

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S READING REMINDS us of the boundlessness of God's mercy. In our flawed humanity, we continually stray from the path we know leads to eternal life. But God's compassion and forgiveness are much stronger than his justifiable anger. God never gives up on us.

The first reading speaks of the Israelites turning from God to worship a golden calf, a difficult image to relate to. Yet, we are bombarded daily with calls urging us to acquire more superficial possessions. New cars, bigger homes, clothing, jewels, gadgets – each one a contemporary “golden calf.” How easy it is to succumb to the media's temptations! Yet, God calls us, in the silence of our hearts, to forsake these false gods and return to him. His tenderness and mercy are always ours for the asking.

Luke's Gospel focuses on the pain of loss and the rejoicing that follows its reversal. The most powerful element in this passage is the story of the “lost” son. As we hear it, perhaps we recognize ourselves in the son who abandoned home and family in favour of reckless living. Perhaps we identify with the elder son's discontent and envy when his father warmly welcomes his brother home. Perhaps we relate to both.

Heavenly Father, give us the grace to answer the call to share in your love, mercy and forgiveness.

(Reflection of Barbara d'Artois, from Living with Christ)

New Youth Program!

(in addition to the EDGE program)

In October, we shall commence a new Youth Ministry program for the teenagers of the parish (Grades 9 and up). Life Teen is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to come together and to meet others within a faith-filled community.

The Life Teen Program will take place on alternate Friday evenings (the EDGE Program, for younger youth, in Grades 6 – 8), will be held on the other Friday nights) A full schedule will be announced shortly.

In the meantime, Jessica Bews (Youth Director) and Fr. Pat, are looking for Life Teen volunteers (adult volunteers) to assist Jessica with the program. For more information and to volunteer contact:

Jessica at: stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com or

Fr. Pat at pastor.stedward@rogers.com

55 + Club

The 55+ Club meets every Wednesday, from 1 – 3 p.m. in the parish hall. New members always welcome.



Monday, September 16, 2019

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving - Meryl

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Teresa Lam

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving-Rev. Fr. James Hurley S.I.

Thursday, September 19, 2019

8:30 a.m. Blessings for Fr. Pat

Friday, September 20, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Francesco Bianchi

Saturday, September 21, 2019 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Josef & Olga Stojko

4:30 p.m. Protection of the Unborn Children

Sunday, September 22, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Jacqueline George

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

11:00 a.m. + Angel Brooks

Fr. David's Courses

The Gospel according to Mark

Our series on the *Gospel according to Mark* will resume this Monday, September 16th and will continue until Monday, October 7th. We will meet 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 9:30 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, September 16th and will continue until Monday, October 7th. We will meet from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome!

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Dear Parishioners:

I am pleased to inform that Cardinal Thomas Collins, in conjunction with St. Augustine's Seminary, has assigned Fraser McLaren to our parish, for his pastoral-internship.

Fraser was born in the heart of the Canadian prairies in Regina, Saskatchewan, but raised in Victoria, B.C., the third oldest of four children. He has a degree in history and economics from the University of Victoria and Columbia. Fraser is now in his fourth year of formation at St. Augustine's Seminary, studying for the Archdiocese of Toronto (having determined, a few years ago, that Toronto would be his new home). I am sure you will join me in welcoming Fraser to our parish; we look forward to supporting him in his discernment of priesthood.

Fr. Pat

Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.)

The work of St. Edward's is made possible through the giving hearts of our parishioners. That is why the Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (P.A.G.) as another giving option to assist you in sustaining the needs and programs of our parish.

P.A.G. provides; convenience and ease to our parishioners; steady stream of funds for our parish; help in planning for parish expenses and resources. If interested, please fill in the PAG sign-up form, attach it to your void cheque and drop these in the offertory basket. For more information, contact the parish office at 416-221-9131.

TO ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH

St. Edward's Catholic Women's League Invites You

Please join us for our **Annual Pot Luck Dinner and Paper Bag Auction, on Tuesday, September 17th, at 6:00 p.m.** Bring your favourite dish and a new item in a closed paper bag to be auctioned.



R.C.I.A.

The course for those wishing to become Catholic will begin on Wednesday Sept. 18th from 7 – 9 p.m..

For more information, contact Sr. Eva at 647-542-3309
Email: eajanning@gmail.com

105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees Sunday, September 29

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is “It is not Just About Migrants.” In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that “the presence of migrants and refugees, is an invitation to recover some of those essential dimensions of our Christian existence and our humanity that risk being overlooked in a prosperous society. That is why it is not just about migrants. ‘For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?’ (Matt: 5:46).”

Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home

You are invited to an *Information Session* this *Sunday, September 15th at 1:30 pm* at Blessed Trinity Parish, 3220 Bayview Ave. Toronto (just north of Finch). Come and have your questions answered. There will be a presentation on how to pre-arrange funerals and how to transfer your funeral arrangements from one location to another. Very timely in view of recent changes in the ownership of some long-standing family owned funeral homes. Come and be educated...it is never too soon to prepare.

Senior Residence Masses – September 2019

(any parishioner is welcome to attend)

Wednesday, September 18th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

Humanitarian Relief – Hurricane Dorian

In an effort to support those who have been most directly impacted by Hurricane Dorian, the Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting funds that will be sent through our Catholic relief partners. Contributions can be made through our parishes and through the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
Name of Parish – 2019 Hurricane Dorian – Disaster Relief