

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE LEPER IN today's Gospel violated the religious rules laid out in the Book of Leviticus – he broke the Law by approaching a clean man. Even then, Jesus did not send the leper away.

Rather, Our Lord was so moved with pity that he touched the leper (yet another religious violation). Jesus also insisted that the man present himself to the priests as an example of his obedience to the law. Jesus saw this as a helpful and necessary step that made it possible for the man to be fully reintegrated into the community.

The lesson is: we must constantly opt to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Also, we must respect laws that are truly designed to serve the common good. Sometimes social and economic problems seem too big and complex for us to handle. Oftentimes, it is just plain easier to settle for inaction.

But Jesus shows us the best response: "I do choose. Be made clean."

I wonder if in this story leprosy is really meant to be a metaphor of brokenness. Can we recognize that we, as well as our society, suffer from various sorts of brokenness? Might we also need to kneel before Jesus requesting the deepest healing for which humanity yearns? Is today a new opportunity for each of us to choose to accept Jesus' challenge to fully love our neighbour? *(Reflection of Joe Gunn, from Living with Christ)*



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 12th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Philip Picco

Tuesday, February 13th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Peter & Hope McDermot

Wednesday, February 14th, 2018 Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. + Catherine Dias

12:00 Noon + Leonardo & Caterina Renda

7:00 p.m. + Fr. Emric Fuzy

Thursday, February 15th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Norberto Ferrara

Friday, February 16th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Thomas Callaghan

Saturday, February 17th, 2018

4:30 p.m. + Olga Stojko

Sunday, February 11th, 2018

8:00 a.m. Merciful Redeemer

9:30 a.m. Special Intention of the Wong Family

11:00 a.m. + Philip Picco

Pancake Sunday

The Knights of Columbus will host their second annual Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, February 11th, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and are still available. Come and enjoy a good meal.



Saturday, March 17th, 2018

St. Patrick's Day

Dinner & Dance

The annual St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance will be held on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17th from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. Dinner, Dancing & Irish entertainment. Tickets are \$35:00 per person (cash bar). Tickets will be available after all Masses, starting the weekend of February 24th/25th.

Vocations

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997**

Email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca



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

Fr. Pat wishes to announce that 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. The evening will include full dinner, open bar and dancing to a live band. Ticket are \$75:00 per person. To purchase tickets, please contact:

Peter Bernotas – 416-460-7089

Maria Amodio – 647-233-6841

Danny Rebello – 416-226-1232

Senior Residence Mass

Wednesday, Feb. 21st – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

EDGE Youth Ministry

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

When? Friday, February 16, 2018 from 7:00-9:00pm

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

What? Secret Admirer – A Valentine's Day themed EDGE Night on Divine Revelation

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

Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference

On February 24th join **Hector Molina** and the **Bishop of St. Catharines, Gerard Bergie**, along with hundreds of men for Serviam Ministries' 3rd annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Manly Virtue". It is a one day intensive men's retreat consisting of spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fraternity and prayer.

Special Father/Son rates available. For information and tickets, call 1-888-522-2070.

Celebrate Your Marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Upcoming Weekend: March 2-4, 2018 (Four Points by Sheraton, Argentia Rd., Mississauga)
For more information and application, please go to www.wwme.org or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925.

Tax Receipts

Your **2017** donation tax receipts were mailed out this week. Please notify the parish office if your address has changed.

Lent 2018

Ash Wednesday – February 14th

There will be 3 Masses celebrated on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent:

8:30 a.m.
12:00 Noon
7:00 p.m.

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses. Fr. Pat will also be visiting the schools.

For those attending the Noon Mass, the 55+ Club, following Mass, will be serving a Lenten meal of soup and rolls (vegetable and lentil soup) in the parish hall. **No charge.**

A reminder that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat.

The laws of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds those who are 18 to 59 years old. Those who are sick and pregnant are exempt from the laws of fasting and abstinence.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening in Lent at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Parish Lenten Retreat & Mission

Monday, March 5th to Friday, March 9th
Retreat Director: Fr. Errol Fernandes

Renowned Retreat Director, Fr. Errol Fernandes will lead us in a Lenten Mission of the theme:

"Leave Every Negative Thought" (LENT)

We are pleased to co-host this Retreat with Blessed Trinity Parish. All sessions will take place, this year, at St. Edward' Church.

Monday 5th – 7:00 p.m. – Mass & Reflection
Tuesday 6th – 7:00 p.m. – Mass & Reflection
Wednesday 7th – 7:00 p.m. – Mass & Reflection
Thursday 8th – 7:00 p.m. – Reconciliation Night
Friday 9th – 7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross with Reflection