

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

2nd Sunday of Lent

THE JOURNEY TOWARDS strengthening our faith can be disconcerting. Take Abraham, for example. He put his trust in forging a covenant with God to father his people. He demonstrated an unshakable conviction in believing God's incredible promise. Abraham and the disciples in today's readings are our examples. The gift of faith becomes their guiding light from darkness that leads them closer to God.

In today's Gospel, the apostles Peter, John and James witness a series of divine events. They experience the holiness of Jesus in his transfiguration. His appearance changes while he prays on the mountain and meets Elijah and Moses. To cap it off, God directly commands the apostles to listen to Jesus, his Son and Chosen One. These extraordinary events confirm what Jesus had revealed to his faithful followers about his death and Resurrection, and his identity as the Son of God.

These readings can strengthen our own faith. Like his disciples, we are asked to trust Jesus and follow him in our spiritual journey. The readings show the possibility of experiencing God through sacred moments. As ordinary followers, we can find God in prayer, readings and our everyday lives.

As our light and salvation, Jesus will give us the courage, hope, and strength to overcome our trials. Ultimately, faith will help us fulfill God's will.

(Reflection of Christ's Daba from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 18, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Candida Lobo

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Edmund McCabe

+ Agnes Glofcheski

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Cora Rhodenizer & Helen Broadbridge

Thursday, March 21, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Johnny Abenina

Friday, March 22, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Norberto & Honorina Franco

7:30 p.m. Special Intention for Joyce Wooten

Saturday, March 23, 2019 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Edmund McCabe

4:30 p.m. + Dorothy Laughlan

Sunday, March 24, 2019

8:00 a.m. + The Riordan Family

9:30 a.m. + Iside Vani

11:00 a.m. + Tang Kwok Sum

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

8:30 a.m. – Morning Mass

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. – Evening Mass

Senior Residence Mass – March 2019

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

SHARELIFE

MARCH 17, 2019

March 31, 2019 is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.

Lenten Retreat - 2019

**Fr. Errol Fernandes Returns to
St. Edward's Parish**

Fr. Errol Fernandes, Retreat Director from last year (2018), will offer a **Lenten Reflection on Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m.** The Sacrament of Reconciliation, with a number of priests present, will follow at 7:30 p.m. (Confessions will also be held earlier in the day from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Fr. Errol will also offer a Stations of the Cross, with a Lenten Reflection on Friday, March 22nd at 7:30 p.m., following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

As well, Fr. Errol will offer Mass and a Reflection on Saturday morning, March 23rd at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome!

Lenten Retreat at Blessed Trinity

Once again this year, Blessed Trinity Parish and St. Edward's Parish, will present a joint Lenten Retreat. This year, it will be held at Blessed Trinity Parish (3220 Bayview Ave.) from Monday, March 25th – Thursday March 28th, with Mass and an extended homily, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Reconciliation, with a number of priests present, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28th, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. All are welcome.

The Retreat will be led by Deacon Robert Kinghorn, who will speak on; "...and there shall be one Christ loving himself..." – from St. Augustine.

COINS FOR LIFE 2019

Would you, your family, and friends put aside your toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels and dimes during the next 6 weeks and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a **Culture of Life in Canada**? If so, Coins for Life boxes may be picked up at the back of the Church this weekend. This project helps us to continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on May 9, 2019. Your small change can lead to BIG change by helping to save countless innocent lives now and in the future. God's preborn children in the womb have no voice but ours. In

our present-day culture of death society, we all have a role to play to reverse the tide even with this **'little project' for life**. Volunteers are always needed. For more information call Jenny at 416-267-7126.

**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.



**ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY
ALL ARE WELCOME**

Please join the **Catholic Women's League** for a special video presentation to learn all about St. Augustine's Seminary on Tuesday March 19, 2019 - following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

Second Sunday of Lent – March 17, 2019

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

Mark Your Calendars! Coming Events

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Irish Summer Camp - July 8 – 12

Parish “Totus Tuus” Summer Camp - July 22 – 26

(More specific details as events unfold!)