

St. Edward the Confessor

November 4, 2018

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time



Thank You

Thank you very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$960.00

We also received a cheque from Fundscrip for \$1595.80. Fundscrip is an organization that helps non-profits, like churches, raise funds through the sale of gift cards. Gift cards are available from over 200 stores and restaurants and with each card sold St Edward's receives a percentage back as a donation. If you want to become part of St Edward's Fundscrip group, talk to Michèle or Craig Buchanan.

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council meets this Tuesday, November 6 at 7:15 pm in the south wing.

The Month of All Souls

November 2nd was All Souls Day and the month of November is traditionally known as the month of All Souls. To commemorate this month we will include a Remembrance Book in our Masses. We invite you to write the names of deceased family and friends in the book at the entrance of the church. The book will be brought up in the offertory procession and we will remember those who have died. The book will be available before Mass for the month of November.

United Church Youth Forum

Next weekend will see the United Church Youth Forum being held at St John's. That means there will be youth staying in the south wing from Friday to Sunday afternoon. They will not disturb Mass, but you will see them around the building.

Tea and Bake Sale



Only two weeks until the Tea and Bake Sale! There are flyers available on the credenza in the south wing hall to help publicize the event and you are invited to take some to distribute to friends or post on community bulletin boards.

We need people to help sell baked goods at the bake table. Contact Louise Matulis if you can help here.

We need men to serve in the tearoom. Contact Roy Douglass to help out here.

We need people in the kitchen to prepare the lunches for the tearoom. Contact Craig Buchanan if you want to help here.

We need paintings for our art raffle. Ed Bedard is the one to contact for this area.

We also need many bakers to contribute to the bake table and tearoom. Baked goods for the tearoom cannot contain nuts. Jams and homemade chocolates would be very welcomed on the bake table too.

Lastly, we need about 25 loaves of sandwiches, cut in fours with the crusts removed.

There are sign-up sheets in the south wing for the bake table and tearoom. If you have any questions about this event contact Craig Buchanan at 514-886-8746. Remember that all money raised by St Edward's at the Tea and Bake Sale goes towards our Christmas baskets.

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REFLECTION

In the first reading, Moses is telling his people that there is ONE God and that they should give God their undivided love. This was a real novelty because all their neighboring peoples had a multiplicity of gods that everybody worshiped at different times depending on seasons and needs.

Here, the people of Israel are asserting their identity as monotheistic, but even more than that, they believe in a god that demands their love, with all their heart, with all their soul, with all their strength; their God asks for all their LOVE. The Jewish God was a personal and relational God, a god who wanted to be in relation with his people.

In the gospel passage for today, Jesus quotes the scripture text in the first reading in responding to a scribe about the greatest commandment and adds that the second greatest commandment is: "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" (v. 31) Jesus puts love of God and love of neighbor together. In this teaching moment Jesus shows us what he lives, he teaches us what it means to love God: to love God is to love our neighbor like we love ourselves. The scribe, who was testing him not only accepts this as "well said" (v. 32), but adds "...And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." (v. 33) This scribe, interpreter of the Jewish law makes this remarkable claim. He really goes to the root of Jesus' message. He realizes that loving God is not about burning offerings and sacrifices but about loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. And he was not far from the kingdom of God. (v. 34)

Do we really believe that loving God with our whole humanity and loving our neighbor like we love ourselves is more important than burning offerings and sacrifices? Do we live accordingly? Do we try to "substitute" love for our neighbor? How?

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