

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOLLOWING GOD is not a task for the faint-hearted. The first reading and the responsorial psalm are powerful reminders of how great is God and how wondrous God's plans. Taking on the larger-than-life task of submitting to God's ways will challenge us. Jesus reminds his followers, and Paul echoes these sentiments from behind bars, that discipleship makes tough demands (such as giving up all your possessions).

Why then should we follow God? Will life not be easier if we follow our own desires or only commit ourselves half-heartedly to Christianity (becoming the proverbial cafeteria Catholic)? The reason most people attempt anything challenging is because of the results. An athlete sacrifices and trains for better performance; a student reads, writes and reviews consistently to obtain desirable grades. So too, following God will produce greater results than anything else we commit ourselves to.

The result of following God is everlasting life. Our lives are perishable. We return to dust, but God has promised to restore and perfect the life we originally received. Christ came to show us that our earthly lifespan does not have to be all we know. God has prepared something so much better, eternal paradise, for us to enjoy without end.

(Reflection of Andrew Hume, 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



Mass Intentions

Monday, September 9, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Albert Costa

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 12, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Felipa Alday

Friday, September 13, 2019

8:30 a.m. Giovanni Cristillo's 80th Birthday

Saturday, September 14, 2019 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving

4:30 p.m. + Dr. Lucio Chua Tan

Sunday, September 15, 2019

8:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

9:30 a.m. + Adolf Rygiel

11:00 a.m. + Maria Palumbo

Fr. David's Courses

The Gospel according to Mark

Our series on the *Gospel according to Mark* will resume on 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 on 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!

Lectio Divina

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

September 8, 2019

Theme: Adam and Eve

Genesis 3:1-19

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.

Senior Residence Masses – September 2019

(any parishioner is welcome to attend)

Friday, September 13th – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, September 13th – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.

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

Knitting Group

The St. Edward's Charity Knitting group will re-
convene on Wednesday, September 11th from 11:30
a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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.

ShareLife – Goal Reached!

A special thanks to all who donated to this year's
ShareLife Campaign. We achieved our goal of
\$119,600.00; the final amount raised was \$121,015.50.
A great success! The many agencies supported by this
campaign are most grateful for all our efforts.

R.C.I.A.

Persons interested in becoming Roman Catholic are
invited to an information session in advance of our Fall
R.C.I.A. program. Come and meet the teachers, learn
about the process and the schedule of classes in the
Fall.

Information Session will be held this **Sunday,**
September 8th – after 11:00 a.m. Mass

The R.C.I.A. course begins on Wednesday Sept. 18th.

For more information, contact Sr. Eva at 647-542-3309

Email: eajanning@gmail.com

55 + Club

The 55+ Club will resume regular weekly meetings this
coming Wednesday September 11th from 1 – 3 p.m. in the
parish hall. Come make new friends and enjoy games
days, movie days, speakers, and the occasional potluck
lunch. New members always welcome.

Poor Box

Please remember the poor box on your way out of the
Church. All funds assist our local St. Vincent de Paul
society in its ministry to the poor.

Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home

You are invited to an **Information Session** on **Sunday,**
Sept. 15th at 1:30pm 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.