

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, we hear Jesus teach his disciples to be persistent in prayer. Far too often, we are discouraged when a prayer seems to go unanswered. We might question whether it is worth repeating our plea and feelings of desperation may arise.

However, the Gospel – the parable of the determined widow and the stubborn judge – reminds us of the importance of being resolute in our prayer life.

Persistence in prayer is an act of confidence and discipline of the soul that strengthens our relationship with God. It's the subtle understanding and humble acceptance that God's will is perfect and that his answer will be given at the right time. God's time. Thus, we ought to hope and wait in him. We need that time to comprehend what God is allowing us to experience. Through persistence in prayer, we are encouraged to partake in a communication of love, praise and trust.

In fact, there is no such thing as an unanswered prayer. There are, perhaps, unexpected answers to our prayers. These answers will always be better than what we could ever expect. After all, we are not pleading with a dishonest judge but with God who loves utterly.

Keep praying, keep believing, keep hoping: God is already working in your life, in one way or the other. He answers your prayers; the Lord is faithful.

(Reflection of Monica Nino, of Living with Christ)

Life-Teen

Our new high school ministry Lifeteen is going to begin on Friday, October 25th! Students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us in the parish hall from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. on alternating Fridays. Come learn more about Christ and have a ton of fun along the way.

Jessica Bews (our Youth Director) and Fr. Pat are always looking for more volunteers for youth ministry. If you would like to volunteer with EDGE (high school students or adults) or Lifeteen (adults), please let us know: stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com

R.C.I.A.

The course for those wishing to become Catholic is held every Wednesday evening from 7 – 9 p.m. in the parish hall. For more information, contact Sr. Eva Janning at 647-542-3309, email: eajanning@gmail.com

55+ Club

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our weekly meetings on Wednesday, from 1 – 3 p.m. All are welcome.



Mass Intentions

Monday, October 21, 2019

8:30 a.m. Sr. Theresina Kim

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Nathan David Welch
First Birthday Wishes for Jazlin Gratia

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

8:30 a.m. + John and Sally Gregoris

Thursday, October 24, 2019

8:30 a.m. Chin Tek Kim

Friday, October 25, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Peter Ban

Saturday, October 26, 2019 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

4:30 p.m. + Jozef and Olga Stojko

Sunday, October 27, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Maria Kee Sau & Joseph Yung Fu Yuan

9:30 a.m. + Vincenzo & Anna Saracino

11:00 a.m. + Felicisimo V. Ramos

The Gospel according to Matthew

Our series on the *Gospel* will resume Monday, October 28th and continue until Monday, December 2nd. Join us on Monday mornings as we explore the *Gospel according to Matthew*, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall.

Coffee and refreshments will be served from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30a.m.. All are welcome!

Laudato Si'

“Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.” – Francis of Assisi

Our sister now cries out to us in pain.

Pope Francis appeals to us to hear the cry of the earth in his letter *Laudato Si'*.

Join us on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall, beginning October 28th to Monday, December 2nd, as we hear what Pope Francis has to say.

All are welcome!

Parishioner Attendance Count

This weekend, October 19th/20th and next weekend, October 26th/27th we ask for your cooperation as we conduct a Parishioner Attendance Count to help provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese. The ushers will assist in this, and it should not disrupt the Mass. Thank you

OCTOBER 20, 2019

Banns for Ordination

Mr. John Steven Sutka is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the **Archdiocese of Toronto** on **November 16, 2019** at **St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York**. Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.



You are invited to the ordination of

John Steven Sutka

To the Transitional Diaconate

*His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins
Will celebrate the Ordination Mass
On **Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.**
At **St. Edward the Confessor***

*Please join us for a reception immediately
Following the Ordination Mass
In the parish hall*

October 21st is Election Day – Time to Vote!

The Archdiocese of Toronto invites every eligible Catholic to vote in the federal election on October 21st. One of the five core directions of the Archdiocese of Toronto's Pastoral Plan calls on us to be engaged in the public square. As a charity, the Archdiocese of Toronto must remain non-partisan and cannot direct the Catholic community to vote for a particular candidate or party. What we can do is educate voters and to ensure they are informed to make a responsible decision on election day. We can also share information on issues from a Catholic perspective – visit www.archtoronto.org/election for more information. Please take the time to pray for those seeking elected office, reflect on your vote from a Catholic perspective and most importantly, cast your ballot on October 21st!

**St. Edward's Parish
to host the**

**2021 C.W.L. National Convention Fundraiser Concert
Sunday, October 27th, 2019 @ 2:00 p.m.**

(Doors will open @ 1:00 p.m.)

Featuring talented singers and musicians from parishes across the Archdiocese. Tickets are **\$20.00** per person and children under 12 years old are **FREE**. All proceeds to help defray costs for hosting the 2021 National C.W.L. Convention. Tickets available at the door or simply contact:

Alice Warford: fleur.59@hotmail.com or 416-453-3965

Lead Kindly Light

Prayer of Cardinal Newman
(Recently Canonized)

*Lead, Kindly Light, amidst th'encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on!*

*The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead Thou me on!*

*Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.*

*I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Shouldst lead me on;*

*I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead Thou me on!*

*I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years!*

*So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on.*

*O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone,*

*And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!*

*Meantime, along the narrow rugged path,
Thyself hast trod,*

*Lead, Saviour, lead me home in childlike faith,
Home to my God.*

*To rest forever after earthly strife
In the calm light of everlasting life.*

Vocations

God will answer the prayers of those who cry out. Ask for men and women to respond to the call to service as priests and religious. 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

Come and See Weekend

**Friday, November 1 (begins at 7:00 p.m.) to
Sunday, November 3 (ends at 1:30 p.m.),
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. Register online at: www.vocationstoronto.ca. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For more information, please contact (the Parish priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 -968-0997 email: vocations@archtoronto.org