

St. Edward the Confessor

November 12, 2017

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Thank You

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's regular collection was \$820.00..

Memorial Book



Through the month of November we continue to remember all of our loved ones who have passed away over the years. The memorial book is at the back of the church and you are invited to write the names of any loved ones who you wish to remember. It will be brought to the alter during the offertory.

Helping Others Collection

The Helping Others collection next weekend will be used towards the Christmas baskets we will be preparing this year.

Tea & Bake Sale
Saturday Nov 18
Sale 9:00 – 2:00
Tearoom 10:30 – 1:30



Our big Christmas Bazaar is next Saturday!! Thank you to all who have already signed up to make sandwiches for the tearoom and prepare baked goods for the bake table.

Everyone's contribution adds to the success of this annual event. All of our proceeds will go toward providing Christmas baskets for needy families across the West Island. Last year we supplied 15 families with Christmas baskets ranging in values between \$150 and \$250 depending on the size of the family.

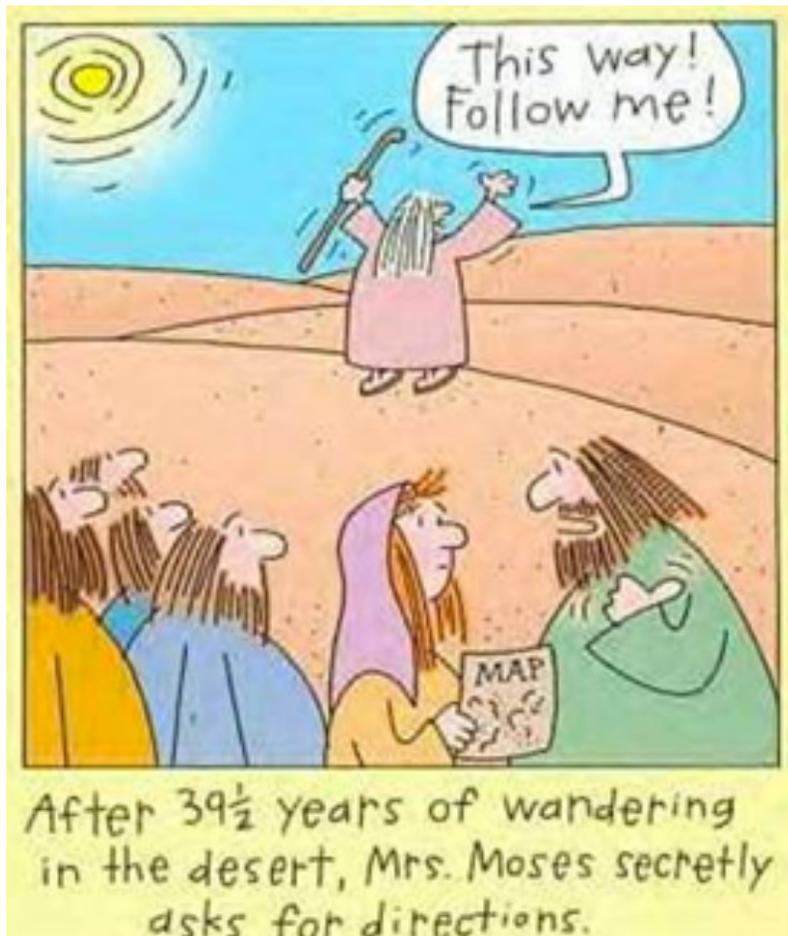
The bake table can still use a few more contributions, so bake up a storm! Baked goods and sandwiches can be brought to the church Friday night or early Saturday morning.

We are also looking for Christmas decorations of all kinds for the bazaar tables and all sorts of books for the book tables. Donations can be left at the church Thursday or Friday this week. The book table is looking for help for setting up on Thursday and Friday.

Invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy our tearoom served by the best waiters in Pointe Claire!

Songs, Dances and Revelry with Jan Krejcar

On Sunday, November 19 at 4:00 pm there will be a piano recital presented by our own Jan Krejar, pianist and choir director for Sunday Masses. He will be playing works by J.S. Bach, Pavel Haas and Robert Schumann. Tickets \$15 a person with tea and refreshments to follow the concert.



The weekly bulletin is prepared by Craig Buchanan and Ann Marie Di Michele.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields was first published in England's *Punch* magazine in December 1915. Within months, this poem came to symbolize the sacrifices of all who were fighting in the First World War. Today, the poem continues to be a part of Remembrance Day ceremonies in Canada and other countries throughout the world.

The poem was written by a Canadian—John McCrae, a doctor and teacher, who served in both the South African War and the First World War.

The day before he wrote his famous poem, one of McCrae's closest friends was killed in the fighting and buried in a makeshift grave with a simple wooden cross. Wild poppies were already beginning to bloom between the crosses marking the many graves. Unable to help his friend or any of the others who had died, John McCrae gave them a voice through his poem. It was the second last poem he was to write.

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders field.**

Today, people continue to pay tribute to the poet of *In Flanders Fields* by visiting McCrae House, the limestone cottage in Guelph, Ontario where he was born. The house has been preserved as a museum. Beside it are a memorial cenotaph and a garden of remembrance.

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