

St. Edward the Confessor

September 17, 2017

3rd Sunday of Creation



Thank You

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$1105.

Coming Events

Confirmation

There was an error in last weekend's bulletin. The date for the first meeting for both children and parents is Tuesday, **Sept. 26th** at 7p.m.



Children's Liturgy

will begin next Sunday, September 24th.



Congratulations

and many more years of wedded bliss to our friends Vera and Walter Balleine from St. John's. They are celebrating 60 years of marriage this September.

We are invited to celebrate with them and their family at a luncheon at St. John's after church on Sunday, September 24, 2017.

They request the presence of your company only.



SEASON OF CREATION

You may wonder why we celebrate the Season of Creation for 4 Sundays and close with the feast of St. Francis.

More info:

For four Sundays in the church year, we join in a whole-hearted experience of celebrating the mysteries and wonders of creation with God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. In a special way, the Season of Creation follows the lead of the psalmists who exhort us

to celebrate together *with* creation—with the forest, the rivers, and the fields who praise the Creator in their own way.

We celebrate Earth, the garden planet God has chosen as God's sanctuary and as our home. We celebrate with the creatures God has created as our kin on this blue green planet.

As we celebrate, we are conscious of the crisis that creation faces because of human greed, exploitation, and neglect. As we celebrate, we empathize with those parts of creation—human and non-human—that are groaning because of human crimes against creation. And, especially, we celebrate the Christ, whose death brings forgiveness for our sins against creation and whose risen presence is the cosmic power at work in reconciling and restoring creation.

The Season of Creation typically concludes with the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, on the Sunday nearest to October 4.

Especially on this Sunday we may reflect on our place in God's creation and the environmental impacts on poor people and communities.

This weekend, the third Sunday of Creation, we celebrate Wilderness Sunday.

We are invited to worship in the wilderness, with the creations and the creatures of the wild. Just as Jesus experienced life in the wilderness, we too have an opportunity to worship with all God's wild life.



Message of St. Francis to Young People Today Restoring the Laws of the Heart

Dear Young People, My Brothers and Sisters,

There is something I need to say to you from the depths of my heart: *we need to change our minds and hearts.*

We need to change our minds in order to see reality with new eyes. Scholars tell us today that the earth is alive, not something dead and purposeless, a kind of store of limitless resource that we can use at will. Resources are limited. Fossil fuels like coal and oil, the fertility of soil and seeds are limited. We must administer these goods and services well, so that they will be sufficient for ourselves and future generations.

....We human beings are part of the earth that feels, thinks, lives and worships. We are Earth and from the earth....we have a unique mission: to look after it and keep all natural goods. We are the guardians of the inheritance that God and the universe have entrusted to us, so that it will last and meet our needs and those of our children.

As well as a change of mind, we need a *change of heart*. The heart is the seat of deep feeling, warm affection, and sincere love. The heart is the place where values grow. We need to restore the heart's laws.

...there is the heart's sensitive intelligence. Without it ... we cannot hear the cry of the poor, of the earth, of the forests and waters. Without the heart's reason we will not be able to go out and meet those who cry and suffer, help them, give them our shoulder to lean on, save them.

So my dear young people, you who are naturally aware of great dreams and the eagle's upward flight, you should always cultivate a feeling heart, a kind heart that is not ashamed to weep for the deep suffering of many of our brothers and sisters.

May God bless you and keep you.

May he show his face and have compassion on you.

May he turn his face toward you and give you peace.

May God bless you. Peace and goodwill

Francis, your poor brother of Assisi

***Excerpt from Francis of Rome, Francis of Assisi
Leonardo Boff, pages 156, 157, 160***

