

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, the people of Nazareth refused to renounce their possessive attitude toward Jesus. He was bitterly criticized because he demonstrated great openness of heart, particularly toward people on the peripheries of society. The Gospel story shows how difficult it is to attain a universal vision. When we face someone like Jesus, someone with a generous heart, a wide vision and a great spirit, our reactions are often filled with jealousy, selfishness and meanness of spirit.

His own people couldn't recognize the holiness of Jesus, because they had never really accepted their own. They were suffering from a form of blindness. They couldn't honour Jesus' relationship with God because they had never fully explored their own sense of belonging to God. Until we see ourselves as people beloved of God, miracles will be scarce, and the prophets and messengers who rise among us will struggle to be heard and accepted for who they are.

Jesus was called to break boundaries and take God's message of salvation to unexpected people and unexpected places. Through our Baptism, we are called to be prophets for the kingdom of God. We will encounter many reactions from those to whom we are sent, not all of them positive. Unswerving dedication, bold courage and deep biblical hope must be our trademarks.

(Reflection of Fr. Thomas Rosica, OSB, from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 4, 2019 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Domingo Abuzo
+ Paul Joong
+ Eusebio Ragas
+ Amilcar, Giulia & Pompilio Iannucci
Best Wishes for Audrey Pereira's 75th Birthday

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Wong Family

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Sarah Tayag

Thursday, February 7, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Rose Anne Clancy

Friday, February 8, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Saturday, February 9, 2019

9:00 a.m. + Anthony & Theresa Philip
4:30 p.m. + Jozef and Olga Stojko

Sunday, February 10, 2019

8:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
9:30 a.m. + Maria Palumbo
11:00 a.m. Angela & Anthony Fernando –
25th Wedding Anniversary

New!
Saturday morning Mass
9:00 a.m.

Be sure to inform your friends!

The Saturday morning Mass will be a multi-intention Mass.

The Mass

Fr. David's course on "The Mass", based on a DVD by Bishop Robert Baron, will run on Monday mornings, Feb. 4th – Feb. 18th, from **9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** (Refreshments will be served from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. for those staying after the morning Mass.)

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

VOLUNTEERS FOR MINISTRY WITH YOUTH

Jessica Bews, our Youth Director, is looking for volunteers to help with the EDGE program (Friday nights) and possible LIFE TEEN program, which will be announced soon. Contact Jessica at: stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com. You may also speak with Fr. Pat.

An Evening at the Seminary
Monday, February 11 – 4:45 p.m.

St. Augustine's Seminary
2661 Kingston Rd., Toronto *EASTERN REGION*

Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? Spending an evening at the seminary offers discerners a glimpse into the place where priestly formation begins. The evening includes Holy Mass in the beautiful seminary chapel, dinner, a talk by Director of Vocations Fr. Chris Lemieux and a tour of the seminary.

CONTACT: Office of Vocations

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POSTER: <http://bit.ly/EveningAtTheSeminary>

Senior Residence Masses – February 2019

Friday, February 8th – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, February 8th – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

New!
Travelling Chalice
For Vocations

A new Vocations Prayer program was introduced at St. Edward's Parish, the weekend of January 26th/27th. 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 or phone 647-351-3788. The chalice will be made available each weekend at the Mass you normally attend.

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins –
February 10, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2019, you are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 10th at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Ave., Woodbridge). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online or by phone to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other information can be found at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage> or by calling 416-934-3400, ext. 523.



Marriage Sunday

Fr. Pat and Fr. Dave will offer a special "Marriage Blessing" for ALL married couples on the weekend of February 9th/10th, at each Mass. Couples celebrating significant anniversaries (25, 40, 50, etc.) are invited to leave their names at the parish office.

55+ Club

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our weekly meetings on Wednesday, from 1 – 3 p.m. A variety of activities planned for the year.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 26th, 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.

ORDINANDI DINNER

Tuesday, March 5th

Pearson Convention Centre, Brampton

This dinner, held annually, salutes and honours the men of St. Augustine's Seminary, who have completed their last year of studies and are now being called to Ordination. This inspiring event includes reflections from each of the seminarians on how God has truly influenced their call and desire to be a priest. This year, VANG TRAN, who spent the past three summers with us, will be a featured speaker. Fr. Pat has decided to subsidize tickets to this event; it includes full course meal. Limited Tickets: \$35. Kindly RSVP to the parish office.

Mark Your Calendars!

Coming Events

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 3rd

St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance

Saturday, March 16th

Irish Summer Camp

July 8 – 12

Parish "Totus Tuus" Summer Camp

Returns for another great year

July 22 – 26

(More specific details as events unfold!)

EXERCISE CLASSES!

The Better Living Health and Community Services is providing **free** exercise classes for seniors at St. Edward's on Tuesday mornings as follows:

Gentle Fitness: 9:30 a.m.

Healthy Heart: 10:30 a.m.