

St. Edward the Confessor

April 1, 2018
Easter Sunday



**God raised him
on the third
day and
allowed
him to
appear.**

Acts 10.40

Thank You

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



Planning for First Communion

Parents of children who wish to celebrate their First Communion this year need to attend a meeting on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:15 in the south wing. This meeting is for the parents only.

Thank You

Thank you to all who made the dramatic presentation of the Passion of our Lord on the evening of Good Friday such a success. A special thanks to our young people who dedicated so much of their time to prepare for this special event that we shared with our friends from St John's.

Special Joint Service Next Week

On Sunday, April 8, instead of our regular 9:00 Mass, we will be coming together with our brothers and sisters in Christ from St. John's for a joint service of worship at 10:00 am. Our regular 9:00 am Mass will be canceled, but our 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday will still be celebrated. At the ecumenical 10:00 am service the choirs of St John's and St Edward's will join together for some special music. All are welcome to attend.

Do You Have Church Envelopes?

If you have not yet picked up a set of church envelopes for 2018, you can get a box by asking Neil MacPherson or Tom Donahue. Only through church envelopes can the church issue tax receipts for donations made in the weekly offering.

Around The Diocese

Faith and Light

Looking for an opportunity to be of service to the vulnerable and those wounded in their intelligence? Come try our monthly gathering on Saturday, April 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Veronica's parish hall ([1300 Carson Ave., Dorval, H9S 1M6](#)). Families with a loved one having an intellectual disability/autism gather with friends for a potluck meal, fun, sharing, and prayer. We welcome new families and appreciate so much the presence of friends of any age to help out. Contact Donald Bidd at 514-631-3427.

World Youth Days in Panama

It is not too late to register for WYD PANAMA 2019 with the Mission Jeunesse Montreal Delegation. WYD in Panama will be January 22-27, 2019. Information sessions are being held April 17 and May 2 at 7:00 pm at 2000 Sherbrooke St. W, Montreal, H3H 1G4. Read more about WYD at www.jmjwydmtl.org.

Marguerite Bourgeois Museum

Until May 1, the Marguerite Bourgeois Museum and Notre-Dame-de-Bonsecours Chapel (400 St Paul St E, Montreal, H2Y 1H4) will be open 11:00 am to 4:00 pm Tuesday to Sunday. "*Coup de Theatre: I Founded Montreal!*" looks at the city's historical and spiritual pillars from a different angle. Featuring historical artifacts and special illustrations, the exhibition gives visitors a better idea of the complexity of founding the colony. It uses a theatrical approach and a cast of characters who contributed in some way to the birth of Montreal. Who really founded Montreal?

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The Easter Vigil

This night, communities from all over the world will gather in darkness, a darkness that represents all that we have been reflecting upon.

The God who created us, who led a chosen people out of slavery, raised Jesus from death. We can rejoice that death has no final victory over us. Then we celebrate the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Tonight we celebrate our faith -- that we have been baptized into the death of Jesus, so that we might have everlasting life with him.

As we behold the body of Jesus in the tomb today, and as we contemplate the mystery of our death, we prepare our hearts to receive the Good News of life. We know that tomb will be empty and remain empty forever as a sign that our lives will not really end, but only be transformed. One day, we will all rest in the embrace of Jesus, who knows our death, and who prepares a place for us in everlasting life.

Our reflection on this holy Saturday, and our anticipation of celebrating the gift of life tonight and tomorrow, can bring immense peace and joy, powerful freedom and vitality to our lives. For if we truly believe that death holds no true power over us, we can walk each day with courage and freedom, in the grace being offered us - to give our lives away in love.

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. (Rom 6:3-11)

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