

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S GOSPEL, TAKEN from Luke's version of the Sermon on the Mount, calls us to forgive our enemies. As a person passionate about social justice, I hear this scripture calling me to also consider empathy and dialogue. Can we identify the humanity and the inherent dignity in those who do wrong to us or to others? Can we love them in a way that also works towards addressing these injustices?

To live and love this way can be difficult. It may be easier to see those who hurt ourselves or others as selfish or as intentionally harmful. Yet, that outlook fosters alienation and isolation instead of community and connection. The Gospel recognizes the challenge present here, but encourages us to persist: "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them."

In this Gospel, Jesus offers guidance that seems counter-intuitive. In the same way, finding common ground with those who oppress others may also be counterintuitive, especially when we are tempted to be angry instead of loving. However, empathy enables us to engage in dialogue, change and social justice. We can see examples of this in peace processes and efforts towards reconciliation in Canada and throughout the world. When we come to a place of understanding, it may also be a place of peace. *(Reflection of Landon Turlock, from Living with Christ)*



### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, February 25 2019

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

#### Tuesday, February 26, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Annabel Marchildon

#### Wednesday, February 27, 2019

8:30 a.m. + K.C. Welikala

#### Thursday, February 28, 2019 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Roland Powis  
+ Maria Primitiva

#### Friday, March 1, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Frank Peruzzi  
7:30 p.m. + Dorothy Laughlan

#### Saturday, March 2, 2019 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Jenni & Flory Francis

4:30 p.m. + John & Rose Gennaro

#### Sunday, March 3, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Maria Kee Sau & Joseph Yung Fu Yuan  
9:30 a.m. + Deceased Members of Iadipaolo Family  
11:00 a.m. + Tekla & Frank Ramski

### Mark Your Calendars! Coming Events

**Irish Summer Camp** - July 8 – 12  
**Parish "Totus Tuus" Summer Camp** - July 22 – 26  
(More specific details as events unfold!)

Dear Parishioners:

I trust you had a good Family Day holiday this past weekend and that it provided time for rest and family gatherings. Even though we still continue to experience a rather colder winter this year, I am grateful to see so many of you at Mass and still coming out to many of our parish activities.

I am pleased to report that the new Saturday morning daily Mass, held at 9 a.m., has been well-received. It has drawn more people than expected and so I am happy to know it is spiritually fulfilling to so many people. Be sure to inform your friends and neighbours as I know that some travel a distance to other parishes for a Saturday morning mass.

I thank Fr. David Warren for offering a six-week course on the DVD series, "The Mass" by Bishop Robert Barron. The sessions, on Monday mornings, were well attended and the last session ended this past Monday. However, due to popular demand, and in discussion with Fr. David, we will repeat the course once again, but this time in an evening format so that those who work during the day might be able to attend. Therefore, please note that Fr. David will repeat the course on "The Mass", for six weeks, commencing Monday evening, March 4th, from 7 - 8 p.m., and concluding Monday evening, April 8th. I might suggest you consider this a meaningful spiritual exercise for Lent! I can assure you it will make you appreciate the significance of the Mass in a much more powerful way.

The schedule for Lent is included in this week's bulletin; please note the Ash Wednesday times for the Distribution of Ashes as well as the Friday Stations of the Cross. In next week's bulletin, I will inform of the plans for our Lenten Retreat.

In closing, know of my gratitude for your support and let us continue to keep one another in our daily prayers. May God bless you as we prepare to celebrate the season of Lent!

Fr. Pat

### **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](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com)

### **Pancake Sunday**

The Knights of Columbus will host "Shrove Sunday" next Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Pancakes and sausages, coffee and juice will be served. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. Tickets are available after all Masses this weekend. Children under 5 are free.

**World Day of Prayer**

World Day of Prayer will be held Friday March 1st, at Willowdale Emmanuel United Church, 349 Kenneth Ave. (at Church Ave.). We will begin with lunch at 12:00 noon, followed by a presentation about Slovenia, the country we are praying for this year. The prayer service will begin at 1:30 p.m.. All are welcome and invited. For further information, please contact Alice Trudeau at 416-733-3333.

**The Mass**

Father David will be offering again his 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 will begin on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome!

**“Who do you say I am?” (Mark 8: 29)**

**Discover who Jesus is through the eyes of Mark.** Father David will be offering a six-part series in Lent on the Gospel of Mark. The series will run on Monday mornings, March 4<sup>th</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.)

**New!**

**Travelling Chalice - For Vocations**

A new Vocations Prayer program was introduced at St. Edward's Parish, the weekend of January 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>. Families or individuals will be invited to take into their home, for one week, a “Travelling Chalice”. This chalice belonged to a priest, Fr. Lorne Edward MacFarland, Scarboro Foreign Missions (1911-1976). He served in the Missions of China and Japan, as well as ministry in Canada. This chalice travelled with him. Today, it is provided to families and individuals who are invited to take it into their homes for one week and to pray for all priests, deacons, sisters, and religious, and for future vocations. A prayer booklet will be available to assist in your prayers.

We have filled every weekend, up to May 2019. If you would like to add your name to any weekend beyond May 2019, please e-mail Marie Barry at: [askmarieb@yahoo.ca](mailto:askmarieb@yahoo.ca) or phone 647-351-3788. The chalice will be made available each weekend at the Mass you normally attend.

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**First Friday Holy Hour, Benediction and Mass**

Join us on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, for First Friday Holy Hour beginning (6:30 – 7:30 p.m.) followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**St. Patrick's Day Mass  
Saturday, March 16, 10:00 a.m.  
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**

The annual St. Patrick's Day Mass will be held at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto, on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. This annual Mass honours the great work and sacrifices of the early Irish immigrants to Toronto, many of whom were instrumental in the building of the Cathedral and in helping to form a strong Catholic community in Toronto. All are welcome!

**St. Patrick's Pub Night  
Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>  
St. Edward's Parish Hall  
6:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.  
(Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)**

Come and enjoy an evening of live music, dance, and delicious “Irish Beef Stew Poutine” served directly from Fidel Gastro's Food Truck, voted Toronto's #1 food truck by Canadian Living magazine. Dance to the live music of “Pontune 5” Band. Tickets are \$ 35.00 per person and will go on sale weekend of February 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>. This is expected to sell out, so be sure to get your tickets after each weekend Mass in the parish lobby.

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**ASH WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass with Distribution of Ashes:  
8:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 7:30 p.m.**

(Following the 12:10 p.m. Mass, people are welcome into the parish hall for a cup of warm soup, courtesy of the 55+ Club.)

**FRIDAYS IN LENT**

**8:30 a.m. – Morning Mass  
7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross  
7:30 p.m. – Evening Mass**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) will be celebrated this Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., for students of our parish schools who registered this past Fall in preparation for their First Reconciliation and Communion. Parents are asked to bring their children to the Church by 6:45 p.m. Extra priests will be on hand to assist in hearing confessions. Let us pray for all those preparing for this important Sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness.