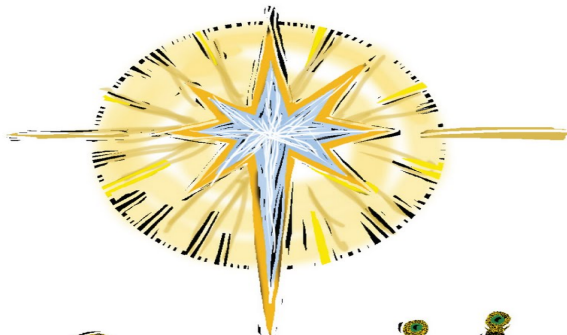


St. Edward the Confessor

January 6, 2018

Epiphany of the Lord



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Thank You

Thank you very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$1037.50

The collection for the New Year's Masses totaled \$645

50 Years as a Mission

2019 will mark the 50th anniversary of St Edward the Confessor Mission, but it would never have happened if it were not for the efforts of Dorothy and Con Bach who lived on Sedgefield near St John's Boulevard. At the time Cedar Park Heights was part of St. Edmund of Canterbury parish. Also at the time there were no overpasses at either St. John's Road or St. Charles Road where they crossed the CN and CP railroad lines. The underpass at St. Charles was being built and the diversion around the construction made it difficult for people in the north-east corner of St. Edmund's parish to make it to St. Edmund's.

Enter Dorothy and Con Bach. Dorothy spoke to Father McMahon, the pastor of St. Edmund's, about the Catholics in Cedar Park Heights who were not attending Mass because of the travel issues. Father McMahon suggested that a mission might be established for the Cedar Park Heights area with masses held in the auditorium of St. Thomas High School. This way no church would have to be built. To establish this, a petition would have to be signed by people who would be willing to support such a mission. Dorothy organized a group of women to canvas the streets and have people sign the petition requesting the establishment of a mission.

Dorothy discovered that there were a lot more Catholics in the area than were registered at St. Edmund's and there was a lot of enthusiasm for such a mission. The signed petitions were handed over to Father McMahon who submitted them to Bishop Gallagher with his strong recommendation to establish the mission in the Cedar Park Heights area. Soon after Archbishop Paul Gregoire signed the documents on October 1, 1969 for the establishment of St Edward the Confessor Mission.

We owe a debt of thanks to Dorothy and Con Bach for their determination to make Father McMahon's suggestion a reality.

God With Us in the Mess

There is much good and joy in life but there is also much pain in everyone's life. Where is God when bad things happen to us, and why does God allow it? Join Catherine Cherry as she helps us with such questions so that we can try to understand where God is in the midst of the messes in our lives.

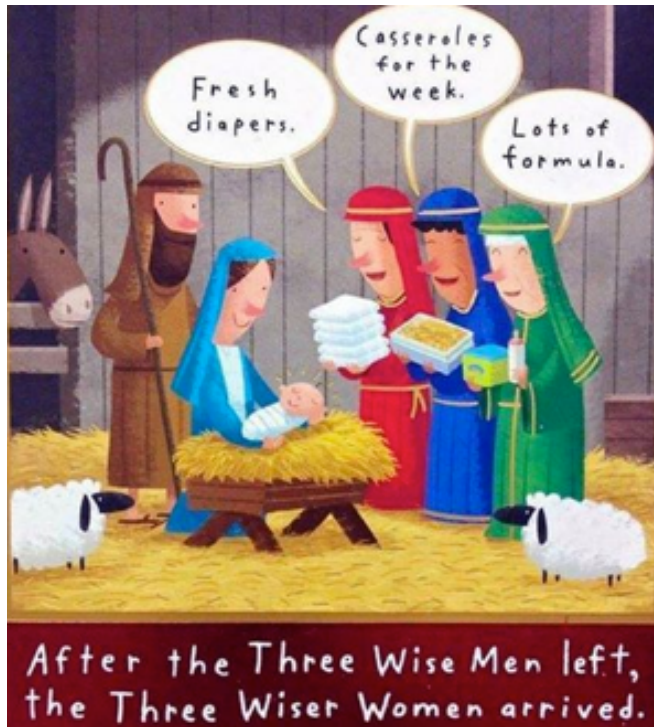
Date: Wednesday, January 23

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Place: St Monica's Parish Hall, 6405 Terrebonne St., NDG

RSVP by January 20 by contacting Anna at 514-481-0267 ext. 22 or at

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The Perspective of Justice Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Reading the Signs

Wise men came from the east. They had not had the benefit of the Hebrew Scriptures, but they were wise enough to read the signs and fall in homage before “the glory of the Lord.” In their wisdom, they offered gifts that acknowledged Jesus as both king and sacrificial victim.

King Herod, meanwhile, had not learned from his people's Scriptures, and in his lack of wisdom, he became greatly disturbed. He became the enemy of the child, for he refused to accept that *kingship is his, and government and power*.

The contrast between the acceptance by the Gentile wise men and the rejection by the Jewish king underscores the message that Jesus is the “light of all peoples.” No one is excluded. The chosen Jews and the foreigners from “the ends of the earth are members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”

Those who exclude others from the life of the human family are being unfaithful to the Son “revealed to the nations.” Those who accept only the rich and powerful are being unfaithful to the God who shall have pity for the lowly and the poor.

“Basic justice demands the establishment of minimum levels of participation in the life of the human community for all persons. The ultimate injustice is for a person or group to be treated actively or abandoned passively as if they were nonmembers of the human race. To treat people this way is effectively to say that they simply do not count as human beings.”

U.S. Bishops, [Economic Justice for All](#), 1986:77

Gerald Darring
To Love and Serve: Lectionary Based Meditations

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