

## ASCENSION SUNDAY

### Ascension of the Lord

IMAGINE LEARNING ABOUT, Scripture from Our Lord. Imagine sitting at Jesus' feet while he discusses the prophets. Such an exercise in imagination can change our lives. We will want to witness to this experience, to state with confidence that our lives have been changed. Witnessing to a personal transformation can be a powerful means of communication.

"You are witnesses of these things," Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel account of his Ascension. The power of witness can be transformative, especially if we touch someone's life when they need encouragement in facing a challenge. Our witness could strengthen their faith; it may give them the courage to witness to their own experience of the Lord. When the actions of others support and validate our own experience, it becomes easier to believe. An upward spiral in faith occurs; each person's witnessing builds upon and strengthens the faith of others. When many see the same thing, it can help us overcome the tendency to doubt.

Today reflect on the power of both being a witness and experiencing the witness of others. With praise and thanksgiving, be grateful for the witness provided by those around you. Imagine the power of communicating the Risen Lord to others in your life.

*(Reflection of John O'Brien, from Living with Christ)*



### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, June 3, 2019

8:30 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

#### Tuesday, June 4, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Vincenzo & Anna Saracino

#### Wednesday, June 5, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Maria Palazzolo

#### Thursday, June 6, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Irene O'Flynn

#### Friday, June 7, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Yick Mei Ying

7:30 p.m. + Ok-Ye Suh

#### Saturday, June 8, 2019 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Pompilio, Giulia & Amilcare Iannucci  
Deceased Members of Saracino Family

4:30 p.m. + Petrus Leung

#### Sunday, June 9, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

9:30 a.m. + Juan Medina

11:00 a.m. + Elba Moreno

### The Gospel according to Mark

Our series on the *Gospel according to Mark* will resume this Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and continue until Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. We will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Coffee and refreshments served from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. All are welcome!

### The Joy of the Gospel

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

Our series *The Joy of the Gospel* will resume this Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and continue until Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. We will meet from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome!

### 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)

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com) or call St. Edward's Parish at 416-221-9131.

### Vocations

The Lord said, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Pray for an increase of vocations to the ordained and consecrated life. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997**  
**Email:** [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**JUNE 2, 2019**

**Lectio Divina**

Cardinal Collin's talk to be live-streamed this Sunday, in the parish hall

**June 2, 2019**

**Theme:** Jerusalem  
Apocalypse 21.1-8;22.6-21

**Vespers with Cardinal: 7:00 pm**  
**Lectio Divina starts: 7:30 – 8:15 pm**

The parish hall will be open from 6:30 p.m.; coffee, juice and water provided, prior to start of the event. All are welcome. There is no charge.

**TINY SHROUD MINISTRY**

The Tiny Shroud Ministry provides knitted garments for still-born children, woven in love and prayer by those who have volunteered for this ministry. Donations of wool for this cause are appreciated or feel free to offer a monetary donation to help in the purchase of wool. Simply place a cheque payable to St. Edward's Parish (re: Tiny Shroud Ministry). Tax receipts are available. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

**Lord's Flock – New Ministry**

The Lord's Flock – a Catholic Charismatic prayer group – is forming a new chapter at St. Edward's Parish, starting this Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., and running each Saturday, same time. The focus is on prayer, biblical reflection, and praise and worship. All are welcome to come and experience this new ministry. For more information, contact the ministry leaders at: Pilar Acosta: 647-289-8389; [pilarcruzacosta67@yahoo.com](mailto:pilarcruzacosta67@yahoo.com) or Ferdinand Acosta: 416-579-8419; [ferdinand\\_acosta24@yahoo.ca](mailto:ferdinand_acosta24@yahoo.ca)

**Remembering the Parish in Your Will**

A bequest is a beautiful way to express your faith and your gratitude for a lifetime of blessings! A gift to the parish or any of our diocesan charities in your will creates a lasting legacy that will help the church continue its heritage of service and pastoral care to the faith community. When making your will, please consider a bequest to our parish. To learn more about making a bequest, please call the parish office or the Development Office of the Archdiocese at 416-934-3411 ext. 519 or visit [www.archtoronto.org/development](http://www.archtoronto.org/development).

**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.

**Congratulations**

We congratulate all the young people of our parish schools that have received their First Communion this weekend. A special word of thanks to all parents, teachers and church catechists who have prepared them for this special moment in their lives. May their reception of the Eucharist each week keep them always close to our loving God.

**ShareLife**

**Living the Gospel by supporting mental health wellness...**  
Last year, over 3,200 people accessed individual, couple and family counselling at Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin, a ShareLife-funded agency. Given that depression has replaced back injury as the number one reason for absenteeism at work, these services are helping clients maintain employment and stay out of poverty. By supporting ShareLife agencies like CFS Peel-Dufferin, you are helping people find health and happiness.

**Today is ShareLife Sunday.**  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Senior Residence Masses – June 2019**

Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

**Marygrove Camp**

There will be a second collection for Marygrove Girls Camp next weekend June 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>. Your donation will help send over 1,000 less fortunate girls to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul's Marygrove Camp this summer. Please give generously.

**Friday, June 7**  
**First Friday Holy Hour**  
**Benediction and Mass**

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

**Poor Box**

Please remember the poor box on your way out of the Church. All funds assist our local St. Vincent de Paul society in its ministry to the poor.