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IN TODAY'S LITURGY, Jesus experiences a river-baptism, and God's voice is heard proclaiming Jesus to be the Beloved Son of God with the visible presence of the Holy spirit bearing witness. Do you remember your baptism? Have you ever witnessed someone else's baptism? What do you recall from these baptism liturgies? In today's scriptures, we do well to listen for echoes of our own baptism and the baptisms we have witnessed: water, Spirit, the Trinity, a faith-filled community gathered.

This Gospel recounts the final event we celebrate in the Christmas season. The Christmas season looks beyond the baby in Bethlehem. Each feast peels back the layers a little further, each revealing the truth of Jesus of Nazareth from a different perspective. Jesus is the one in whom God keeps the promises made through Isaiah. He will show to the world the glory, justice, power, and abundant love of God.

And us? Through baptism into Christ, we share in his life in God and his promise-keeping mission in the world. By our baptism we can lay claim to the divine declaration: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Do you celebrate your baptism date anniversary? Today is a fitting time to do so.

(Reflection of Margaret Bick from Living with Christ)

The Mass

Fr. David will offer a course on "The Mass". The series is based on a DVD by Bishop Robert Barron. The 6-week series will run on Monday mornings, commencing this **Monday, January 14th, at 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** (Refreshments will be served from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. for those staying after the morning Mass.)

Senior Residence Masses

Wednesday, January 16th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

EDGE Youth Ministry

Fridays 7 – 9 p.m.

for students in Grades 6, 7 and 8

All young people, grades 6 – 8 are welcome to attend; no pre-registration needed. For more information, contact Jessica Bews at: stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 14, 2019

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Leaver Family

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Gloria Kang

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Abraham & Sarah Kim

Thursday, January 17, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Dorothy Kosowskie

Friday, January 18, 2019

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

Saturday, January 19, 2019

4:30 p.m. + Patrick Dillon & Josephine Grant

Sunday, January 13, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Ai-Lin Chan

9:30 a.m. For the Protection of the Unborn Children

11:00 a.m. + Juan Chin

Perpetual Mass Cards

Perpetual Mass cards are now available through the parish office.

CWL Retreat Day in St. Edward's Church Hall

Saturday Jan. 19th 8:30 am – 12 pm

Facilitator: Trena Finnegan

As we begin a new year, we will take the morning to reflect on and grow in our understanding that we are deeply loved by our Creator. Through music, scripture, the writing of Henri Nouwen, prayer and small group sharing we can reclaim our spiritual identity as the beloved son/daughter of God.

Trena is an experienced Retreat Facilitator offering days of reflection on various themes including *Sacred Pausing – Living Mindfully through the Hours of the Day*. She is a Graduate of Regis College, Toronto with a Diploma in Spiritual Direction

All women of the parish are welcome.

Please RSVP to: stedwardcwl@gmail.com so that we will know numbers for seating and refreshments.

Lunch for Teenagers

All teenagers in grades 9 – 12 are invited to join us for a free Taco lunch next Sunday, Jan. 20th in the hall after the 11:00a.m. Mass.

RSVP to Jessica – stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com
Jessica Bews (Youth Director)

JANUARY 13, 2019

VOLUNTEERS FOR MINISTRY WITH YOUTH

Jessica Bews, our Youth Director, is looking for volunteers to help with the EDGE program (Friday nights) and for help with the upcoming Lunch for Teenagers and possible LIFE TEEN program, which will be announced soon. If interested, contact Jessica at: stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com You may also speak with Fr. Pat.

55+ Club

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our weekly meetings on Wednesday, from 1 – 3 p.m. A variety of activities planned for the New Year.

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins – February 10, 2019 – 4 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2019 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2019, you are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 10th at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Ave., Woodbridge). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online or by phone to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other information can be found at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage> or by calling 416-934-3400, ext. 523.

Marriage Sunday

Fr. Pat and Fr. Dave will offer a special “Marriage Blessing” for ALL married couples on the weekend of February 9th/10th, at each Mass. Couples celebrating significant anniversaries (25, 40, 50, etc.) are invited to leave their names at the parish office.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE - MARY MATTHEWS PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Sunday February 3, 2019 at St. Edward the Confessor Church at 1:00 p.m. Open to all students in grade 7 & 8.

PREPARED SPEECH: Contestants will choose their own topics.

IMPROMPTU SPEECH: All contestants will be assigned the same topic.

Winners will go on to compete at the Regional level. For more information and to register, please send your name and contact information to: stedwardcwl@gmail.com

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 Ecumenical Prayer Service

Theme: “Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue”
(Deuteronomy 16:20)

Come and join us in an ecumenical prayer service led by Catholic, Anglican and Orthodox bishops along with Leaders from Christian Churches in GTA.

Sunday, January 27, 2019 – 4:30 p.m.
St. James Anglican Cathedral
106 King St. E., Toronto (at King and Church Streets)

Organized by: Greater Toronto Area Christian Council of Churches (GTACCC). Refreshments to follow.
For more information, contact 416-93400 ext. 344 ext. 527 or ecumenical@archtoronto.org

Thank you from the Catholic Children’s Aid Society

“On behalf of the Catholic Children’s Aid Society of Toronto, thank you (St. Edward’s) so much for the generosity and support you provided to our Hope for Christmas program. We are so thankful to have worked in collaboration with your parish for the first time this year for our Christmas program. We are immensely grateful to the time of everyone involved in coordinating the Angel Tree program. Thanks to your participation, many children woke up Christmas morning to the excitement of finding a present under the tree. We are overcome by the kindness of your church community to come together to support our clients in the way you have. Many of these clients would not have had a gift to open without your generous support. Please know how much your efforts are appreciated. We hope you will consider supporting the Hope for Children Program next year. Wishing you and your loved ones a healthy and happy New Year.” – Kara Spedding, Manager, Fund Development, Catholic Children’s Aid Society of Toronto (January 3, 2019)

EXERCISE CLASSES – Coming in January!

We are excited to announce that Better Living Health and Community Services will be providing **free** exercise classes for seniors at St. Edward’s beginning January 15th, and running each Tuesday morning as follows:

Gentle Fitness: 9:30 a.m.

Healthy Heart: 10:30 a.m.

Registration takes place this weekend, Jan. 12th/13th, after all Masses. Registration forms will be available at the back of the Church.