

St. Edward the Confessor

September 16, 2018
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Thank You

Thank you very much for your support and generosity. Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$1063.00



CAC Needs Help



Doris McConnell is telling us that the CAC pantry is running low on peanut butter, jam, cookies and canned meat. All donations are collected at the back of the church and then brought to the altar during the offertory.



The fall is the perfect time to get involved with the life of the church. Here are a few areas that would welcome some new volunteers:

Children's Liturgy has started up this week. It takes place on Sunday mornings during the Liturgy of the Word. Anyone who would like to help can contact Lynn Jansen.

Readers and Commentators play an important role leading us through the Mass. Those on the readers' list generally participate in this way about once a month. If this interests you, please contact Brenda Leigh.

Ministers of the Cup assist with communion by distributing the wine. If you would like to help out in this way, please contact Evelyn Zibrowski.

A Visit from the Episcopal Vicar

Father Raymond Lafontaine, Episcopal Vicar responsible for all English speaking parishes in Montreal will come to celebrate Mass at St. Edward's on Sunday, **September 30.**

Following the morning Mass there will be a parish meeting where we will discuss with Father Ray the future of St. Edward's as we look ahead to Father Ernie's resignation anticipated at the end of this year. Although this is an anxious time for our parish, rest assured that there are no intentions from the diocese of closing St Edward's Mission. During the parish meeting Father Ray hopes to deepen his understanding of our parish as he seeks to find a priest who will fit well with our community. In order that we maximize the attendance at this parish meeting, there will be no Saturday 5:00 Mass on September 29.

Advanced Polls September 23



The entire south wing and hallway have been rented to Elections Quebec for advanced polling **next Sunday**, September 23. The polls open at 9:30 so the south wing hallway may be crowded following Mass. On the bright side, it will be easy to cast your ballot!

Looking Ahead

Parish Vitality Conference 2018, "Leading the Way Together" will be held on November 16 & 17 at Loyola High School.

The Bulletin is prepared weekly by Ann Marie Di Michele and Craig Buchanan

SEASON OF CREATION 2018 **Reflection Prayer based on the book of Genesis**

In the beginning, Lord,
I was alone.
Like the earth,
before your Spirit moved over the waters
I was formless and empty,
and darkness filled the depths of my heart.
Then, it was as if you declared
'Let there be Light',
and out of the darkness
I began to see hope,
like a shimmering ray of love
breaking through the parting clouds at the conclusion
of the night.

In the beginning, Lord I was alone,
but when I saw you in the light I was no longer afraid.
You held out your hand,
and though I had a choice
I had no choice,
because to refuse
was to embrace again the darkness.

In the beginning, Lord I was alone,
Now I feel again a part
of your creation,
loved, wanted, needed, family.
In the light of your presence,
I hold out my heart that others
might glimpse through it your reflection,
and be drawn from the darkness that I once embraced
into the light of your sunrise,
the brightness of your face.