

St. Edward the Confessor

March 18, 2018

5th Sunday of Lent

John 12:23, 27, 28

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified...Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say?’ Father, save me from this hour?’ No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!”

Thank You

Thank you very much for your support and generosity. Last Sunday’s collection amounted to \$1050.



This week’s Helping Others collection will go to Development and Peace and their Share Lent campaign.

Give it up for the Earth

Our campaign of postcards calling for the elimination of subsidies to the fossil fuel industry, is coming to an end. Next week will be the last week that we will be collecting the postcards through the collection. If you have not yet taken one of the “Give it up for the Earth” pledge cards, there are still a few at the back of the church. Thank you for participating in this year’s Lenten Campaign



Please take note of the following schedule of services during Holy Week:

Saturday & Sunday, March 24 & 25: Palm Sunday: Regular Mass schedule.

Thursday, March 29:

Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 pm including The Washing of the Feet. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the Mass in the south wing.

Friday, March 30:

Good Friday Service at 3:00 pm.

Passion Play at 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 31:

Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm followed by hot cross buns in the south wing.

Sunday, April 1:

Easter Mass at 9:00 am

The Passion of Our Lord



On Good Friday at 7:30 pm, youth from St Edward's, St John's and around the West Island will present the Passion of Christ in drama and song. This has been a tradition for over 25 years where we tell the same story but in a new and different way each year.

Looking Ahead

Sunday, April 8 at 10:00 am we will have a joint service with St John's with music from a combined choir from both churches. There will be no 9:00 Mass, but there will still be the regular 5:00 Mass on Saturday.

Spring Thing

As you start your spring cleaning, remember that almost anything around your home that you don't need any more is probably good to donate to St John's "Spring Thing" annual giant garage sale. Pickups for Spring Thing begin on May 5 and the sale itself will be on Saturday, May 12.



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Reflections 5th Sunday of Lent

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

Mediation

Inspired by his love, guided by his example,
change our selfishness into self-giving.

Today we celebrate the Third Scrutiny,
as we journey to the font with those preparing for Baptism.

We are in our last week before Holy Week.

It seems that there is so much left to do, to ask for, to be open to, to surrender, to change.

Jesus assures us that he is the "resurrection and the life,"
that if we place our faith in him, we will "never die."

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?

'Father, save me from this hour?'

But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.

Father, glorify your name."

Today we beg for the graces we need and desire this week.

We ask for courage in the journey ahead.

Prayer:

Father,
it's so hard to love the world sometimes

and to love it the way Jesus did seems impossible.

Help me to be inspired by his love and
guided by his example.

Most of all, I want to accept that I can't do it alone,
and that trying is an arrogance of self-centeredness.

I need you, dear God, to give me support in this journey.

Show me how to unlock my heart
so that I am less selfish.

Let me be less fearful of the pain and darkness
that will be transformed by you into Easter joy.

May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil

and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.