

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Sunday of Lent

WHEN WE WERE re-landscaping our yard a few years ago, we decided to get rid of a juniper tree, thinking it would be a simple process. Wrong! We dug, we chopped, we pulled. Nothing! It was so firmly rooted we ended up pulling it out with a truck.

I think of that juniper today when reflecting on Jesus' temptations in the desert. No matter what the devil said or offered, Jesus remained firmly rooted in God's word. The lure of comfort and wealth and power was no match for what Jesus knew to be ultimately true as revealed in Scripture.

Many people view Lent negatively – as a time of deprivation and denial. Today's Gospel reminds us instead that Lent is a time to become more solidly grounded in our faith. Making more time for prayer and Scripture, fasting from things in our lives that keep us from giving ourselves wholeheartedly to God, giving of ourselves in service to others. Far from depriving us, these are the tools we can use to ensure that we are firmly rooted in the things of God.

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we be strengthened to follow in the footsteps of the One who unflinchingly stood up to evil and ultimately triumphed over it. (*Reflection of Teresa Whalen Lux. from Living with Christ*)



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 11, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Odo Polesel

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Annabel Marchildon

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Elisabeth Martin

Thursday, March 14, 2019 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Normita Gimena
Special Intention for Muriel Williams

Friday, March 15, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Michael Nanouris
7:30 p.m. + Hector Joseph

Saturday, March 16, 2019 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Karen N.G.
+ Ernesto Rodriguez
+ Jane Hung
4:30 p.m. + Viola Arends and Marie McDonnell

Sunday, March 17, 2019

8:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
9:30 a.m. + Paul Joseph Ricciardi

11:00 a.m. Special Intention for Lucia DeSantis Senior Residence Mass – March 2019

Wednesday, March 20th – 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

The Mass

Father David once again will be offering his course on the Mass, on Monday evenings, for the benefit of those who work during the day or missed it the first time (or who want to come again!). The series, which began on Monday, March 4th, continues until April 8th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome!

“Who do you say I am?” (Mark 8: 29)

Discover who Jesus is through the eyes of Mark. Father David will be offering a six-part series in Lent on the Gospel of Mark. The series, which began on Monday March 4th, will continue on Monday mornings until April 8th, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. (Coffee will be served from 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)

FRIDAYS IN LENT

8:30 a.m. – Morning Mass
7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. – Evening Mass

Thank you – Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast, run by the Knights of Columbus, was a great success last weekend. Toronto Mayor, John Tory, even stopped by to share in the festivity. Thank you,

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also, to everyone who helped the Knights to put on such a great breakfast!

Lenten Retreat - 2019

Fr. Errol Fernandes Returns to St. Edward's Parish

Fr. Errol Fernandes, Retreat Director from last year (2018), will offer a **Lenten Reflection on Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m.** The Sacrament of Reconciliation, with a number of priests present, will follow at 7:30 p.m. (Confessions will also be held earlier in the day from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Fr. Errol will also offer a Stations of the Cross, with a Lenten Reflection on Friday, March 22nd at 7:30 p.m., following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

As well, Fr. Errol will offer Mass and a Reflection on Saturday morning, March 23rd at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome!

Lenten Retreat at Blessed Trinity

Once again this year, Blessed Trinity Parish and St. Edward's Parish, will present a joint Lenten Retreat. This year, it will be held at Blessed Trinity Parish (3220 Bayview Ave.) from Monday, March 25th – Thursday March 28th, with Mass and an extended homily, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Reconciliation, with a number of priests present, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28th, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. All are welcome.

The Retreat will be led by Deacon Robert Kinghorn, who will speak on; "...and there shall be one Christ loving himself..." – from St. Augustine.

New Travelling Chalice - For Vocations

A new Vocations Prayer program was introduced at St. Edward's Parish, the weekend of January 26th/27th. Families or individuals will be invited to take into their home, for one week, a "Travelling Chalice". This chalice belonged to a priest, Fr. Lorne Edward MacFarland, from Scarboro Foreign Missions (1911-1976). He served in the Missions of China and Japan, as well as ministry in Canada. This chalice travelled with him. Today, it is provided to families and individuals who are invited to take it into their homes for one week and to pray for all priests, deacons, sisters, and religious, and for future vocations. A prayer booklet will be available to assist in your prayers.

We have filled every weekend, up to May 2019. If you would like to add your name to any weekend beyond May 2019, please e-mail Marie Barry at: askmarieb@yahoo.ca or phone 647-351-3788. The chalice will be made available each weekend at the Mass you normally attend.



ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY
ALL ARE WELCOME

Please join the **Catholic Women's League** for a special video presentation to learn all about St. Augustine's Seminary on Tuesday March 19, 2019 - following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

Come and See Weekend

March 15 – 17, 2019 at St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca.

For more information, please contact the office of Vocations at 416-968-0997; or email vocations@archtoronto.org.

Please note: Registrants 17 years old will require parental consent.

COINS FOR LIFE 2019

Would you, your family, and friends put aside your toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels and dimes during the next 6 weeks and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a **Culture of Life in Canada**? If so, Coins for Life boxes may be picked up at the back of the Church this weekend. This project helps us to continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on May 9, 2019. Your small change can lead to BIG change by helping to save countless innocent lives now and in the future. God's preborn children in the womb have no voice but ours. In our present-day culture of death society, we all have a role to play to reverse the tide even with this **'little project' for life**. Volunteers are always needed. For more information call Jenny at 416-267-7126.

Mark Your Calendars! Coming Events

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Irish Summer Camp - July 8 – 12

Parish “Totus Tuus” Summer Camp - July 22 – 26

(More specific details as events unfold!)