

St. Edward the Confessor

February 17, 2019
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Blessed
are you who are hungry now,
for you will be fulfilled.

Blessed
are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

Luke 6.21

Thank You

Thank you very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$880.00!

Parish Council Meeting Try one more time

First it was freezing rain then 30+ cm of snow... Now we are trying for a third time to hold a Parish Council meeting! Weather permitting the Parish Council will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:00 in the south wing. Anyone who is interested in the life of our parish is encouraged to attend.

Mass next Week

Father Mike Shaw will celebrate Mass next Saturday evening and Father David Kiyingi will celebrate Mass Sunday morning.

Can you help make Twiddle Muffs?

Twiddle muffs look a lot like a regular muff that would be used to keep your hands warm except that they have all kinds of things hanging off of them and stitched into them. People with dementia often have restless hands and like to have something to keep their hands occupied. A twiddle muff provides many different sources of visual, tactile and sensory stimulation that have a wonderful calming effect on the patients. 150 twiddle muffs have been finished, but help is needed to complete 50 more. We are looking for old keys, key chains, beads, ribbon, buttons, pom-poms and almost any small items that can be mounted on a twiddle muff to give a different feel to it. Any small trinkets that can help with this project can be brought to the church.

Passion Play

The practice for the Passion Play will be at 6:30 on Sunday at the church.

Looking ahead to Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday, March 6, we will celebrate both Shrove Tuesday with our traditional community supper of pancakes and sausages and Ash Wednesday with a service of anointing with ashes. Both of these events are joint events with St John's United. It will all get started at 6:00.

Introduction to Ignatian Prayer

Come encounter God in prayer following the pathways that St Ignatius shares with us. Fr. Gabriel Coté, SJ, will introduce you to prayer methods inspired by the spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

When: Thursday, February 21 from 7:00 – 9:30 pm.

Where: the Villa St Martin, 9451 Gouin Blvd West, Pierrefonds, H8Y 1T2.

The event is free, but donations are encouraged. Participants may also join Fr. Coté for dinner and fellowship in the cafeteria at 5:30 pm. The cost for dinner is \$20 and reservations are necessary by calling 514-684-2311 ext 0 or e-mailing contact@villasaintmartin.org

Spend March Break at Camp Kinkora

Here is an opportunity for families to enjoy time up north at Camp Kinkora during March Break.

Dates: March 3-6 (Sun – Wed)

Cost: Adults \$31/night, youth (5-17) \$16/night, under 5 free

Please bring your own food, kitchen facilities provided. For more info and registration call Don Boyer: 514-712-5488.

The End of the Story

In the Second Reading, Paul says that if Christ is not raised, your faith is in vain. This is a hard saying. Faith is meant to make a person fruitful, like a tree planted by running water, as the Psalm says. Why would a person not be fruitful if he thought there was no resurrection?

And here we should notice that you can lose the fruits of the Spirit and become a fruitless person whose faith is in vain in different ways.

Well, the fruits of a life are the fruits of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Here are the first four: love, joy, peace, and patience. If God is indwelling within you, then he is present in love to you; and love, joy, and peace come from the presence of your Lord. It is easier to wait in patience through the afflictions of this life if God is with you, too.

The First Reading says that you will be like a dried up plant if you put your trust in the things of this world. You can lose your job or your health or your spouse, for example. And then if you trusted in the things of this world, you would become bitter because your career or your life or your relationships would have failed to be what you trusted they would be. You wouldn't be fruitful in love, joy, and peace in that condition.

But you can go wrong another way too. In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that those who are hungry and weeping and hated are blessed. If you think there is no resurrection, you will think that being in so miserable a condition is the best you will ever have. And then you will certainly lack love, joy, peace, and patience. Then you will be both bitter and self-congratulatory in the mistaken view that you are spiritually advanced because you take denying yourself as a good in itself.

So for your faith to be fruitful, you do need to believe that there is a life after this one where there is no more hunger, weeping, or hatred. If you grasp that after the crucifixion of this life, there is the life of the resurrection when God himself will wipe all tears away, then and only then will you be fruitful in love, joy, peace, and patience.

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