

# St. Edward the Confessor

March 24, 2019

3rd Sunday of Lent

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**LORD**

*is merciful  
and gracious,  
slow to anger  
and  
abounding in  
steadfast love.*

*Psalm 103.8*

## **Thank You**

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$1050. Including \$400 from Masses given at the Cambridge.

Thank you also to those who donated to the church in memory of Joan McNab. Donations in her memory totaled \$1100.

## **Cursillo Ultreya**

All Cursillistas and their friends are welcomed to attend on Saturday, April 6 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at our church (St John's United/St Edward's). This will be a time for sharing our

faith journey. Hope that you can come. For more information contact Lucille at 514-426-5922 or Deanna at 514-778-8811.

## **Pope Francis - A Man of His Word**

Please join us for the second half of the video entitled "Pope Francis – A Man of His Word". This video plays like a personal conversation with the pope where he answers questions on immigration, consumerism, social justice, ecological concerns, sexual abuses committed by priests, gays in the church and more. We will show the second half of the video this Tuesday, March 26 starting at 1:30 in the south wing.

## **Lenten Bible Study**

St John's Lenten bible study series continues on Wednesdays at noon through until April 10. The themes studied are inspired by resources from Kairos: Climate Change, Indigenous Peoples, Truth and Reconciliation and Women in Peace. Bring your own lunch.

## **Oscar Romero**

Oscar Romero's story is one of a modern prophet and martyr, a great Christian witness of our time. He came from humble beginnings and in his early life was seen as a relatively conservative priest. An amazing transformation occurred in the last three years of his life. As Archbishop of San Salvador he became a courageous voice for the voiceless, speaking out against poverty, social injustice, assassinations, and torture. He entered a path he knew might lead to his death. The Archbishop was assassinated on March 24, 1980 while celebrating Mass. Pope Francis beatified Oscar Romero on May 13, 2018 in El Salvador and he was made a saint in Rome on October 14, 2018.

Sunday afternoon, March 24, a Mass (in Spanish) will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Oratory in the crypt at 3:00 p.m. remembering St. Oscar Romero.

## **The Passion of Our Lord**

Mark your calendar, Good Friday, April 19, at 7:30 pm, youth from St Edward's, St John's and the local community will present our annual Passion Play. Please invite family and friends. This event is opened to the community at large..

## **The Grief Process Coping with the loss of a loved one**

With speaker William Curran on Thursday, April 11 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at St Thomas a Becket Parish (4320 Ste-Anne, Pierrefonds, H9H 4Y7). Free of charge and open to all

## **SHARE THE JOURNEY**

**In keeping with our Lenten theme Share the Journey, here are excerpts from the 2019 United Nations World Water Development Report which especially affect refugees and migrants**

Access to water and sanitation is an internationally recognized human right. Yet more than two billion people lack even the most basic of services.

Almost half of people drinking water from unprotected sources live in Sub-Saharan Africa, where the burden of collecting water lies mainly on women and girls, many of whom spend more than 30 minutes on each journey to fetch water. Without safe, accessible water and sanitation, these people are likely to face multiple challenges, including poor health and living conditions, malnutrition, and lack of opportunities for education and employment.

Significant discrepancies in access exist even within countries, notably between the rich and the poor. In urban areas, the disadvantaged housed in makeshift accommodations without running water often pay 10 to 20 times more than their neighbours in wealthier neighbourhoods for water of similar or lesser quality purchased from water vendors or tanker trucks.

The right to water cannot be separated from other human rights. In fact, those who are marginalized or discriminated against because of their gender, age, socio-economic status, or because of their ethnic, religious or linguistic identity, are also more likely to have limited access to proper water and sanitation.

Refugees and internally displaced people often face severe barriers to the access of water supply and sanitation services and their numbers are higher than ever before. In 2017, conflicts and persecution forced 68.5 million people to flee their homes. Moreover, an annual average of 25.3 million people are forced to migrate because of natural disasters, twice as many as in the early 1970s – a number expected to raise further due to climate change.

For more information, go to the UNESCO website.

*Loving God, whose son Jesus Christ called all who were thirsty to come to him, believe and drink, Look in mercy on your people living in dry lands, and struggling to survive without access to safe drinking water.*

*Forgive our selfishness in life and our misuse of our natural resources. We commit ourselves to value and care for your gifts to us. May rivers of living water and practical compassion for all who suffer flow out from our hearts. Refreshed by your Spirit, and following in the way of Jesus Christ, We will continue to serve you in the people and creation entrusted to our care. Amen*