

St. Edward the Confessor

June 10, 2018

10th Sunday of Ordinary Time

*For whoever does the will of
my heavenly Father
is my brother, and sister, and mother.*

Thank You

Thank you very much for your support and generosity. Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$1265.



CAC Pantry



Food Collection

Food brought up at the offertory is donated weekly to CAC. Contributions of food for the CAC food baskets slow down during the summer months so it would be very helpful to build up a little reserve now. Needed items include jam, cookies, canned fruit, small individual packages of pudding and fruit for kids, and cereal. Thank you for your continued support of CAC, our local food bank serving Pointe Claire.

Looking for a Host Family

A promising young swimmer who presently lives on the south shore will be attending John Rennie High School in the fall to be able to further her swimming ambitions with the Pointe Claire swim team. Her family is looking for a host family in Pointe Claire who she can stay with during the week for the upcoming school year. The host family will need to provide accommodations and meals during the week. The student would go home for weekends. She will be swimming very early up to three mornings a week but the host family is not expected to provide the transportation. Any family who would consider taking in this high school girl can contact Craig Buchanan at 514-886-8746 for further details. It is possible that you may be accommodating a future Olympic swimmer!

St. John's begins their Summer Schedule next week

Beginning June 17, St John's will begin their worship service at 10:30 am and will continue to do so through until July 29. This does not affect our Sunday morning Mass schedule, but we do need to be aware that their service may be starting while our coffee 'hour' is going on in the south wing hall.

Balcony Boutique

The last rummage sale in the church balcony until the fall will take place this Wednesday, June 13 from 10:00 am to noon. There will be women's and children's clothing and books on sale at super deals. And there is free coffee too!

Mary Queen of the World Cathedral Boutique Now OPEN

The boutique at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral (1085 de la Cathédrale, Montreal, H3B 2V3) has recently reopened. Located at the left end of the cathedral's narthex, the boutique offers a welcoming and modern shop setting. There you can find gift ideas for Confirmation and First Communion as well as rosaries, prayer books, devotional material, statues, crosses and so much more.



2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Paul gives us a very hopeful and inspiring message .

This passage is frequently read at funerals, but I don't think it only applies to the wasting away that happens in the final demise of our earthly bodies.

We can apply these words right now, even if we are physically healthy, because our outer selves waste away through many different circumstances. We age, we make mistakes, we have regrets, we are insulted, we are forgotten – all ways in which our outer selves are diminished.

We should have this passage taped to our bathroom mirrors and read it every day. All of us can be discouraged when these physical, mental and emotional diminishment happen, but, Paul reminds us, we do not have to be. In fact, he says, we are NOT discouraged. And why not? Because we have a greater truth. We have an inner self and that inner self is being renewed day by day by our Lord and Savior, if we allow him to.

The afflictions and trials that befall us, and ultimately our final passing, are not the whole story. They do not defeat us. We have a hope in a reality that sees these diminishment as transitory, as less consequential. And, as the whole truth of Jesus' life, death and resurrection points to and affirms, we have an eternal reality and dwelling place that, although it may be unseen, is more real than this physical world. And that is really something to rejoice about.

What if, whenever physical, mental and emotional problems afflicted us, we recalled these words of St. Paul and accepted the gift he is giving us through them? What if, instead of stewing and fretting, we stepped back and used an eternal perspective? Let's really give this a try. We might just find a lot more peace and a lot less frustration.

Lord Jesus, help me to remember that it is my inner self you are most concerned about. It is my inner self that will live forever with you. Prompt me to not put so much effort and concern into my outer self, and help me to remember to look to your example, your guidance and your Holy Spirit when I begin to feel discouragement.

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