

Second Sunday of Easter

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ONE COLD, GREY Argentine morning, amidst rubbish piles, a small, scruffy child bent over a small fire trying to mend the strap on one of his plastic sandals. This is only one of a thousand mental images I have, will always have, of the poverty and brokenness in our world today. Aren't we called to something better?

Thomas felt the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus whom he had followed so eagerly but doubted so quickly. We all need the comfort of knowing we can be forgiven over and over again when we fail to take to heart "his commandments" which we know deep in our hearts "are not burdensome."

Yet still we doubt. We vainly try to tightly hold on to what earthly riches we have, knowing full well that material possessions will not bring us closer to our ultimate goal. Simple lessons like the more we give, the more we will receive just do not seem to stick and need to be re-learned over and over again.

The early Christian community recognized the path. "There was not a needy person among them," because they shared their wealth. "It was distributed to each as any had need."

The risen Jesus entered the locked room and said, "Peace be with you." Can we hear his voice today? "This is the victory that conquers the world, our faith."

(Reflection of Michael Dougherty, from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, April 9th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Ying Kwan Tse

Tuesday, April 10th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Rita De Vuono

Wednesday, April 11th, 2018 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Teresa Yang
Special Intention of Elizabeth
+ Sally Gregoris
+ Gabriel Orsini
+ Ulplano & Leonida Ligsay

Thursday, April 12th, 2018

8:30 p.m. + Thomas & Marie Callaghan

Friday, April 13th, 2018 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Monserrat Reynoso

Saturday, April 14th, 2018

4:30 p.m. + Gerald and Ruth Leaver

Sunday, April 15th, 2018

8:00 a.m. + Kee Sau & Yung Fu Yuan
9:30 a.m. + Vincenzo and Anna Saracino
11:00 a.m. + Domenico and Anna Grazia DeSantis

Blessing of the Sacred Heart Altar

The new Altar will be Blessed this Sunday, April 8th

At the 11:00 a.m. Mass

**In attendance: Fr. Michael Busch,
Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica has gifted St. Edward's Parish with the Sacred Heart Altar, formerly one of two side altars present in the Cathedral Basilica for many years. During the renovation of the Cathedral Basilica last year, the side altars had to be removed to accommodate more space. Fr. Michael Busch visited St. Edward's during the renovations, and offered to gift our parish with the Sacred Heart altar. The altar will be dedicated in memory of Bernadette Carvalho by her family. In addition, a marble Ambo (pulpit) has been designed to match the altar; this Ambo will be dedicated in memory of Bernard and Kathleen McNamee by their family. The current wooden altar will be moved to the Marian Shrine of the Pieta, thus remaining in the Church.

All are invited to this very historic moment in the life of our parish, especially as we continue to celebrate our 75th Anniversary year. This gift of the marble altar further links us in a spiritual way to the Cathedral Basilica of our Archdiocese.

Fr. Michael Busch will celebrate the Mass and speak to the history of the altar as well as the Relics contained within it.

ShareLife

Living the Gospel through immediate mental health services...

Mental health problems can escalate if not addressed quickly. That's why the five Catholic Family Services agencies in the Archdiocese of Toronto now offer walk-in counselling. This initiative can often meet clients' need without requiring longer term counselling. Clients report a clinically significant increase in confidence that they can tackle their problems. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping restore hope to those in crisis.

**April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

Senior Residence Masses in April 2018

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

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

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

April 8, 2018

Dear Parishioners:

I am still reflecting on the inspirational liturgies held this past Holy Week, culminating in the great celebration of Easter.

We welcomed eleven (11) new Catholics into our parish community at the Easter Vigil as well as two (2) other adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Others, studying for the Catholic faith, through the RCIA program, will likely be received into the Church at Pentecost.

A highlight of Easter Sunday was the presence of our auxiliary bishop, Bishop Robert Kasun, who presided and preached at our 11:00 a.m. Mass. He offered a very insightful and inspiring homily based on the Gospel for Easter Sunday.

I thank everyone who assisted in the various liturgical ministries during Holy Week as well as those who helped to prepare the Church for Easter.

As we continue to celebrate the season of Easter, let us pray for one another.

Fr. Pat



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

Vocations

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon. Call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997**

email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

EDGE Youth Ministry

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

When? Friday, April 13, 2018 from 7:00-9:00pm

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

What: A Promise is a Promise

Please contact Kimberly Go at

stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com for more information

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).

April 27 – Call to Family, Community and Participation
Denis Costello, Executive Director, Catholic Family Services of Toronto

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

Coins for Life Campaign 2018

For those who have not yet returned the Coins for Life boxes, please be reminded that they are to be returned no later than next weekend April 14th/15th. Thank you for your generosity.

55+ Club

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

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.