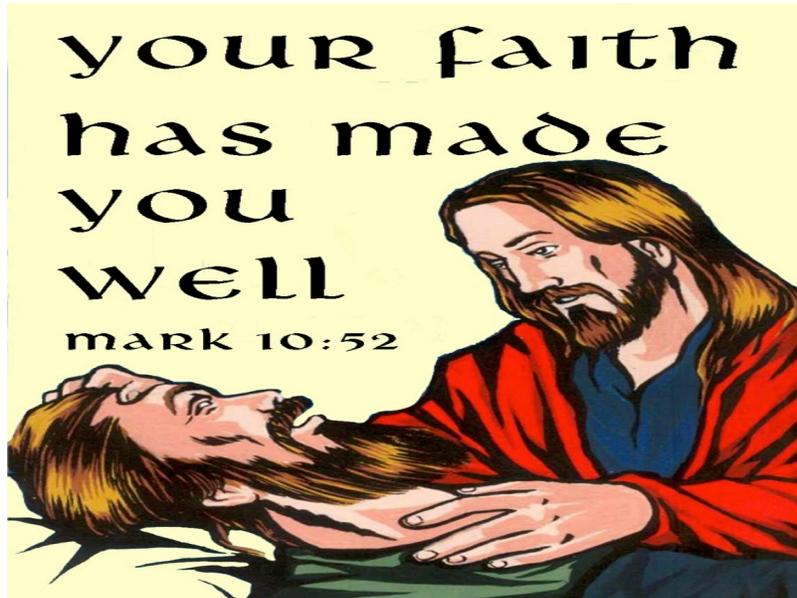


St. Edward the Confessor

October 28, 2018

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time



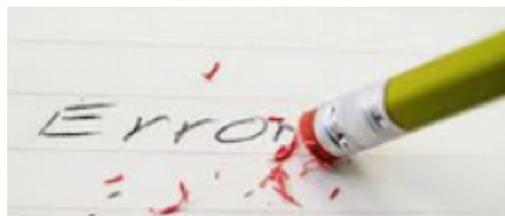
Thank You

Thank you very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$1149.11
Also the Helping Others collection was \$350.00

ERRATUM



There was a financial error reported in the notes from the meeting with Father Ray Lafontaine. It should have read that as of January 1, 2018 St Edward's liquid assets were **\$101,000**, not \$110,000.

Warden's Meeting

The Board of Wardens will meet this Tuesday, October 30 at 7:15 at the church.

Tea and Bake Sale



Our annual Tea and Bake Sale is only 3 weeks away! We will need everyone's help to make it a success. We need bakers, sandwich makers, and servers for the tearoom. There is a sign-up sheet in the south wing hall for bakers and sandwich makers. Baking is needed for both the Bake Table and Tea Room. Please take note of instructions on the sign-up sheet.

A flyer is included in today's bulletin. Please feel free to post it on any public bulletin board that allows such ads. More flyers, including full-page flyers are available in the church office.

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council next Tuesday, November 6 at 7:15 in the south wing.

CAC

The need for food in the CAC food bank never ceases. All of the food that comes up during the offertory comes from our parishioners and is donated to CAC.

Widow Support Group

The Widow Support Group will be meeting on Monday, November 5th (the first Monday of every month, except holidays) at 9:30 a.m. at St Edmund of Canterbury Parish in the Fr. McEntee Room. It takes place after the 9:00 Parish Mass. All are welcome. For more information please contact Anne Parsons at 514-457-2183.

Men's Bereavement Group

Wanted - a few good men for a discussion group. If you've lost a spouse, a parent, a child or a friend or relative and you want to discuss this loss, why not join our group? We'll meet once a month for a couple of hours and, over coffee, talk about this change in your life. Through sharing with other men, we'll try and find ways to deal with it.

Location: West Island. Time: will be determined by the participants.

If you're interested, contact Cathie Macaulay at 514-925-4300 Ext. 354

Notes from the Parish Meeting

Notes of the meeting on September 30 with Father Ray Lafontaine where we discussed the future of St Edward's after Father Ernie's retirement are available on the credenza in the south wing hall.

REFLECTION

Today's gospel offers us a vibrant look at hope. As Jesus and the huge crowds following him began to leave Jericho, Bartimaeus, a blind man, sat by the side of the road begging. In a moment that would change his life, he heard the crowds talking as they walked and realized Jesus would be passing by the roadside. Bartimaeus began calling loudly for Jesus to have pity on him.

Who was this dirty, blind beggar sitting at the side of the road? The crowd was probably uncomfortable by the loudness of his request, seeing him as an embarrassment and a distraction. They tried to hush him. But Bartimaeus, who now had hope burning in his heart, would not be silenced. "Son of David!" he yelled again loudly. "Have pity on me!"

Maybe Jesus wanted to soften the hearts of his followers – the ones who wanted to hush and ignore the blind man. So, rather than addressing Bartimaeus directly, he asked them to call Bartimaeus over to him. Now suddenly speaking kindly to him, they encourage Bartimaeus to take courage and go to Jesus.

A blind man would have to keep his possessions close to himself, within easy reach. But in an extraordinary gesture of confidence in Jesus' healing, he threw aside his cloak and rose to go to Jesus. He believed in Jesus – boldly enough to refer to him as "Son of David" – as if knowing that when he returned, he would be able to see to pick up his cloak. He had the courage to ask for the vision that would change his life.

I pause as I face my own daily blindness and wonder if I really want to ask Jesus to see. Do I want to be healed? I see families in division, government policies that hurt the poor, refugees that beg an unwilling world for help and people betrayed by their own church. If I see all this clearly, then what will I have to do? If I see where I can make a difference, what new challenges does that put in my life? Please, Jesus. Give me the courage to call out to you.

I feel Jesus standing in front of me, loving me and asking, "What do you want me to do for you?"

"Loving Jesus, open my eyes to see what you want me to see. And let me respond with your healing heart to care for those around me. Guide me to remember that you will be with me when I see some of the painful and frightening situations around me and show me how to let them into my heart."