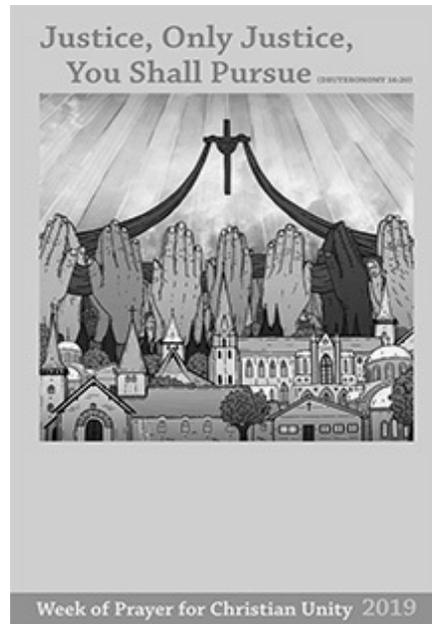


St. Edward the Confessor

January 20, 2019
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Thank you very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$805.00

Parish Vitality Conference Follow-Up

There will be a meeting on Saturday, January 26 at 10:00 am at St Thomas a Becket Parish that is meant as a follow-up from the Parish Vitality Conference last fall. All are welcome to attend.

First Communion and Confirmation

We are seeking people who can prepare our children for First Communion and Confirmation during the spring season. If you can help please, contact Ann Marie DiMichele (514-428-0706)

Good Friday Passion Play

Preparations for our annual Good Friday Passion Play kick off on Sunday, January 27 at 7:00 pm in the church. This first meeting will be topped off by the making of our traditional ice cream sundaes. We encourage ALL youth to participate, regardless of their church affiliation. Invite your friends and neighbors. Regular rehearsals are expected to be on Sunday afternoons. If you would like more information about this event you can talk to Brian Powell or Rachel or Craig Buchanan.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This weekend marks the beginning of the international Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for this year comes from Deuteronomy 16:20, "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue". The Program comes from Christians in Indonesia, including the Communion of Churches in Indonesia and the Indonesian Catholic Bishops Conference. We are called together to form a united witness for justice and for Christian Unity that becomes a means of Christ's healing grace for the brokenness of the world.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The World Day of Migrants and Refugees was instituted in 1914 by Pope Pius X in response to the huge migrations forced upon many people because of the First World War. Here is an excerpt from Pope Francis' message to migrants and refugees on the World Day in 2015: "Do not lose your faith and hope! Let us think of the Holy Family during the flight in Egypt. Just as the maternal heart of the Blessed Virgin and the kind heart of Saint Joseph kept alive the confidence that God would never abandon them, so in you may the same hope in the Lord never be wanting. I entrust you to their protection and I cordially impart to all of you my Apostolic Blessing,



The Perspective of Justice

At Work in the World

Our land is indeed desolate: poisons float around in the air, toxins flow in our streams and lakes, and chemicals pollute the soil. The land is forsaken because of “the tensions and the tragedies of sin,” and forsaken, too, are many of the people who live on the land. Or to put it in terms of today’s Gospel, the wine has run out and the party seems to be over.

It does not have to be that way, however. The people can “be called ‘My Delight,’ and your land ‘Espoused’.” There is still choice wine left to be experienced: the party does not have to end. We can “sing to the Lord a new song.”

Two things will have to happen for things to change. The first is the action of the Lord. Jesus’ hour has come. We must turn to him, as Mary did, and have confidence in his power to effect change. The other thing that must take place is the application of our gifts to the solution of the problems afflicting our land and the people living on it. “To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”

We must all use our unique gifts and unite them to the action of Jesus at work in the world. This is “the way to peace in the world” that we pray for at the beginning of Mass. If we follow this way, “no more shall men call you ‘forsaken,’ or your land ‘desolate’.”

The option for the poor embedded in the Gospel and the Church's teaching makes us aware that the poor suffer most directly from environmental decline and have the least access to relief from their suffering. Indigenous peoples die with their forests and grasslands. ... Nature will truly enjoy its second spring only when humanity has compassion for its own weakest members.

U.S. Bishops, Renewing the Earth, 1991: III, F

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