Sr. Eva Janning, custodian Lucas Pak, and our parish secretaries, Josie Paladino, and Marie Gennaro (and her husband, Deacon Michael Gennaro), we wish everyone a Happy, Holy and Blessed Easter.

One Year Commemoration of the Yonge Street Tragedy

A Day to Remember and Heal Join us Tuesday, April 23, 2019

St. Edward's Church will be one of 5 – 6 locations involved in the commemoration events. The Church will be open all day for quiet prayer and meditation. Fr. Pat will offer a brief prayer service at 6:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Following, our parish will host a neighbourhood supper, from 6:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., along with 5 – 6 other locations in the area.

To register to attend this dinner, or to attend elsewhere, or to see all the activities of caring scheduled for this day, please log on to: www.welovewillowdale.ca

Divine Mercy Novena/Chaplet

Come and pray the nine-day novena of the Divine Mercy, leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday (April 28). Prayer cards will be made available.

Prayer times:

Easter Sunday, Apr. 21: **After the 11:00 a.m. Mass.**
Monday, Apr. 22 – Friday, Apr. 26: **After each morning Mass**
Saturday, Apr. 27: **After the 4:30 p.m. Mass**
Divine Mercy Sunday, Apr. 28: **After the 11:00 a.m. Mass**

Coins for Life

Please remember to return the Coins for Life boxes next weekend April 26th/27th. Thank you for your generosity.

**Fr. David to lead us
In two new series after Easter.
All are welcome!**

The Gospel according to Mark

Our series on the *Gospel according to Mark* will resume on Monday, April 29 and will continue until Monday, May 20. We will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Coffee and refreshments will be served from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

The Joy of the Gospel

**“Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I will say, Rejoice!
(Philippians 4: 4)**

Pope Francis believes that we have lost the joy of the Gospel. He invites the whole Church to re-discover it.

We will meet on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. to discuss what Pope Francis is saying to us in *The Joy of the Gospel*, his first letter to the Church.

Our series will begin on Monday, April 29 and will continue through Monday, May 13.

EDGE Youth Ministry - Fridays 7 – 9 p.m.
For students in Grades 6, 7 and 8

All young people, grades 6 – 8 are welcome to attend; no pre-registration needed. For more information, contact Jessica Bews at: stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com

Totus Tuus Summer Camp – July 21 – July 26, 2019

Registration for **Totus Tuus** 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.

The **Day program** for grades 1-6 will be happening Monday, July 22nd – Friday, July 26th from 9:00am-2:30pm. The cost for this program is \$80.00

The **Evening program** for grades 7-12 will be happening Sunday, July 21st – Thursday, July 25th from 7:00-9:00pm. The cost for this program is \$25.00

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Youth Director Jessica Bews at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com or call St. Edward’s Parish at 416-221-9131.

ShareLife

Living the Gospel through immediate mental health services...

Mental health problems can escalate if not addressed quickly. That’s why the five Catholic Family Services agencies in the Archdiocese of Toronto now offer walk-in counselling. This initiative can often meet clients’ need without requiring longer term counselling. Clients report a clinically significant increase in confidence that they can tackle their problems. For some agencies, ShareLife is the sole funder of this important program. By supporting ShareLife, you’re helping restore hope to those in crisis.

**May 5 is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

**Farewell Mass and Reception for
Seminarist, VANG TRAN**

Vang Tran, Seminarist, will be completing his formation and studies at St. Augustine’s Seminary in May, and then returning to Vietnam, to await his Ordination.

In conjunction with St. Augustine’s Seminary and St. Edward’s Parish, we shall host a farewell Mass and Reception for Vang at our regular Saturday evening Mass in late April.

Details are: Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.
Presider: Bishop Vincent Nguyen

The Rector of St. Augustine’s Seminary,
Fr. Edwin Gonsalves, will also attend.

All are invited to the Mass, and to a farewell reception in the parish hall.

Catholic Education Week – May 5 – 10, 2019

During Catholic Education Week (May 5 – 10, 2019), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where young people can experience the joy of God’s love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, challenging them to live as joyful and faithful disciples. To affirm your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca

