

# St. Edward the Confessor

May 6, 2018

6th Sunday of Easter

**This is my  
commandment  
that you**



**one another  
as I have  
loved you.**

**John 15.12**



## **Thank You**

Thank you very much for your support and generosity. Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$975



## First Holy Communion



There will be NO meeting this week for Holy Communion. The next meeting for parents and children will be on Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 pm.

## Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:15 pm in the south wing.

## South Wing

Children are welcome to play in the south wing during “coffee hour” after mass on Sunday mornings, but out of respect of St John’s and their need to use the area after us, please make sure that the toys are cleaned up and put away before we all leave. To make the clean up easier it would be best if the children enjoyed their refreshments in the hallway.

## Widow(er)s’ Support Group

If you have experienced the death of a spouse and would like to join others for mutual support and sharing in the context of faith, please join us **every first Monday of the month** from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at St. Edmund of Canterbury Parish. Join us for our next meeting on **Monday, May 7**. For more information contact Anne Parsons at 514-457-2183.

## Spring Thing

It’s less than a week away, St John’s huge garage sale! From now until Wednesday you can drop off items at the church for the sale. From Monday through to Friday, 9:00 to noon, 1 to 4 pm and 6:30 to 8:30 pm volunteers are needed to unpack, sort, test, do small repairs and price everything that comes in for the sale. No experience is needed; there are people with experience to guide you. Thursday from 7:00 pm strong, able-bodied people are needed to fill the north wing with furniture, Electronics and other items that are piled up in other areas of the church. This is St John’s major annual fund-raiser and any help that you can give would be greatly appreciated.

There is a sign-up sheet in the hall that will help them to know when to expect your help this week.

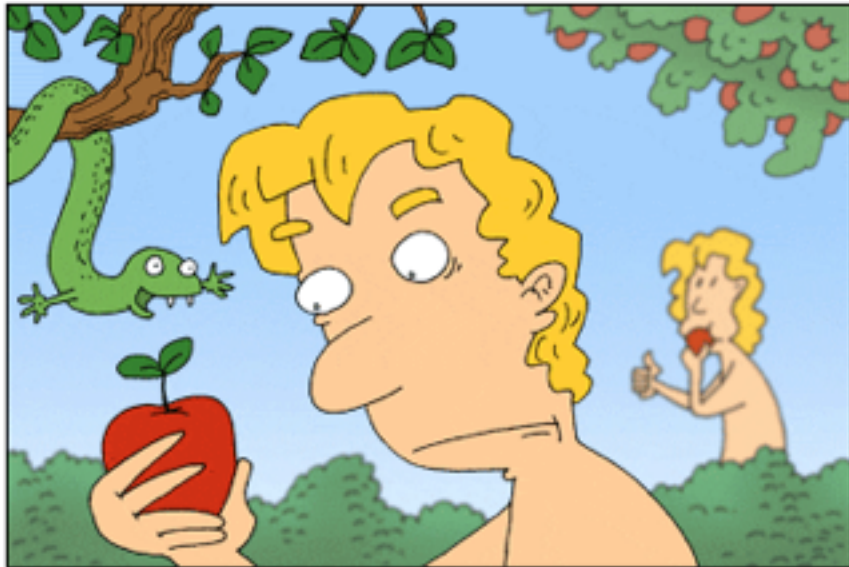
## Spring Thing - The Sale

St John’s 46<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Thing takes place next Saturday, May 12 from 8:30 to 1:00 pm.

There is certainly something at this giant garage sale for everyone. Come by early for best picks and support our sister parish.

## **St. John Fisher Parish Desert Card Party**

Enjoy an afternoon of cards on Wednesday May 23 at 1:00 pm at St John Fisher Parish (120 Summerhill Ave, Pointe Claire). For info contact Judy at 514-695-4112.



Thanks to Jeremy (See Genesis 3)

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**EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN THE WORLD HAS  
TRIED IT BUT YOU!**

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

There seems to be a tension in the readings for today that I have often sensed in the New Testament. Tensions in the Bible sometimes cause us to pick the parts that make the most sense to us and ignore the rest. But sometimes they cause us to consider that the tensions are not really in the messages, but in our abilities to receive them in their complexity. The tensions are inside of us.

That is what I find in the readings for today. There are two themes: 1) we are all human beings and God shows no partiality among those who act uprightly; 2) some are the chosen ones. I do think those tensions appear elsewhere in the Bible. In fact, so much so that some Christians think that you must be a Christian of a certain sort who obeys specific narrow rules to be saved. They feel so strongly about that they feel they are obliged to condemn those who are not among their ranks. They think that is their calling.

Well, the lessons for today clearly argue against that way of seeing the world. Not only does God not show partiality to anyone who is acceptable to him, he is clear about what is acceptable. It isn't labels and laws. It is about love! There should be a t-shirt out there that says:

**It isn't about Labels and Laws  
*It's All About Love***

And that t-shirt is what we should be wearing as we go out into the world. Yes, we are called to baptize, but we shouldn't invite others to baptism without love. We can't praise the wondrous deeds the Lord does for us and for others without love. We can't

be a witness to God's love without loving others. We can't follow the commandments without love. We can't keep Jesus in our hearts without love. And we can't go out and bear fruit that will remain without love. We can't ask the Father for whatever we need if we do not know of God's love for us. Hearing that we are called and sent is not enough. We must remain focused on our response to God's great love for us. We are called and sent to share God's love for us with others. It is all summed up with one commandment: **Love One Another**

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