

St. Edward the Confessor

December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent



Thank You

Thank you very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$1270.00

Lessons and Carols

The joint service of Lessons and Carols with St John's will take place this weekend on Sunday at 3:00 pm. The combined choir will sing pieces from The Messiah.

Service of Reconciliation

As part of the Advent season, there will be a service of reconciliation this Tuesday, December 11 at 7:15 pm in the church.

Advent Bible Study

The joint Advent bible study of Luke chapter one continues for the next two Wednesdays, December 12 and 19 at noon in the church. Please bring your lunch.

St John's Rummage Sale

The monthly rummage sale in the church balcony will take place this Wednesday, December 12 from 10:00 to noon.

Living with Christ Books

Only a few more copies of the Sunday Missal for 2018-19 remain on the credenza. Please only one per family.

Christmas Baskets

The gifts for our Christmas baskets should be at the church this weekend. For those who signed up to deliver a Christmas basket, they will be ready for next weekend's Masses and should be delivered during the week of December 17.

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 15 & 16: regular Mass schedule
Saturday, Dec. 22: NO MASS
Sunday, Dec. 23: regular 9:00 Mass for Advent IV
Monday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00
Tuesday, Dec. 25: Christmas day Mass at 10:00
Saturday, Dec 29: NO MASS
Sunday, Dec 30: regular 9:00 Mass
Monday, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Mass at 5:00
Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019: New Year's Day Mass at 10:00

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Christmas Concerts around the West Island

Here a few special Christmas concerts that are presented on the West Island:

Sunday, December 16 at 6:00 pm: People's Gospel Choir West Island Concert at St John Fisher Church. Tickets: \$20 available through peoples gospel brownpapertickets.com

Sunday, December 16 at 2:30 pm: McGill Conservatory Youth Choir Christmas concert at Union United Church, 24 Maple St., Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue. Our own Lara Jones is a member of this choir.

Wednesday, December 19 at 7:30 pm: Melodia Choir Christmas Performance at Saint Columba-by-the-Lake, 11 Rodney Ave, Pointe Claire. Tickets are \$20 at the door. Our own Linda Jones is part of this choir.

Pope Francis: Advent a time to make peace in the soul, family, neighbourhood

Pope Francis is urging Christians to prepare themselves for Christmas this Advent season by being humble and trying to build peace in their soul, in their family and in the world.

Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for the Prince of Peace by being at peace with ourselves, our soul, that is often in anxiety, anguish and without hope. For this, one needs to start with oneself.

The Pope said that today the Lord asks us whether our soul is at peace? If not, then we should ask the Prince of Peace to pacify our souls, so we can meet Him.

After being at peace with our soul, it is time to be at peace at home, in the family. He urged Christians to examine themselves whether they are at peace or at war in their families or against others, whether there are bridges or walls that separate.

The Pope then spoke about making peace in the world where there is much war, disunity, hatred and exploitation. Christians should ask themselves what they are doing about creating peace in the world by working for peace in the neighbourhood, in the school and in the workplace.

Peace, the Pope said, is never still but always moves forward. It starts with the soul, and after making its journey of peace, returns to the soul. Making peace is a bit like imitating God. When He wanted to make peace with us and forgave us, He sent His Son to make peace, to be the Prince of peace.

The Pope said to be a peacemaker one does not have to be wise and learned and study peace. Peace is an attitude that Jesus speaks about in the Gospel. Jesus glorifies God because he has hidden these things from the wise and learned and has revealed them to the little ones.

Pope Francis urged Christians to make themselves small, humble and be the servant of others. "The Lord will give you the ability to understand how to make peace and will provide you the strength to make it," the Pope assured.

Excerpts from Pope Francis' homily at Mass at the Casa Santa Marta on Tuesday: he spoke about how Christians can prepare for Christmas by building peace in one's soul, in the family and in the world through humility.