

## *Pastor's New Year Message*

A comment often heard these days is, "Where does the time go?"

As I sat in conversation the other night with a parishioner, I was struck by the realization of how precious time can be, and yet how quickly one day becomes another.

The challenge, I suspect, is to find time to pause, and to reflect carefully on the past months and year, in order to better appreciate and to savour what happened and how each memorable experience can shape our present and future lives.

As we begin the New Year 2019, I wish to pause to reflect and to be grateful for the past year at St. Edward's Parish. The events we have celebrated and the times we have shared as a community of faith have indeed been a sacred and wonderful experience.

In a relatively short period, we have much to be grateful for. We have celebrated the Seasons of Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas. We welcomed new Catholics into the Church, affirmed children and their families as they received the gifts of Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, supported couples who married, mourned with those who experienced the loss of a loved one ( and celebrated their loved ones at Mass), and enjoyed the various picnics, socials and workshops. As well, we served the sick and needy in our Outreach Programs, and sponsored a Refugee family despite the slow process of awaiting their arrival.

We continue to support an active outreach to seniors and have built up a number of youth programs. We have been blest with a good staff and a wonderful seminarian, and a new Associate Pastor, Fr. Dave Warren.

So much in "only" a year! Yet, it speaks to the dedication, joy and faith of all in our community who gather for prayer, worship, and to offer their gifts in service to their brothers and sisters. That is not always easy in the midst of such a busy community. However, it has worked well, and mainly due to the involvement of all at so many different levels of Ministry. That, in my view, is what a Christian community is called to be about – all expressing their individual gifts as one body of faith.

As we welcome this new year (2019), I conclude with some thoughts from a poem, "Through the Kaleidoscope of Change", written by a student, a few years ago, at the University of Toronto (who preferred to remain anonymous). I trust you will appreciate it.

*"I look for meaning and the meaning I find is this:  
For every season of my life, God has a purpose.  
And if God has a reason then I am free to go ahead  
and love  
Even though I know that class ends in seven days,*

*Or graduation is only a few months away,  
Or the person living next to me may move in a year.  
I will reach out and embrace friendship  
Without fear of the risk that it soon may end,  
For through this friendship God wants me to learn.  
To love, to receive, and to give.  
I will allow my roots to cling deeply to the soil around  
me  
Even though I know that the deeper the roots,  
The harder it will be to pull them up someday.  
And when things begin to change and God turns over  
The well-worked soil of my experience,  
I know that a new growing period is about to begin.  
That's how God works in this world,  
A world which never stays the same."*

*Happy New Year! – Fr. Pat*

### **EDGE Youth Ministry**

**Fridays 7 – 9 p.m.**

for students in Grades 6, 7 and 8

EDGE will resume on Friday, January, 11, 2019.

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

### **Thank You**

Thank you to all the Knights of Columbus, Marie Barry, (CWL) and all who assisted in our annual Angel Tree Program, and to all who helped Frank Leaver in organizing the St. Vincent de Paul distribution of gift cards to the needy of our local community.

I also wish to thank the choirs, music leaders, the Lectors, the Eucharistic Ministers, Altar-Servers, Ushers, Sacristans, the teachers in the Little Lambs Ministry, the catechism courses and the Children's Liturgy of the Word, and all who assisted at our Christmas Masses. A special thank you to Maria Amodio, and Lucas Pak, in helping to decorate the Church.

A special thank you to the children who participated in the Nativity Pageant and to Connie Marsh and Angie Parravano who helped to organize it.

Finally, my thanks to the Social Committee for organizing the Irish Coffee Social on New Year's Day.

Fr. Pat

JANUARY 6, 2019



## Mass Intentions

**Monday, January 7, 2019**

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019**

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

**Wednesday, January 9, 2019**

8:30 a.m. + Betty Flannagan

**Thursday, January 10, 2019**

8:30 a.m. + Antonio Di Ianni

**Friday, January 11, 2019**

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Selwyn Almeida

**Saturday, January 12, 2019**

4:30 p.m. + Judy Chen

**Sunday, January 13, 2019**

8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Esther Neres & Esther Medina

9:30 a.m. + Maria Palumbo

11:00 a.m. + Derek & Betty Mae Pazder

### Vocations

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997** email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### **TCDSB Kindergarten Registration**

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019 – 10 a.m.**

TCDSB looks forward to welcoming new students for September 2019. Children born in 2015 are eligible for kindergarten. **Registration options:** Online: Parents can complete their application online, beginning at 10 a.m. EST on January 16, 2019, at [SOAR.tcdsb.org](http://SOAR.tcdsb.org), and follow up with a visit to the school to present required documents. In-person: Parents can register at their local school, with required documents beginning January 16, 2019 at 10 a.m. EST. **CONTACT:**

TCDSB Communications **PHONE:** 416-222-8282, ext. 5314

**EMAIL:** [commdept@tcdsb.org](mailto:commdept@tcdsb.org)

**WEB:** [www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration](http://www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration)

### Perpetual Mass Cards

Perpetual Mass cards are now available through the parish office.

### Lunch for Teenagers

All teenagers in grades 9 – 12 are invited to join us for a free lunch on Sunday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> in the hall after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Come and join us in a conversation about also starting up a High School Youth Ministry here at St. Edward’s!

Jessica Bews (Youth Director)

### 55+ Club

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our weekly meetings, starting on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 3 p.m. A variety of activities planned for the New Year.

### Lectio Divina

Cardinal Collin’s talk to be live-streamed in the parish hall

**January 6, 2019**

**Theme: Pentecost**

John 1.21 – 2. 13

**Cathedral Vespers Choir: 6:45 pm**

**Vespers with Cardinal: 7:00 pm**

**Lectio Divina starts: 7:30 – 8:15 pm**

The parish hall will be open from 6:00 p.m.; coffee and juice and water provided, prior to start of the event. All are welcome. There is no charge.

### Senior Residence Masses in January 2019

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

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

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

### 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, and next weekend Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>, after all Masses. Registration forms will be available at the back of the Church. For more information, please refer to the insert in the bulletin.