

St. Edward the Confessor

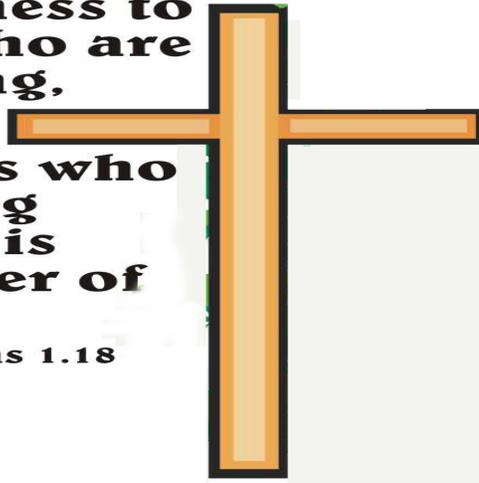
March 4, 2018

3rd Sunday of Lent

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,

but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1.18



Much to be thankful for

Thank you very much for your support and generosity.



The collection from February 18th was \$1233. And the Helping Others collection was \$615. February's Helping Others collection will go to CAC and their on going work to support those in need in Pointe Claire.

First Communion



For children in second grade or higher who wish to receive their first Holy Communion this year, their parents are called to a meeting with Father Ernie this Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 pm in the south wing

Give it up for the Earth

We are continuing to collect the post cards at the bottom of the “Give it up for the Earth” pledge cards. They can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the parish office. At the end of Lent we will be sending in all the collected cards together in one package.

If you want to learn about this campaign to bring us toward our international climate change commitments, go to www.cpj.ca/fortheearth.

Income Tax Receipts



The 2017 receipts for income tax purposes are available in the south wing corridor. Please pick up yours. Any receipts that are not picked up will be mailed.

Carlissa Klopoushak in Concert

The next concert presented by Jan Krejcar will feature violinist Carissa Klopoushak from the National Arts Centre Orchestra in Ottawa. Carissa holds a doctorate in violin performance and has performed extensively across Canada, Australia and the Ukraine. The concert will take place in the sanctuary on Sunday, March 11 at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 while children under 12 are free. There will be a reception in the south wing after the concert.

Used Clothing

On the second Wednesday of each month St John's has a rummage sale in the balcony featuring gently used clothing for everyone. The next sale will be on Wednesday, March 14 from 10:00 am to noon.

Good Friday Passion of Christ

Plan now to attend the Passion of Christ presented by the youth of St Edward's and St John's that will take place on the evening of Good Friday, March 30.

“I am not going to Heaven because I have preached to great crowds or read the Bible many times. I'm going to Heaven just like the thief on the cross who said in that last moment: 'Lord, remember me.' “

Billy Graham



REFLECTION

In this time of Lent, I am reminded again of the great commandment to love God and our neighbours. I have learned that loving and honouring God means caring, stewarding, and preserving God's good creation and the environment around us. As a Christian, I see climate change as a matter of faith and justice, so I am committed to join with others across the country to speak up and advocate for the federal government to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet our international climate change goals. World leaders have signed the historic Paris Agreement in 2015 to work together and respond to the threat of climate change. For Canada, this is an important opportunity for us to provide strong and faithful leadership and take meaningful action to reflect our values and priorities.

On a collective level, we can urge our leaders to end subsidies to the fossil fuel sector and invest strategically in renewable and clean energy. On an individual level, I can pledge to reduce my greenhouse gas emissions by buying local food and goods, reducing electricity use, and supporting eco-friendly businesses.

As a church, we also have responsibility to engage in conversations around climate change and creation care. We are challenged to reflect deeply about our biblical response to the ecological crisis and the impact on marginalized communities. We need to continue to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by recycling and composting, eating local and growing food, and encouraging people to walk, bike or bus.

For this season of Lent, let's put our faith into action and renew our commitment to God by focusing our Lenten fast on stewarding and preserving God's creation.