

St. Edward the Confessor

January 13, 2018

Baptism of the Lord



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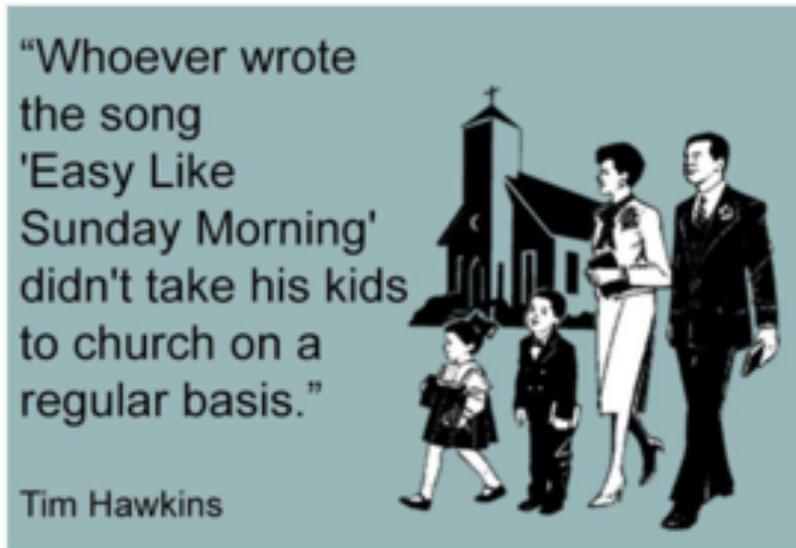
Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$825.00

25 Years A Deacon

On January 15, Gerald Foley will be marking 25 years as a deacon. Happy anniversary Gerry!

Children after Mass

Last week some children were found running around in the sanctuary and north wing after Mass. Parents, please keep an eye on your children while you enjoy your coffee.



Good Friday Passion Play

Christmas is barely over and we are already talking about Easter! We are busy writing a script for this year's Passion Play and will be holding our first meeting for players on January 27 at 7:00pm. The Passion Play is open to ALL youth, you do not have to be affiliated with St Edward's or St John's, so invite friends! Rehearsals will likely be Sunday afternoons. For more information you can talk to Brian Powell or Rachel Buchanan.

Parish Vitality Conference Follow -up

The keynote address at last November's Parish Vitality Conference spoke of how the church needs a radical shift in priorities toward a 'missionary option' where the church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation. One of the key aspects of this shift is the model of parish leadership where the pastor is assisted by a "Senior Leadership Team" that both helps to make tactical decisions and helps to bear the weight of shepherding. For more on this, pick up a copy of The Grapevine Press available on the credenza in the hall.

A follow-up public meeting for Parish Vitality will be held on Saturday, January 26 at 10:00 am at St Thomas a Becket Parish.

Can You Help ?

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We are looking for people who could prepare our children for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. If you can help please contact Ann Marie Di Michele

C.A.F.E.

A presentation on the Catholic Mass for parents. This talk will guide you through the parts of the Mass, the rituals, the symbols and gestures with relevance towards living your faith with courage and affirmation. Tuesday, January 15 at 7:30 pm in the parish hall of St John Fisher Church, located at 120 Summerhill Ave, Pointe Claire.

Thank You

This short message comes from a parishioner: "Thank you to Craig Buchanan who faithfully presents a thoughtful and creative bulletin every week. We appreciate all the time and effort that you put into it each and every week."

Daily Prayer This Week

This week is a time with two special Sundays book-ending the week. Both celebrations offer an "epiphany," an understanding and insight into the essence of who Jesus really is. When the Wise Men visit the poorest of families and find the baby Jesus, they have a clearer idea of what kind of king he will be.

At the Baptism of the Lord the following Sunday, Jesus is baptized and the skies open and the voice of God proclaims, "You are my beloved Son." More than just a prophet, this special relationship with God is made manifest in that moment.

How can we make this week a special one as the Christmas season draws to a close? In some parts of the world daylight is plentiful right now, but for many of us the days are short and the dark of night surrounds us many hours each day. This could be the week to reflect on that darkness and the light that Jesus brings into our hearts.

Each morning as our feet touch the floor next to our beds, we can open our hands briefly in the darkness and ask God to show us the light in our lives. Gratitude is a wonderful way to pray and to recognize the light we sometimes don't notice in our lives. Maybe in this final week of Christmas, we can light a candle at dinner and remember a special blessing we have been given or something we are grateful for in our lives.

Dear Lord,

You came to your disciples when they felt alone on the stormy waters and comforted them with your presence. Be with me today and let my heart be touched by the love you so lavishly give to me. Let me remember to turn to you in my fears and darkness and know that you will heal me.