

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Dear Parishioners:

I am sure you were all surprised to be awakened by snow last Sunday (March 31st). Life is full of surprises! Like many of you, I am looking forward to more sunny days, following such a cold winter.

Last Sunday was also the first collection for Share Life, and I am pleased to report that \$40,000 was raised for the first of our three collections for Share Life. That is quite impressive and I thank you for your generosity to the Share Life campaign, which raises funds to support the many charities and agencies served by the Archdiocese, as well as its support to outreach ministries and the education of seminarians. I would invite you to visit the website of the Archdiocese of Toronto (www.archtoronto.org) to view the countless ways in which Share Life makes a difference.

This weekend, April 6th/7th, you will meet a very inspiring young man, a seminarian at St. Augustine's Seminary, in Scarborough. His name is James Cyfko, and he will offer a reflection on his spiritual journey as well as to thank you, for your commitment to Share Life. James may be familiar to you, since he was one of the four men and women who ran our summer camp this past year for the children of the parish; James worked hard to provide a wonderful experience for the young people in the camp that is known as "Totus Tuus". This camp will be held again this summer, and our Youth Director, Jessica Bews, will be signing up interested youth starting this weekend. More information on this camp is provided in another section of this bulletin; last year, close to 60 young people came out for an enjoyable experience.

This Sunday evening, I also invite you, if you are free, to the parish hall for our monthly Lectio Divina which will be streamed live from the Cathedral. Cardinal Collins will lead us in a reflection starting at 7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Once he completes his spiritual reflection, he will speak to us live by way of our live-feed camera in the parish hall. It should be a wonderful experience and I am sure many of you might wish to hear him and to thank him for his monthly spiritual reflections, as well as to ask questions related to his presentation.

During the past two Sundays of Lent, and continuing this Sunday, those studying to become Catholic at Easter have received special blessings at our 11:00 a.m. Mass. One of the special Rites of the RCIA program is the Rite of Scrutiny. If you think about the word "scrutiny", it essentially means to examine our way of life, especially our spiritual lives, and to pray that all sin and evil is removed. You may have noticed these men and women (and even young children) come forward to the front of the altar to be prayed over; the priest invites everyone present to pray for them and then offers a special prayer that they may be protected from all sin and evil in their lives. Lent provides us all an opportunity to repent, and to seek confession, so that the Lord's love and

grace may heal us, and our sins forgiven through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I invite your continued prayers for these candidates who come before us to seek eventual entrance into the Catholic Church. As I often mention, the fact they want to join us is a testament to the power of your witness in their lives. However, in return they also witness to us, by encouraging us to be better and to truly place the Lord first in our hearts.

Finally, please note the Holy Week and Easter schedule which is provided in this bulletin. Perhaps keep it on your fridge or in a place you can refer to it. I am sure you will want to participate in this most sacred week of our Christian lives.

In closing, let us continue to pray for one another. May God bless you in this time of Lent.

Fr. Pat

Lectio Divina

Cardinal Collin's talk to be live-streamed in the parish hall.

April 7, 2019

Theme: Letters to the Churches - Apocalypse 2

Vespers with Cardinal: 7:00 pm

Lectio Divina starts: 7:30 – 8:15 pm

This Sunday (April 7th) Cardinal Collins will speak live, after his presentation, to the parishioners of St. Edward's. Come and enjoy this special event.

The parish hall will be open from 6:00 p.m.; coffee, juice and water provided, prior to start of the event. All are welcome. There is no charge.

Weekly Collections – December 2018 – February 2019

December 2 nd	–	\$ 8,685.85	
December 9 th	–	8,729.50	
December 16 th	–	11,022.15	
December 23 rd	–	7,973.60	
December 25 th	–	31,750.45	Christmas
December 30 th	–	9,503.65	
January 1 st	–	\$ 10,177.75	New Years
January 6 th	–	9,201.25	
January 13 th	–	7,833.85	
January 20 th	–	6,594.40	
January 27 th	–	7,420.45	
February 3 rd	–	\$ 8,345.85	
February 10 th	–	8,212.60	
February 17 th	–	7,381.25	
February 24 th	–	7,198.80	

Thank your for your support!

APRIL 7, 2019



Mass Intentions

Monday, April 8, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Ann Hughes

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 Multi-intentions

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Anthony Lee
Birthday Blessings for Timothy Smith

Thursday, April 11, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Chun Yung Jor & Yin Yung Lau

Friday, April 12, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Gabriel Orshihi
7:30 p.m. + All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 13, 2019 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Eileen Janer
Special Intention of Anna Kum-soon Yun
4:30 p.m. + Rosa & Vincenzo Spinelli

Sunday, April 14, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Birthday Blessings for Leah Jeong
9:30 a.m. + Maria Palumbo
11:00 a.m. + Carol Joy Larkin

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

THE MASS

Father David is offering a course on the Mass, on Monday evenings, for the benefit of those who work during the day or missed it the first time (or who want to come again!). The series, which began on Monday, March 4th, continues until April 8th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome!

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

“Who do you say I am?” (Mark 8: 29)

Discover who Jesus is through the eyes of Mark.

Father David is offering a six-part series in Lent on the Gospel of Mark. The series, which began on Monday March 4th, continues on Monday mornings until April 8th, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. (Coffee will be served from 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 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.**

Farewell Mass and Reception for Seminarian, VANG TRAN

Vang Tran, Seminarian, 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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE – 2019

HOLY THURSDAY – April 18th

Mass of the Lord’s Supper—7:30 PM
(No 8:30 AM Mass)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY – April 19th

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
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and
3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross – 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY – April 20th

Easter Vigil Mass – 7:30 PM
(No 4:30 PM Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY – April 21st

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

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

Registration for **Totus Tuus** will open this weekend, April 6^{th/7th}). 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.