

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

3rd Sunday of Lent

“MAY YOUR LIFE be fruitful.” Years ago, these words were solemnly and sincerely spoken to me. In our own way, each of us receives this same blessing. During Lent, we are invited to reflect on the fruitfulness of our lives. Every one of us is created to do more than take up space in the garden.

Jesus, in telling the parable of the barren fig tree, teaches us something important. As gardener, he takes an active role in our lives, promising to rework and renew the soil. Gardeners know these unglamorous tasks are essential for producing abundant fruit.

Jesus lovingly commits himself to the troubles and trials of our lives. The wise gardener, he knows when and how to amend the soil. Tended carefully, even the least appealing aspects of our lives offer essential nutrients for healthy growth. We can be transformed; our lives can become ever more fruitful.

Our “yes” to this growth lies in our personal willingness to repent. Twice in this Gospel, Jesus emphasizes his lack of concern over who is a worse sinner or a worse offender. He simply looks for our willingness to be renewed.

At every Eucharist, we renew our “yes.” We pray, acknowledging our need for our Lord: “only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” May our lives be fruitful.

(Reflection of Brenda Mark Hildebrand from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 25, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Kin Ji Wong & Chun Wah Leung

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Teresita

Thursday, March 28, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Domenico Mesiano & Teresa Donato

Friday, March 29, 2019

8:30 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

7:30 p.m. + Margaret Glofcheski

Saturday, March 30, 2019 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Pietro Russo

4:30 p.m. + Erminia Rocco

Sunday, March 31, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Gerard Forster

9:30 a.m. Special Intentions for Giuseppe Martino

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

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.

ShareLife

How can you “Live the Gospel” when life is so busy?

Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. But if your schedule doesn't allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to “Live the Gospel” by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign.

Next Sunday, March 31 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

MARCH 24, 2019

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 are ready for pick up at the back of the Church. This project helps us to continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on May 9, 2019.

Lenten Retreat at Blessed Trinity

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.) 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.

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

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.

Mark Your Calendars! Coming Events

Irish Summer Camp - July 8 – 12
Parish "Totus Tuus" Summer Camp - July 22 – 26

Thank You – Social Committee

A big thank you to the Social Committee for organizing a wonderful St. Patrick's Dinner Dance last weekend, plus the Irish coffee event last Sunday after Mass. A lot of work, but done with great love and devotion to St. Edward's!

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.

Good Shepherd Ministries

Currently Good Shepherd serves 1,200 meals daily (on average). Please consider preparing a chili casserole once per month for GS. The recipe and pans will be provided for you in the church entrance the third weekend of the month. You may bring a frozen casserole to the church the third weekend of the month. Thank you to the parishioners who are preparing casseroles for Good Shepherd, serving meals at Good Shepherd, or are administering the program.

Totus Tuus Summer Camp

Totus Tuus will be happening once again this summer here at the parish!

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

Please note that grade level is determined based on the grade the student will be entering come September 2019. Registration will open the first weekend of April (April 6th & 7th) and our Youth Director Jessica Bews will be available after all Masses that weekend with registration forms. For more details or if you have any questions, or if you would like to volunteer with the program, please email Jessica at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com