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TODAY'S READINGS ARE especially poignant to the western world. North American culture is over-saturated with marketing. Advertisers promote the message that if we buy their products, we will be complete. Most of us have experienced the disappointment of a newly purchased item falling short of our expectations.

Today's readings, especially the Gospel, contrast God's true love with worldly promises of love that fade. Jesus uses the analogy of the Good Shepherd and compares his authentic concern for the flock with that of the hired help who only care about their pay cheque. They flee the scene at the first sign of danger, leaving the sheep to fend for themselves. This message is also present in the other readings. In the first reading, from Acts, Peter states that "there is salvation in no one else," To put our faith in others, whether they be advertisers or celebrities, will lead to disappointment. In Psalm 118, the psalmist praises God who has protected him when all else failed.

God promises us a greater love than we can imagine. As the ultimate sign of this, he sent Christ into the world to call us. During this Easter season, and today on World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we pray that Jesus' message will be embraced by all people searching for immortal and timeless love. *(Reflection of Andrew Hume, from Living with Christ)*



Mass Intentions

Monday, April 23rd, 2018

8:30 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, April 24th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Benicio Pilién

Wednesday, April 25th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Vincenzo and Rosa Spinelli

Thursday, April 26th, 2018 Multi-intention

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

Friday, April 27th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Larry Murray

Saturday, April 28th, 2018

4:30 p.m. Birthday Wishes for Cecilia Lee

Sunday, April 29th, 2018

8:00 a.m. + Richard and Una Lynau

9:30 a.m. + Paul Joseph Ricciardi

11:00 a.m. + Rodolfo Rosales

Dear Parishioners:

Due to a number of parishioners unable to attend Mass last weekend because of the bad weather, we thought that we would repeat the following:

The Sacred Heart Altar, presented as a gift to our parish from Fr. Michael Busch, Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, was installed and blessed last weekend. To complement the altar, an Ambo (pulpit) was designed to match the altar. The former altar remains in the church, and is now the altar that holds the beautiful statue of the Pieta at the Marian Shrine.

As promised last week, I'd like to inform you about the history of the relics which are contained in the Sacred Heart Altar (Fr. Michael Busch also provided me with some background, which I found to be very inspiring).

Firstly, the relics are from the sacred remains taken from the bones of the holy martyrs (and companions) of St. Zenon, martyred around the year 299 A.D.. These relics originally rested in Rome, in the Tre Fontane Abbey, also known as the Abbey of Saint Vincent and Saint Anastasius. The Abbey is a Cistercian Abbey, whose monks are more commonly known as Trappist Monks. This Abbey has a unique history; it is believed St. Paul the Apostle was martyred there. The Abbey is also known for raising the lambs whose wool is used to make the "pallia" of new archbishops. The Pope blesses the lambs each year on the Feast of St. Agnes, January 21st.

On the 15th day of July, 1870, pieces of the relics were reverently gathered in a chest, tied with a silk cord of violet colour, and presented to St. Michael's Cathedral. In 1873, Bishop Lynch wrote a letter of their being placed in the Cathedral that year. The relics were originally placed in a wooden altar at the south side of the sanctuary, which is the area now occupied by the choir school. In 1938, Cardinal McGuigan installed a marble altar, dedicated to the Sacred Heart, and had the relics transferred from the wooden altar to the marble altar, where they remain to this day. This altar is now at our parish.

St. Edward the Confessor Parish is very grateful to Fr. Michael Busch for this inspiring and historic gift, which links us to the Cathedral Basilica in a very unique way. In written remarks to the community of St. Edward's, Fr. Busch offered the following remarks:

"I am very happy to see this altar here in your community. Countless masses have been said on this altar in its 80 year history and it is fitting that the prayers and Eucharistic

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sacrifices that were offered on it are now a part of the offerings and prayers of this parish. It speaks to the truth that we all profess in our Creed, that we are truly one communion of saints past, present and future".

In closing, let us continue to pray for one another, as we look forward to many Eucharistic celebrations on this very historic altar.

God Bless you.

Fr. Pat

Holy Hour For Vocations

The Holy Hour, held each First Friday of the month, from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., will, on the evening of May 4th, include special prayers for Vocations, and for those to be ordained this year.

Cardinal's Breakfast

Cardinal Collins will host a breakfast, prior to the Ordinations, May 12, 2018, at 7:30 a.m., at the Arcadian Court, Simpson Tower, for young men in the parish, ages 14 years and older. Following breakfast, special seating will be reserved at the Cathedral Basilica for the Ordinations. If interested in attending, please contact Fr. Pat, at the parish office.

Ordinations

His Emienence Thomas Cardinal Collins will ordain Alexander MacDonald and Raymond So to the Priesthood on Saturday, May 12, at 10:00 a.m., at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All are welcome



St. Edward's 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Dance

The St. Edward's Gala Dinner & Dance in honour of the 75th Anniversary of the parish will be held on Friday, June 1st at Presidente Banquet Hall, with **cocktails starting at 6:30 p.m.** The evening will include full dinner, open bar and dancing to the Andre Bisson Band. Tickets are \$75:00 per person. To purchase tickets, please contact:

Juliet Santos – 416—221-2658
Rosanna Del Grosso – 416-512-0554
Danny Rebello – 416-226-1232

Catholic Women's League – General Meeting

The CWL general meeting on Thursday, April 26th will be a celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Our evening will begin with Mass in the church at 7:00 p.m. followed by the meeting in the hall. Refreshments will be provided. All women are invited; bring a friend or two!

2018 Totus Tuus Summer Camp

Registration for the Totus Tuus Summer Camp (July 15-20, 2018) is open! Totus Tuus, Latin for "Totally Yours" is a unique program featuring a team of four university/college-age students who engage youth in a fun week-long program focusing on our Catholic faith. The week is packed with skits, songs, games, and inspiring teaching.

Day Camp (students entering grades 1-6) is from Monday to Friday from 9:00a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Bring your own lunch. Registration fee is \$80.00 per child.

The **Evening Program (students entering grades 7-12)** is from Sunday to Thursday from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Come out and bring a friend! Registration fee is \$25.00.

Contact Kimberly Go at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com or the parish office 416-221-9131 to register. Registration forms are available in the parish lobby.

PRIEST IN RESIDENCE FOR SUMMER

Fr. Seamus Hogan, Professor of Church History, at St. Augustine's Seminary, will be in residence at St. Edward's Parish for the summer months. The Seminary is undergoing some renovation and Fr. Pat offered him a room for the summer. Fr. Seamus will have other responsibilities during the summer, but looks forward to meeting the community as much as possible.

EDGE Youth Ministry

All students in grades 6, 7, and 8, are invited to our upcoming EDGE Night!

When? Friday, April 27, 2018 from 7:00-9:00pm
Where? St. Edward's Church (Parish Hall)

Please contact Kimberly Go at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com for more information