

# St. Edward the Confessor

October 15, 2017

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Thank You

. . . very much for your support and generosity. Last Sunday's collection amounted to more than \$1,372.00.

## Coming Events

*Baptism*

This Sunday we celebrate the baptism of twin boys **Jayden & Tyson Filion**. Please remember these young children in your prayers.

*Confirmation*

The next meeting for the children who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation will be on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Please remember these young people in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament. They are

**Tatyana Balroop**  
**Lucia Munoz Calderon**  
**Gabriela Cesari**  
**Sean Collins**  
**Edward Freytag**  
**Emma Guimond**



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick. From our community

**Joan Bates**  
**Mary Callaghan**  
and  
**Bill Buchanan** (father of Craig Buchanan)  
as well as any others who need our prayers.



**Tea and Bake**

Only 5 weeks to The Tea and Bake: There will be a meeting in the south wing on Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 for anyone who would like to be involved in the planning for our big Christmas sale.



Craig Buchanan and Ann Marie Di Michele prepare the weekend bulletin. If you have any announcements, you can email them to [craiglangbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:craiglangbuchanan@gmail.com) or [annmariedimichele@bell.net](mailto:annmariedimichele@bell.net)

### **EUTHANASIA: A QUESTION OF COMPASSION?**

Two years into the legalization of euthanasia in our province, where are we now? The drama of death and the suffering of a loved one touches the deepest dimensions of ourselves. How can we live with freedom and hope? What is a truly compassionate response? All are welcome to hear three speakers: Rose DeAngelis, a nurse at the West Island Palliative Care residence who will share her experiences accompanying people at the end of their lives and the impact of the new law in her daily work. Aubert Martin, Executive Director of Living with Dignity will address the social and political changes in Quebec since the legalization. Archbishop Christian Lépine will address the spiritual meaning of death, suffering and compassion. Join them at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral on Tuesday, October 17, at 7:30 pm. The presentation will be in English and in French. The Cathedral is situated at the corner of René-Lévesque and de la Cathédrale Streets, Montreal, H3B 2V3 (Bonaventure Metro, orange line).

### **Reflection**

In today's readings, the theme of invitation draws us into the freedom that Jesus offers us.

The first reading from Isaiah promises the beleaguered people of Israel that not only will their lives be filled with food and comfort but "the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face." This offered the hope that Israel would someday be able to say to God, "let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

In Matthew's Gospel we hear the parable of the king who gave a wedding feast for his son but his invitations were spurned. When he extended the invitation to the people in the streets, "they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests." But one of the guests did not dress in a wedding garment – perhaps as insulting to the host as today coming to a wedding in a bathing suit. When he refuses to answer questions about his dress, the king orders, "Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

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Where the king in today's gospel ordered the guest's hand and feet be bound and he be cast into the darkness, with wailing and grinding of teeth, Jesus does the opposite with Lazarus – and with us. He calls for Lazarus to have his hands and feet unbound from the burial cloths and to come out of the darkness of the tomb into the light with Jesus. Rather than a wailing in the darkness, Lazarus was met with the rejoicing cries of his sisters and all of those who loved him as he came to life again.

Jesus invites us to that summoning back to life, the invitation to unbind ourselves from the things that tie us up. Today we can become aware of how much God longs for a deeper relationship with us, one where we realize that God is not in our minds, but deeply settled in our hearts, just waiting for us to notice. And if we really take the time today to listen, we will hear Jesus say deep in our hearts, "Untie him and let him go. Untie her and let her go."

Maureen McCann Waldron

