

St. Edward the Confessor

April 22, 2018

4th Sunday of Easter



Thank You

Thank you very much for your support and generosity. Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$1524.50 and the Helping Others Collection totaled \$365



First Communion



There will be a First Communion meeting Thursday, April 26 at 6:30 pm for both children and parents at the church. The topic for this week is reconciliation. It would be helpful if parents reviewed that section in the book with their children before the meeting. There will be another meeting the following Thursday, May 3 for parents and children too. The celebration of First Communion is anticipated for Sunday, June 3.

Looking for a Host Family

A promising young swimmer who presently lives on the south shore will be attending John Rennie High School and the Pointe Claire swim team starting this fall and is looking for a Pointe Claire family who she can stay with during the week over the school year. The host family will need to provide meals and accommodation during the school week. She will be swimming very early three days a week, but the host family is not expected to provide transportation. Any family looking for more details can contact Craig Buchanan at 514-886-8746. The host family may be accommodating a future Olympic swimmer!

Spring Thing

The 46th edition of St. John's gigantic garage sale known as Spring Thing will take place on Saturday, May 12. Large item pickups will be done on Saturday, May 5 so if you have large items to donate that you cannot bring to the church yourself, please call the church office at 514-697-6459 by May 4.

Spring Thing is a huge event for St. John's that depends on the donations of people's used items. They are looking for kitchenware, small appliances, sports equipment, tools, furniture, plants, linens, jewelry, books, DVDs, games, toys and almost anything else. Your junk will become someone else's treasure! Drop-offs are accepted from Saturday, May 5 to Wednesday, May 9.

Jazz At St John's



You are invited to St John's final concert of the season featuring Sam Kirmayer and his jazz quartet this Sunday, April 22 at 4:00 pm. He is embarking on another Canada-wide tour right after this concert at St John's. Tickets are \$15 while children 10 and under are free.



"We're not supposed to eat the apple because apples have carbs and carbs are evil!"

Weekly Comment

Acts 4:8-12

In today's First Reading from Acts, we see how Peter responded to questions about the miracle he performed with the crippled man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple who could now walk.

Peter focused the attention of the assembled leaders and the elders not on the good deed he had done for the man, but rather that it was done in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean and that "there is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." Powerful words indeed.

What do we do when someone singles us out and praises us for a job well done? Do we deflect the honor and recognition to our mentors, to our teammates at work? Do we take all the credit for ourselves, or do we give the praise and glory to our Lord and Savior?

The best course of action is the latter, to not let pride come between us and God. We need to humble ourselves and give the praise and glory to God. Besides being right, it helps reinforce his constant presence in our lives and that his guiding hand is always on our shoulder, and that the good we are trying to do each and every day in this world is not for our personal gain, but for the greater glory of his kingdom.

Truth be told, we may just be the stones that were rejected by the builders; but, by our unselfish actions we can become the cornerstones of God's church here on earth.

Note from the author:

Putting pen to paper helped me to become more reflective about what God is really trying to say to me and this has helped me in my daily prayer life - to slow down and let the Word of God dwell within me instead of racing through the daily devotions.

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