

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

I WAS ONCE on a cave exploration trip in Alberta. Using ropes and special ladders, we went exploring a huge 300-metre-deep cave with a maze of passageways. One guide and I wanted to get to the very bottom. At one point, deep down in the cave, we stopped for a snack. My guide took off his glasses to adjust his helmet. It was complete, utter darkness and dead silence down there. Shortly after leaving our snack spot, my guide noticed he had left his glasses behind. Without his glasses, his eyesight was quite blurred. We never found the glasses. He was no longer able to guide me.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says when it comes to really knowing what is in a person's heart, we are like blind guides. We really don't see, even if we think we do. Our eyesight is blocked by our own weaknesses and faults. Jesus invites us to "first take the log out of your own eyes." This is about a conversion of heart, grounded in an ongoing prayer life.

The Lord wants to free us of our burdens. We repent, he forgives us and helps us change our ways. What joy and freedom! Thus, with the psalmist, we want to declare his "steadfast love in the morning," and his "faithfulness by night." (*Reflection of Emmanuel Martel, from Living with Christ*)



### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, March 4, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Kathleen & Bernard McNamee

#### Tuesday, March 5, 2019 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Nicholas & Maria Grazia

#### Wednesday, March 6, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Louise Lobo

12:10 p.m. + Leonardo & Caterina Renda

7:30 p.m. For all Souls in Purgatory

#### Thursday, March 7, 2019

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Francesco Marco, Vittoria & Paulo

#### Friday, March 8, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

7:30 p.m. + Lucille & Pat Altília

#### Saturday, March 9, 2019 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Bobby Robert Seymour

+ Ernesto Rodriguez

4:30 p.m. + Salvador & Grace San Juan

#### Sunday, March 10, 2019

8:00 a.m. Birthday Blessings for Evan Jeong

9:30 a.m. + George vanMierlo

11:00 a.m. + Maria Palumbo

### Senior Residence Masses – March 2019

Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

### **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)

### **The Mass**

Father David once again will be offering 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 this 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.)

### **Lectio Divina**

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

**March 3, 2019**

**Theme:** The Conversion of St. Paul  
Acts 9. 1-31

**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.

### **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!

MARCH 3, 2019

**Lenten Retreat - 2019**

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

Fr. Errol Fernandes, our Retreat Director from last year (2018) will offer a **Lenten Reflection on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome!

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**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 25<sup>th</sup> – Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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**

**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.

**Come and See Weekend**

**March 15 – 17, 2019 at St. Augustine's Seminary**

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).

For more information, please contact the office of Vocations at 416-968-0997; or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

**Please note: Registrants 17 years old will require parental consent.**

**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!)**