

St. Edward the Confessor

April 14, 2019

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)

Palm Sunday

The Start of



HOLY WEEK

Thank You

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$1550.00

Thank You Mike Shaw

We welcome back Father Mike Shaw for our Masses this weekend. Thank you Father Mike!

Share A Palm

Please consider sharing a part of your palm with someone who could not make it to Mass today or someone who is shut-in or ill. It will probably be well appreciated.

Joint Service with St. John's

On Sunday, April 28, we will hold a joint service with St John's at 10:00 a.m. There will be no 9:00 Mass this Sunday.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, 6:45 p.m.: Mass of the Lord's Supper including the washing of the feet. Following Mass we welcome everyone for a quiet time of prayer at the Altar of Repose in the South Wing.

Good Friday, 3:00 p.m.: Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

Good Friday, 7:30 p.m.:

27th annual Passion Play presented by our youth. This is an ecumenical event that is open to everyone. Invite a friend or neighbor.

Saturday, Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. Resurrection of the Lord. Father Mike Shaw will be the celebrant. There will be no 5:00 Mass.

Easter Sunday, 7:00 a.m.: Ecumenical Sunrise Service by the shore of Lac St Louis, in front of St Joachim Church.

Easter Sunday, 9:00 a.m.: Easter Mass at St Edward's. We are expecting Father David Kiyingi to be celebrating this Mass with us.

Chrism Mass

On Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Mary Queen of the world Cathedral, Archbishop Christian Lepine will celebrate the beginning of the Paschal Triduum with the annual Chrism Mass. At this time the oils will be blessed and the Holy Chrism consecrated. During this Mass our Bishop blesses the Holy Oils for use in the sacramental life of all Montreal parishes during the coming year.

27th Annual Passion Play

Youth from St Edward's, St John's and our surrounding community will present the 27th edition of the Passion of Christ in drama on Good Friday beginning at 7:30 p.m. This year we will view the Passion through the eyes of the disciple John.

Holy Week

This is the week we call "Holy" because it is a memorial of God's saving deeds for us in Jesus.

The invitation this week is to come closer to the reality of God's profound love for us. Yes, we are all sinners. But, we are loved sinners. We are being invited to be grateful, not to beat our breasts. Jesus gave us the gift of his very self - so that we might always know how completely Jesus entered into the reality of our human existence - "even death, death on a cross." [Phil. 2:6-9]

Abandonment and Salvation

Jesus came triumphantly into Jerusalem, but he knew what faced him. The death would be terrible, and the suffering that would accompany it would be searing.

Worst of all would be the pain of abandonment. Jesus would die abandoned by everyone. His friends and disciples would run away and leave him alone.

From among his very best friends, one would turn him over to the authorities and another would deny knowing him. Jesus' experience of abandonment even seemed to extend to his Father: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

In dying his lonely death on the cross, Jesus brought salvation to all those who are abandoned by others: the poor, the homeless, the unemployed, the lonely elderly, those suffering from communicable diseases, the hungry, political prisoners, prostitutes, those on death row.

Jesus died and rose that they might be liberated from their abandonment.

"Your attitude must be Christ's," we are told by St. Paul. We must empty ourselves and take the form of slaves on behalf of those who are abandoned by the world.

"The ultimate injustice is for a person or group to be treated actively or abandoned passively as if they were nonmembers of the human race. To treat people this way is effectively to say that they simply do not count as human beings."

U.S. Bishops, [Economic Justice for All](#), 1986:77

Gerald Darring

To Love and Serve: Lectionary Based Meditations