

# St. Edward the Confessor

March 3, 2019

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A tree is known by its fruit;  
a man by his deeds.  
A good deed is never lost;  
he who sows courtesy  
reaps friendship, and  
he who plants kindness  
gathers love.

- Saint-Basil



## Thank You

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$429.33, but last weekend there was only the Sunday Mass.

The collection for the week before, February 16 and 17 totaled \$730 for the regular collection and \$240 for Helping Others.



Receipts for envelope donations to the parish for 2018 are available for picking up in the south wing hall.

If you want to benefit from a tax deduction for your church donations, please talk with either Neil MacPherson or Tom Donahue.

### **Passion Play**

Passion Play rehearsal is from 2:00-4:00 today in the church.



St Edward's and St John's will be celebrating both Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday this Wednesday, March 6. Our traditional pancake supper will start at 6:00 pm followed by a Service of Ashes in the church at 7:00 pm.

The suggested donation for the dinner of pancakes, sausages and soup is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Please let us know that you are coming by signing up on the poster in the south wing hall. On the same poster there are sign-up sheets for a few tasks surrounding the meal for which we need a few volunteers.

### **Styrofoam and the environment**

Styrofoam, also known as 'expanded polystyrene foam', can be found in everything from takeout containers to helmets to car bumpers.

The worldwide production capacity of Styrofoam in 2016 was 14.7 million tons. 40% of polystyrene is made for the food packaging industry and an estimated 80% of Canada's foam packaging ends up in the garbage. Pointe Claire is making a difference by providing recycle bins for Styrofoam located in the city works parking lot on Terra Cotta Ave.

### **Lent: A Fresh Look**

All Christian churches are invited to this 3-day event that will focus on the spirituality of Lent. The series is led by Father Thomas Ryan and will take place March 10-12 at St Luke's, 106a Anselme Lavigne in D.D.O.

## **Balcony Boutique Rummage Sale**

On Wednesday, March 13 from 10:00 to noon, St John's will hold their monthly rummage sale of gently used children's and women's clothes, books and free coffee. If you would like to help out, help is needed starting at 9:30.

## **Pope Francis' 2019 Lenten Message**

Pope Francis invites believers to prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed:

Fasting, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to "devour" everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts.

Prayer, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy.

Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.

Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation.