

St. Edward the Confessor

March 31, 2019

4th Sunday of Lent

**This brother
of yours was dead
and has come to life;
he was lost
and has been found.**

Luke 15.32



Thank You

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$1118.00 including \$100 from Masses given at the Vivalis.

Cursillo Ultreya

All Cursillistas and their friends are welcomed to attend next 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.

“When I look through God’s eyes at my lost self and discover God’s joy at my coming home, then my life may become less anguished and more trusting.”

— *Henri J.M. Nouwen, Return of the Prodigal Son*

Solidarity Sunday

As you know, this Lent we have been following Development and Peace, Caritas Canada’s “Share the Journey”. We have been sharing the journey with the 68.5 million people who are forced migrants in the world today.

Next week is Solidarity Sunday, when the Share Lent collection in support of Development and Peace will take place. To participate in this collection use any envelopment you chose and write on it “Solidarity Sunday” and your envelopment number so that your donation can be recorded for tax purposes. Your generosity will have a real impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in the Global South.

Last year 19 million people were directly impacted by projects carried out by Development and Peace.

Coffee is Back

We have received our order of fair trade coffee and our regular monthly sales after Mass will resume. If you have immediate need for some coffee, come to the church office after Mass and someone will be able to satisfy your need.

Sunday Hospitality

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to host Sunday hospitality over the last three months. We all enjoy the fellowship that this time after Sunday Mass provides but, as of April (next week), we have nobody signed up to handle our hospitality. Please sign up for any week not yet taken care of on the sign-up sheet on the St Edward’s bulletin board in the south wing hall. Father Ernie handles the coffee.

Lenten Bible Studies

April 3 and 10 are the last two Wednesday bible studies at noon with St John’s. Themes are inspired by resources from “Kairos: Climate Change, Indigenous Peoples, Truth and Reconciliation, and Women and Peace”. Please bring your own lunch.

The Jewish Roots of Holy Week

What did Jesus choose to say and do on the last seven days of his life on earth? In this insightful video presentation, Dr Brant Pitre takes his knowledge of the Jewish roots of Christianity and uses it to unveil the mysteries of the most sacred and solemn week of the

year: Holy Week. This video will be presented on Sunday, April 7 at 3 pm in the Beverly Room of St John Fisher Parish. For more info contact the church office at 514-695-0205.

Metanoia

We are prodigal children. We have in many ways squandered our Father's inheritance. Provided with a wonderful garden to live in, we poison its air, we pollute its water, we erode its topsoil.

Provided with a wonderful family with whom to share our lives, we condemn many of our family members to survival-level existence, we refuse to associate with many of them, and we contribute to the death of many of them.

Lent is a time to 'pass over,' to pass from the world of injustice we have created over to a world of reconciliation. It is a time to "turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, death to eternal life."

We know that such a turn can take place because we have a Father who sees us while we are still a long way off, who catches sight of us and is deeply moved, who will run out to meet us, throw his arms around our necks and kiss us.

We know that such a turn can take place because Jesus Christ brought mankind the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured.

The message of Lent, therefore, is clear: "We implore you, in Christ's name: be reconciled to God."

The first step, of course, is to do what the younger son did: "I will break away and return to my father, and say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against you.'"

Such a confession will enable us to "hasten toward Easter with the eagerness of faith and love," and it will make possible the rejoicing which today's liturgy foretells and encourages.

This kingdom and this salvation ... are available to every human being as grace and mercy, and yet at the same time each individual must gain them. ... through toil and suffering, through a life lived according to the gospel, through abnegation and the cross, through the spirit of the beatitudes. But above all each individual gains them through a total interior renewal which the gospel calls metanoia; it is a radical conversion, a profound change of mind and heart.

Pope Paul VI, [Evangelii Nuntiandi](#), 10, 1975.

Gerald Darring, *To Love and Serve: Lectionary Based Meditations* We will continue to serve you
in the people and creation entrusted to our care.
Amen