

# St. Edward the Confessor

November 19, 2017

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Your talent is  
Gods gift to you**

**What you do  
with it  
is your gift  
back to God**

**Thank You**

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's regular collection was \$1060..

This week's Helping Others collection will be used for Christmas baskets to help families in need throughout our community.

**Thank You! Thank You!**

Thank you so very much to all those who helped to make this year's Tea and Bake Sale such a success. Our kitchen staff, our luncheon servers, those working at the bake table, book table and raffle, as well as all those who baked and made countless sandwiches, thank you for all of your efforts! This event only happens because so many people step up and help out. Thank you!

**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please remember Father Jim MacDonald in your prayers. He is currently in St Mary's Hospital. Father Jim was the former priest in charge at St. Edward's.

## Memorial Book



*Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord. 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'they will rest from their labours, for their deeds follow them.'* (Revelation 14:13)

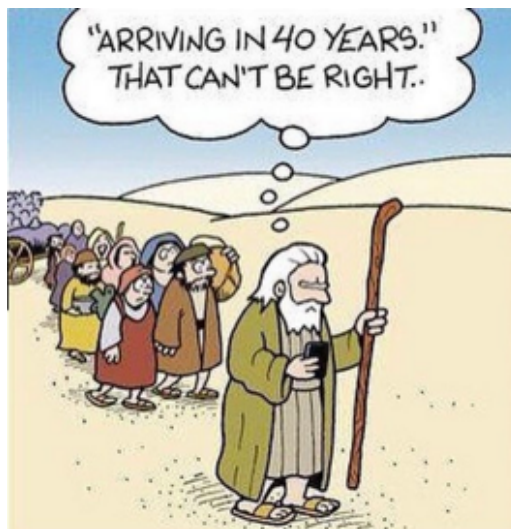
During the month of November you are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in our Memorial Book found at the back of the church. It will be brought to the altar during the offertory.

## Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday November 21 at 7:30 in the South Wing.

## Songs, Dances and Revelry with Jan Krejcar

This weekend, on Sunday, 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.



## Women Speak Up for Peace Brunch Conference

You are invited to a morning conference with our two guest speakers from South Sudan, Agnes Wasuk Petia and Awak Hussein Deng, members of the National Women's

Program of the South Sudan Council of Churches. Join us on **Wednesday, December 6** from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Archdiocese of Montreal, room 130 (2000 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, H3H 1G4). The Archdiocese of Montreal, Development and Peace and Kairos are organizing this free event. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Kim Gottfried Piché at 514-931-7311 ext. 211 or [kpiche@diocesemontreal.org](mailto:kpiche@diocesemontreal.org).

If you have an announcement for the Bulletin you can email it to [craiglangbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:craiglangbuchanan@gmail.com) or [annmariedimichele@bell.net](mailto:annmariedimichele@bell.net)

## **PREPARING FOR ADVENT 2017**

One of the best ways to prepare for the very special season of Advent is to "get in touch with ourselves." It may sound odd, but one symptom of our contemporary lives is that we can often be quite "out of touch" with what is going on in our very own hearts. We are about to begin our Advent, right at the time our Western culture begins Christmas preparations. It is a busy time, and our heads are filled with details to remember. And, it is a time of emotional complexity that is part of this holiday season - with all of the expectations and challenges of family and relationships: who we want to be with and who we struggle to be with. So, our hearts are a bit tender, if not completely defended from experiencing anything deeply.

We are about to hear some very powerful and stirring readings from Isaiah, the Prophet. We will re-enter the ancient tradition of a people longing for the coming of a Savior. We may remember the days of our childhood when we longed for Christmas to come, because it was a magical time of receiving gifts. As adults, we have to ask ourselves: "What is it I long for now?" The answer won't come easily. The more we walk around with that question, and let it penetrate through the layers of distraction and self-protection, the more powerfully we will experience Advent.

We are about to read and pray about the expectant hope of Israel, as expressed through Isaiah. The images we will be using are about darkness and gloom - about thick clouds covering the people - and about hunger and thirst. They are images that attempt to capture a sense of what we feel when we are distant from our God. There are many images about war and conflict. They express the powerlessness and anxiety we experience when we feel vulnerable and defense-less. Most of all, there are images of a future day - a day that can only be called the Lord's - when all the tears will be wiped away, when there will be plenty to eat and drink, and when there will be no more conflict and no more war. God's salvation will be made known. God's victory will be complete.

These are very precious days for us to come into intimate contact with our own need for salvation. Where do I need a peace that the world cannot give?

**Coming to know where I need a Savior is how I can prepare for Advent** I am preparing to listen to the promises, listen to these rich texts announcing the liberation I can truly long for. When my heart is open, when my hands are open, when my mouth is open and ready to ask for freedom, healing and peace, then I am ready to begin Advent.

