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GOD CALLS US daily into an intimate union with him. Today's readings remind us of this and that our souls thirst for God and his love. He is the only source of eternal life and apart from him we will never be satisfied.

In this Easter season we rejoice in the Lord's resurrection and we continue to reflect on his unfailing and everlasting love for us. Today, we are called to go deeper in our relationship with Jesus and surrender our lives to him so we can be who we were created to be. As the branch needs to be attached to the vine, we need to be attached to Jesus to produce fruit. As we grow in faith and love for others, God will prune us so we can produce more fruit.

The more time we spend with Jesus, the more we will learn to love others and ourselves as he does. We will be faithful to his commandments and abide in him.

Today, let us open our hearts to Jesus and receive his love, especially during Communion. Let us take today's readings home and meditate on them – especially the Gospel. It is a great passage to use for a *Lectio Divina* with family or friends. *(Reflection of Sarah Escobar, from Living with Christ)*



### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

8:30 a.m. Birthday wishes for Sylvia Leaver

#### Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Edgardo Camus

#### Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

#### Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Ying Kwan Tse

#### Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Terezita and Selwyn

7:30 p.m. For the Protection of the Unborn Children

#### Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

4:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving – Abraham & Sarah Kim

#### Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving wishes - Neres & Ester Medina

9:30 a.m. + Kee Sau & Yung Fu Yuan

11:00 a.m. + Domenico and Teresa Mesiano

#### Senior Residence Mass – May 2018

Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

Dear Parishioners:

The recent van attack along Yonge Street, this past Monday, was shocking to everyone, especially for those who live in the community of North York, which includes our parish. I was in a meeting at the Chancery Office when it all unfolded and came back to the parish as quickly as I could. We welcomed people into the church so they could pray and light candles. I offered Mass in the evening for the victims and families; the Mass was attended by the Diocesan Catholic Women's League who had previously booked the hall that evening. We should also keep in prayer those who witnessed the horrible event unfolding before them, as well as the courageous first responders. As difficult as it may be to say, we should even pray for the person who committed this crime that he may have a conversion of heart.

This past Thursday night, we held a Prayer Service at St. Edward's for the victims of the Toronto attack, attended by Faith leaders of other churches in the Yonge-Finch neighbourhood. I sent out an invitation to all parishioners. This weekend, we will also offer special prayers at Mass for all impacted by this tragedy.

What follows below is a statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins:

"I invite the Catholic community across the Archdiocese of Toronto to join me in offering our prayers for all those who were killed or injured in the violent incident earlier today. I will be asking all 225 Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto to offer special prayer intentions this week for all those who have suffered. Let us unite our efforts to bring comfort and care to those who are hurting today." (April 24, 2018)

#### Congratulations

Fr. Pat wishes to congratulate, on behalf of the parish, all the students of our parish schools who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend at St. Edward's Church. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and sanctify them and their families.

#### 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.

April 29, 2018

**Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>  
First Friday Holy Hour  
Benediction and Mass**

Join us on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, for First Friday Holy Hour which will include special prayers for Vocations and for those to be ordained this year (6:30 – 7:30p.m.), followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**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 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner & Dance**

The St. Edward's Gala Dinner & Dance in honour of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the parish will be held on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**EDGE Youth Ministry**

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

**When?** Friday, May 11, 2018 from 7:00-9:00pm

**Where?** St. Edward's Church (Parish Hall)

**What? "Old Made New"**

Please contact Kimberly Go at [stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com) for more information

**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](mailto: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.

**Workshops on the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching**

The Office of Formation for Discipleship is hosting workshops on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. We invite those involved in parish ministries that reach out to the marginalized, the suffering, the sick, shut-in seniors and the newly arrived to attend any of the seven workshops that will run from April to September. All workshops will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, Room 4A (1155 Yonge Street, Toronto).

May 25 – Rights and Responsibilities Deacon Robert Kinghorn, Street Ministry

June 22 – Option for the Poor and Vulnerable Canadian Jesuit International

July 27 – Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers Deacon Rudy Ovcjak, Director, Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT)