

St. Edward the Confessor

January 7, 2018

Feast of the Epiphany

*Where is the child who
has been born king of
the Jews?
For we
observed
his star
at its
rising,
and have
come to
pay him
homage.*



Matthew 2.2

Thank You

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



The collection from Christmas Eve and Christmas Day amounted to over \$6000!
The collection received on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day totaled \$
1298.75

Offering Envelopes

Your old 2017 envelopes can no longer be used. Please discard any unused 2017 envelopes that you may still have and begin using your new 2018 offering envelopes.

Your new offering envelope number for 2018 is most likely different from last year's number so you cannot use last year's envelopes any more. If you do not have offering envelopes for 2018 please see Tom Donahue or Neil MacPherson.

Wardens' Meeting

The Board of Wardens will meet on Tuesday January 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



Good Friday Passion Play

It's time to start thinking about Good Friday and our annual Passion Play. Calling on all youth in grade 6 and higher to come to our first meeting on Sunday, January 14 at 6:00 pm in the church. We will be reading through this year's play for the first time. All youth welcome!



The First and Last Male Sponsored Baby Shower

St Francis Xavier Relic Pilgrimage



The relic that is the right hand and forearm of St Francis Xavier will visit Montreal January 28-30 as part of its month long, 14 city pilgrimage across Canada. His arm, as well as the rest of his body, is incorrupt. Saints are referred to as incorrupt when their body, miraculously, does not experience natural decay. It has been 465 years since his death.

Montreal Schedule:

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Mary Queen of the World Cathedral,
1085 Cathédrale St, Montreal. H3B 2V3

5:00 p.m. Mass with Archbishop Christian Lépine

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Public Veneration

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mary Queen of the World Cathedral

Public Veneration throughout most of the day from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

12:10 p.m. Mass (in the side chapel)

5:00 p.m. Mass (in the side chapel)

7:00 p.m. Relic Talk: Life of St. Francis Xavier and the 3 graces - with Archbishop Lépine.

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

St. Ignatius of Loyola Church

4455 West Broadway, Montreal, Quebec H4B 2A7

3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Public Veneration

and

Church of the Gesù

1202 de Bleury, Montreal. H3B 3J3

5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Public Veneration

9:00 p.m. Closing Prayer: Litany of St. Francis Xavier.

Epiphany of the Lord

“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory” (Is 60, 1-2).

God’s choices are unpredictable. In our wildest imaginations we could never imagine the sequence of salvation history that we celebrate on this Feast of Epiphany.

God chose an insignificant people, the Jews and Jerusalem, and from among them God chose an equally insignificant Jewish virgin, Mary. Through them, God chose to reveal mystery of God’s plan for the salvation of the entire world.

Today we celebrate the revealing of God’s plan beyond the Jews to the world: “The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him”(Ps 72, 10-11).

In his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul exalts that the mystery of salvation treasured by the Jewish people as their exclusive possession is also intended by God for the salvation of the Gentiles, the world beyond the Jews, “It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed . . . that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (Eph 3: 5-6).

We Gentiles are coheirs of the promises of God! God chose us!

And so we ask ourselves: How central to our lives is our personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Do we take this gift for granted or do we grow each year, each day, in treasuring the gift of faith in Jesus Christ?

The prayer from "Godspell" -- originally from St. Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1245-1253 -- seems especially fitting for the Epiphany:

"Lord, May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day!"

Richard Hauser, S.J.