

St. Edward the Confessor

April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday



Thank You

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$1035.00

Special Service next Sunday

Next Sunday, April 28, we will hold an ecumenical service with St John's instead of our regular Sunday Mass. There will be **no Sunday Mass** next week. The ecumenical service will take place at 10:00 am. It will be a joyful celebration with special music from both choirs.

The Saturday Mass will take place, as usual, at 5:00 pm.

Spring Thing

May 11 is the date for St John's giant garage sale, SPRING THING. Look for the Spring Thing flyer in this week's Publi-Sac.

Thank You!

We are thankful for the support of so many people through Holy Week.

Thank you to Father Mike Shaw for being the celebrant for Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil.

Thank you also to Father Ray Lafontaine for celebrating Easter Sunday, The resurrection of our Lord, with us.

Thank you to all those involved in this year's Passion Play, the behind the scenes production team and especially our youth for bringing alive the Passion of our Lord in such a unique way.

happy memories
happy times
happy anniversary.
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On October 1 St Edward's will celebrate its 50th anniversary. On October 1, 1969 Archbishop Paul Gregoire signed the documents that officially established St Edward the Confessor Mission in Pointe Claire. Very soon after this Masses started being celebrated in the St Thomas High School auditorium. Bishop Gallagher came to visit the mission and celebrate the first Mass.

Father John Fredrickson, a retired RCAF chaplain, was appointed as the first "Priest-in-Charge".

Father John retired (again) and was replaced by Father Ernie Schibli effective March 1, 1975. On September 1, 1982 Father Toby McGivern was named pastor and he was succeeded by Father Ken Martin.

In 1992 he was replaced by Father Jim McDonald.

In 2001 Father Ernie Shibli returned to be our pastor again.

Father Ernie has been our priest for 25 years, or half of the life of St Edward's!

In 1979 we began holding Saturday evening masses in St John's United Church. In 1982 the Sunday morning mass was moved to St John's and since then both communities have called the same building their home.

In the late 1980's the chancel of the church was remodeled, using a design prepared by Father Toby McGivern, to better serve both communities.

Our annual Passion Play would not be possible if it were not for the efforts of Father Toby years before the first Passion Play.

AN EASTER MEDITATION

May our celebration raise us up and renew our lives!
One of the great songs we often sing on Easter has the words,
This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia!"
Everything with which we struggle,
and every hope and desire we have,
come together in this day.
The tomb is empty!
Sometimes Easter Sunday can be a busy day,
with visiting, meals, and travel.
Our prayer when we wake,
and our "calling to mind" throughout the day,
can help us remember what we are grateful for today.
There is Light in the midst of every darkness.
New life, ever lasting life is ours.
Our journey to the font of renewal
has helped us remember we have been placed with Jesus.

EASTER PRAYER

Raise me up! Renew my life!
Father of life, I see the light again!
I was in darkness and had lost hope
but Jesus Christ, your son,
has won out over death - for me.
I celebrate today, your love, the life you give me.
I feel your presence as you breathe on my mind
and open my heart.
So many times in my life my eyes are closed
but today I see the risen Lord
in the breaking of the bread.
Thank you for this morning of hope,
thank you for such incredible love.

An Easter Blessing

*Through the resurrection of Jesus,
God has redeemed us and made us his children. May God bless us with joy. Amen.
Our Redeemer has given us lasting freedom. May we inherit everlasting life. Amen.
By faith, we rose with Jesus in baptism. May our lives be holy so that we will be united
with Jesus forever.
Amen.
May almighty God bless us,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*