

St. Edward the Confessor

June 3, 2018

Feast of Corpus Christi



Thank You

Thank you very much for your support and generosity. Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$1085. The Helping Others collection from May 20 totaled \$395.



News from the Kabore Family

We recently heard from the Kaboré family from Burkina Faso in West Africa and now living in Gatineau. Abela (the Mother) works as a translator, Justin (the Dad) is back home after his study leave in Quebec City. Mylène, as well as her brother and sister are doing very well in school. They are grateful for the friends they made at St. Edward's and very appreciative of their short stay among us. Let us keep them in our thoughts and prayers.



Congratulations to those who are celebrating their First Holy Communion. Six of our children have spent the last several weeks preparing for this sacrament. They are:

Benjamin David

Lara Jones

Bohumil Krejcar

Isabella Krejcar

Molly Matthews

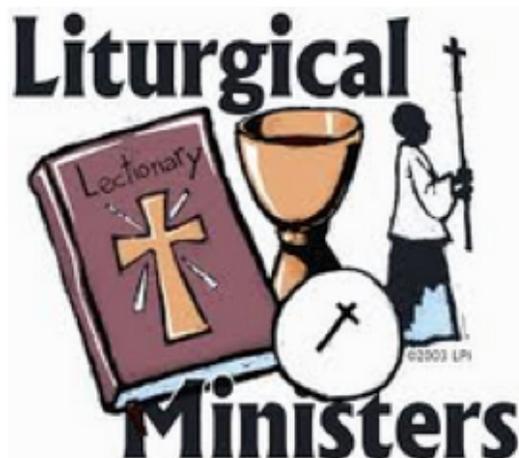
Matteo Mirabella

God bless you as you complete this significant step in your Christian journey. With the help of your parents and the Church may you continue to grow in the faith. Their pictures are posted in the South Wing hallway

Note of Appreciation

The celebration of First Communion is the culmination of weeks of teaching and preparation. Thank you to Father Ernie, Ann Marie Di Michele and Lynn Jansen who taught our young people and helped them to understand and appreciate the importance of this sacrament.

Thank you also to the parents of the children for faithfully bringing them to the preparation classes and for supporting them in their learning between classes. Thank you also to Jim Cooper who has taken the portrait pictures of the children that are in the hallway and who has taken pictures during the First Communion celebration so that the parents can appreciate the moment rather than worry about taking pictures.



We are seeking volunteers to help at our weekly masses as Eucharistic Ministers or Lectors. You would be part of a team and called upon only once or twice a month. To become a Eucharistic Minister contact Evelyn Zibrowski at 514-305-1782 or e-mail at evelyn.zibrowski@videotron.ca. If you think you would prefer being a lector, then contact Brenda Leigh by phone at 514-693-9363 or by e-mail at bleigh@cienna.com.

CAC

All the food that is brought up at the offertory is donated to CAC, the local food bank that serves the Pointe Claire community

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Today's solemn feast helps us to celebrate the Holy Communion between us and God as well as God's Holy Spirit and the person of Jesus the Christ. This celebration reminds us of perhaps the most basic of the blessings in the relationship between us and our God. The most holy Body and Blood of Christ is our primary entrance into the love that God has for us. Our blessing needs to be a blessing for others, as Jesus' life, death and resurrection is our original blessing.

The feast we enjoy today, formerly known as *Corpus Christi*, provides the opportunity to discover at a deeper level the reality of our faith in Jesus. The gospel reading is one of several texts that recount the institution of the Eucharist, Christ coming to us under the form of bread and wine. Our belief is that these forms become for us the very Body and the Blood of Christ. Receiving this divine gift becomes a profound entrance into the person of Jesus the Christ, an entrance that continues the profound reality of baptism: we enter into the body of Christ and are challenged to live our lives continually growing even more into that reality.

Jesus refers to his body being "given up" and his blood being "poured out" for his disciples. We are invited to enter into these very actions of Jesus: to *give up* and to *pour out* our love and compassion for others; all in imitation of Jesus' words and actions at the last supper.

What an incredible challenge that is. We do the "giving" and the "pouring" of ourselves primarily in response to God's gift in the person of Jesus who accomplishes these actions by his death and resurrection. As we are nourished by Our Lord's actions of giving himself over for the salvation of all, we are challenged to respond similarly to others: that we be nourishment for them as Jesus nourishes us with his life, death and resurrection.

Gracious God, be with us as we give ourselves to those in need. You are the source of our readiness to serve by modeling ourselves Jesus' own service. Help us to attend to your people with joy knowing that your peace and joy comes back to us in the abundance of your love and grace extended so abundantly to us.

Tom Shanahan, S.J.

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