

St. Edward the Confessor

January 28, 2018

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Thank You

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$1015

The Helping Others collection amounted to \$377.



Parish Council will meet this Tuesday, January 30 at 7:15 in the south wing.

Tribute to "Pops"

« I was filled with emotion when I heard the news that Emmett Johns had died... I stand in admiration of the work that he accomplished in the generous way he welcomed the most vulnerable. Like so many people, I am so grateful for his dedicated efforts to help those marginalized within society to improve their lives. Admiration and gratitude, for his radical commitment in putting the Gospel message into practice. Admiration and gratitude, for his 65 years of priestly life in the service of his brothers and sisters in their search for God and for everlasting happiness», expresses Archbishop Christian Lépine.

Pancake Tuesday



Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on February 14, which is just a few weeks away, but before that comes "Pancake Tuesday" or more popularly known as "Mardi Gras" around the world on February 13. St Edward's, along with our friends from St John's will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with our ever popular pancake supper along with a variety of soups and sausages. Mark it off on your calendar now and invite a friend to come with you. Supper starts at 5:30 and is followed by our Ash Wednesday reflection in the church at 7:00.

Please plan to bring your own cutlery, plate, bowl (for soup) and cup for tea or coffee. Look for the sign-up sheet next week. We will also be looking for help with setting up, cooking, waiting on tables and clean up. More details to come.

Why are pancakes eaten on Shrove Tuesday?

Lent is traditionally a time when Christians give things up. Pancake (or Shrove) Tuesday is the last chance to use up fatty foods that would be given up for lent. We eat pancakes because they contain fat, butter and eggs, and we add a little more fat by including sausages.

Tango Argentino

Direct from Berlin, Pablo y Ludmila, a tango dancing and playing duo will bring their unique mix of music and dance to the church on Sunday, February 4 at 4:00. Tickets \$15, children 12 and under are free.

Passion Play



This Sunday (Jan 28) is your last chance to get involved in this year's edition of the St Edward / St John Passion Play. If you are in grade 6 or higher and would like to be a part of this event, then come to the church at 2:00 on Sunday. You won't regret it! For more information contact Craig Buchanan at 514-886-8746

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

God spoke directly to Moses. In the first reading God has promised the people that he will speak directly to someone from their own kin like he speaks to Moses so those people can hear and understand. They will be able to hear the word of God in their own language and within their own culture. What an amazing opportunity. I know I would love to hear directly from God. Today it seems hard to know exactly what to do and what really is God's will. Back then God spoke directly to Moses, and he said exactly what to do. The people in the first reading have a prophet in their midst. But this opportunity comes with responsibility also. They have to listen and obey. And false prophets will not be tolerated. Actually, this helps them out too, because anyone who pretends to prophesy, but isn't the prophet God speaks to directly will die, so the people actually know that their prophet is real. That makes it easier to trust in and follow his words.

Even the demons listen to Jesus and obey. He calls out the unclean spirit that recognizes that Jesus is the voice of God and no match for the evil spirit, which is destroyed at his words. The people are amazed at this, but the voice of God is that powerful.

It's more difficult today to hear and understand the voice of God, but not impossible. We can read it here in the scriptures. We can sense it in our conscience. We can see it in God's creation. We should be alert and aware for where it will express itself. God is all around us. We need to recognize his voice when we hear it. *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*