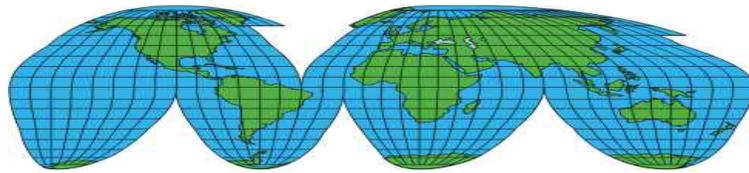


# St. Edward the Confessor

April 15, 2018

3rd Sunday of Easter



**Repentance**  
and  
**forgiveness**  
of sins  
is to be  
**proclaimed**  
in **his name**  
to **all nations.**

**Luke 24.47**

## Thank You



Thank you very much for your support and generosity. Easter weekend's collection was \$2210. The Easter Helping Others collection totaled \$190. which will be directed to the Montreal diocese's Pillar's Trust Fund. The collection for the Holy Land was \$375.

Last week's collection amounted to \$835.

## Mea Culpa

Father Ernie wishes to extend his sincerest apologies to those parents who were at the church last Tuesday for a meeting concerning First Communion only to find that he was not there. His personal agenda had this coming Tuesday while the church bulletin announced last week.

## And Also Thank You

. . . to everyone who participated in the combined church service held last Sunday morning. This includes our musicians, those who provided the snacks after the service and those who cleaned-up afterward. Events like last Sunday help to further cement the close ties we have with St John's. Special thanks to Jan Krejcar, choir director for both communities, who prepared the joint choir for the service.

## **First Communion (for sure)**

THIS Tuesday, April 17 at 7:15 pm there will be a meeting for parents of children planning to celebrate their First Communion this year. This meeting is for parents only. Future meetings will include the children as well. Normally First Communion occurs when the child is in grade 2 or higher.

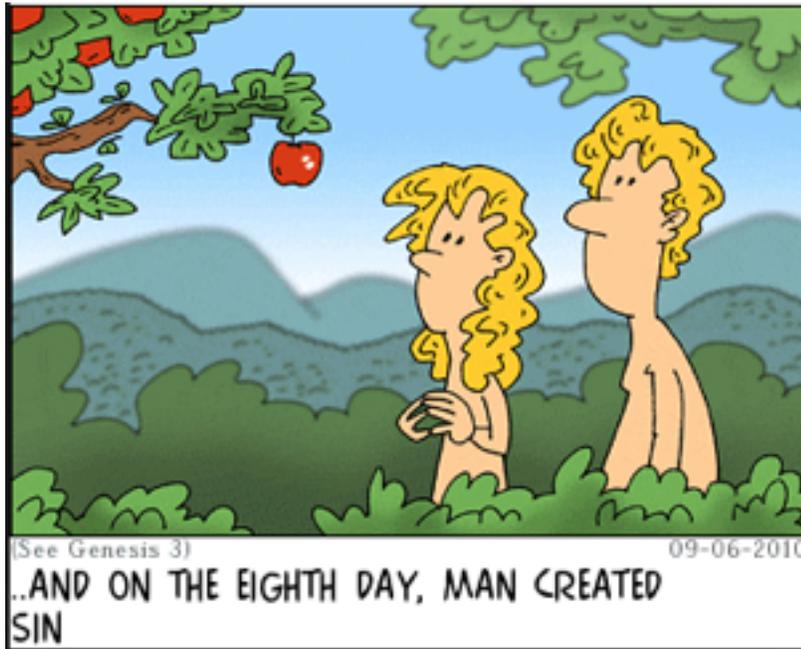
## **Looking for a Host Family**

A family who lives in St Lambert is seeking to find a host family with whom their 14 year-old daughter, Chloe, could stay with during the week while she attends John Rennie High School. This would be for the school year beginning in September 2018. Chloe is an aspiring young swimmer who is already very successful at the inter-provincial level and the combination of John Rennie's Sport Etude Program and the Pointe Claire swim team is the most promising option for her continued success in swimming. The host family will need to provide meals and accommodation during the school week. Any family who wishes to find out more about this opportunity can contact Craig Buchanan at 514-886-8746 who can provide some details and contact information to Chloe's parents

## **Jazz AT St. John's.**



St. John's final concert for this season will feature the jazz of Sam Kirmayer and his quartet on **Sunday, April 22 at 4:00 pm**. Sam plays an honest type of jazz, both standards and his own tunes, and is getting much critical acclaim for his recordings. The concert at St. John's kicks off his next Canada-wide tour promoting his second CD. Tickets are \$15 and children 10 and under are free.



## A Positive Force

Isn't it interesting that, right in the middle of this season of Easter joy, the church focuses our attention on the suffering of the messiah? The prophets announced long ago that God's messiah would suffer; "it is written that the messiah must suffer; Christ had to suffer."

Jesus' followers never have been able to come to terms fully with the idea of redemption through suffering. Surely suffering cannot be good, cannot be God's desire for us! Jesus, however, turned suffering into a positive force, buying redemption with the single coin that has suffering and death on one side and resurrection on the other.

The amount of suffering in our world is staggering. Apart from the suffering that comes naturally with life, there is the suffering we inflict on ourselves through injustice, violence and war. The suffering of Jesus continues in our day, and we still have difficulty seeing its victims as our redeemers.

*"Jesus takes the side of those most in need, physically and spiritually. The example of Jesus poses a number of challenges to the contemporary Church. ... [M]ost radically, it calls for an emptying of self, both individually and corporately, that allows the Church to experience the power of God in the midst of poverty and powerlessness."*

U.S. Bishops, *Economic Justice for All*, 1986: #52 (pp. 13-14).  
Gerald Darring