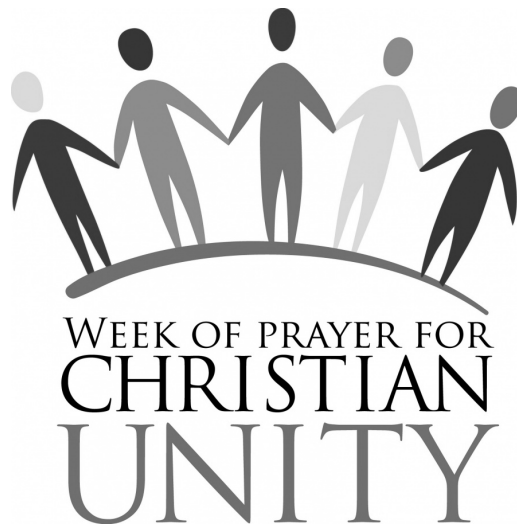


St. Edward the Confessor

January 21, 2018

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Thank You

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$855

Thank You also....

to the Hughes family for hosting our Sunday morning hospitality last week. We need other volunteers to sign up for hospitality in the coming weeks. All that is needed is to provide some finger food, set out things and clean up after. Father Ernie makes the coffee. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall.

Parish Council

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, January 30 at 7:15 in the south wing.

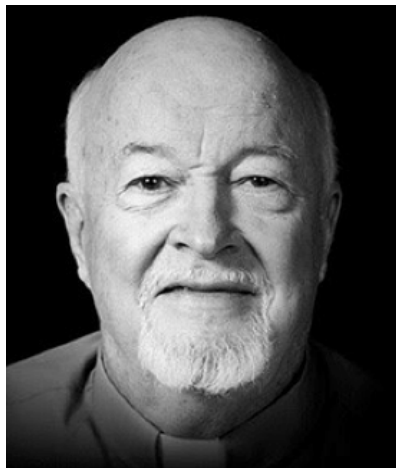
Passion Play



Passion Play rehearsal this week is at 2:00 Sunday afternoon in the church. We are still looking for youth in grade 6 or higher to be a part of this year's edition of the Passion Play, but you need to get involved real soon! Anyone wanting more information can contact Craig Buchanan at 514-886-8746. No experience is needed.



FUNERAL MASS FOR FATHER EMMETT "POPS" JOHNS



The public is invited to pay their last respects to Father "Pops" on Saturday, January 27 at 10:30 a.m., at St. Patrick's Basilica, when the funeral mass in memory of a man who was resolutely committed and devoted to his neighbour will be held.

"Pops" founded Dans la Rue almost 30 years ago and was a visiting priest at St Edward's a couple of times in the early 1990's.

St Francis Xavier Relic Pilgrimage

The sacred first class relic of St. Francis Xavier's forearm is making a rare visit to Canada. It will be in **Montreal** for only a very short time from January 28-30.

Sunday, January 28 at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, 1085 Cathédrale St, Montreal from 5:00 – 10:00 pm.

Monday January 29 at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral throughout the day from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Tuesday, January 30 at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, 4455 West Broadway, Montreal, H4B 2A7 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

100,000 people are expected to view this relic while it is in Canada through the month of January.

Announcements for our community can be sent to craiglangbuchanan@gmail.com

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the first reading from the book of Jonah, God called Jonah and sent him to Nineveh to announce repentance and faith in God or they would all be destroyed. Jonah did as God said and within a day, the whole city repented, "believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth." V. 5 According to the text, God changes his mind and does not destroy the city or its inhabitants. In the gospel reading Jesus himself is the message, God with us, and the messenger. He announces that the kingdom of God is at hand and he urges us to repent and believe in the good news that he is bringing (cf. v. 15).

It strikes me that these are only two examples among many throughout Scripture where God invites us to repent and change our ways. God invites us towards Godself and the Life that only God can give. This invitation seems to be always open, God is faithful; and at the same time it seems to be continually coming to us and inviting a response from us.

In the passage from the gospel according to Mark, we see how Jesus invites his first disciples. Very often when reading commentaries or hearing preaching about this passage we are invited to reflect upon and contemplate our own calling to follow Jesus and to announce the kingdom of God.

Today, I would like to invite us to reflect on God's faithfulness to us in his unconditional love that keeps constantly, but gently inviting us towards Godself, the only requirement: "repent, believe and embrace this good news of my unconditional love for you."

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