

St. Edward the Confessor

May 5, 2019

3rd Sunday of Easter



*To the one seated on the
throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and
glory and might
forever and ever!"*

Revelation 5.13

Thank You

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



Easter Sunday's collection amounted to \$1815.00

The amount from Solidarity Sunday, which will go to Development and Peace, was \$750. The collection for the Holy Land totaled \$250.

And finally, last week's collection was \$1010.00

Archdiocesan Collection

It is the time of year again for the Annual Archdiocesan Collection. This is the main collection that parishes send to the Montreal Archdiocese. There is a special envelope in the bulletin for our collection. You can use your regular envelopes and mark on it "Archdiocese" or use the special envelope and write your envelope number on it. The Annual Archdiocesan Collection will be taken up next week.

Father Jim McDonald

It is with deep sadness that we announce that Father James William McDonald passed away at the Montreal General Hospital on April 24 at the age of 86. Father Jim was our pastor from 1992 to 2001. It was under his guidance that we began the youth Passion Plays that have been an annual event for 27 years.

VISITATION

Thursday, May 9, 2019
Noon to 8:00 pm
Wake service at 8:00 pm

and

Friday, May 10, 2019
9:30 to 10:45 am

Followed by **FUNERAL MASS**
Friday, May 10 at 11:00 am

All held at:
St Gabriel Parish
2157 Centre St.
Montreal, H3K 1J5
(514) 937-3597

Spring Thing

You will notice by the treasures piled in the south wing, that Spring Thing, the West Island's biggest garage sale and St John's main annual fundraiser, will take place next Saturday, May 11.

This event needs many volunteers to help make it happen and you are encouraged to help wherever you can. They need help all week receiving items, unpacking and sorting, testing everything, and even polishing silver.

Your help would be appreciated any time this week, Monday to Friday, 9 to noon, 1 to 4 and 6:30 to 8:30. Please sign the sheet in the church to let them know when to expect your help. No experience is needed; there are lots of people with experience to guide you. If you can't be here to help, consider donating baking for their bake table.

Extra help is needed:

Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 pm

All the furniture that is piled up in the south wing must be moved into the sanctuary and tables set up in the hall and south wing.

Wednesday, May 8

This is the LAST day to drop off items at the church for the sale.

Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 pm

This is the final migration of furniture and items from the south wing into the north wing. This is a big move!

Friday, May 10 at 7:00 pm

Drop-off for baking for the bake table.

They are still looking for housewares, decorations, nick-nacks, books, jewelry, small appliances, electronics, furniture, clothing and almost anything else that you think someone else will buy

IN LOVING MEMORY

FATHER JAMES WILLIAM MC DONALD

January 22, 1933 -April 24, 2019

Father Jim was born in Toronto and moved to Montreal with his family in 1933 where he lived until the age of 86. He was ordained as a priest on June 1, 1958. He served as curate at St Gabriel, St Veronica, St. Willibrord and St. Malachy parishes. In 1970, he was named pastor of St. Aloysius in east-end Montreal, and in this time, served as priest-in-charge of St. Philip Neri Mission. He then served as pastor of St. Thomas à Becket from 1980 to 1992, was named priest-in-charge at St. Edward the Confessor Mission until 2001, and was appointed parochial administrator of St. Gabriel's, from which he retired in 2017. He served as a chaplain at the Fr. Dowd Home, and had been chaplain at several high schools and universities. Fr. Jim's longstanding ministry included his avid involvement in social justice. He is well-remembered for his role in providing sanctuary in St. Gabriel's rectory for a refugee from Algeria.

Jim was predeceased by his parents Teresa and Charles, brother John, sister Mary, and nephew Kevin. He leaves behind his sisters Aileen Kilbertus and Teresa Begin, sister-in-law Denyse Ethier McDonald, and dear family friend Marjorie Smith. He will be lovingly remembered by his nieces and nephews: Ann (Michael), Frances (Vincent), Michael (Nataly), Paul, Philip (Sherri), Jimmy, Joanne (Steve), and Anne Marie (Patrick); and great-nieces and nephews: Lara, Luka, Noémi, Tristan, William, Olivier, Raphaël, Alicia, and Mathis. Father Jim was a kind and loving man whose daily actions reflected his deep devotion to God and to serving humanity.

"I commend you, my dear friend Jim, to almighty God, and entrust you to your Creator.

May you rest in the arms of the Lord who formed you from the dust of the earth.

May holy Mary, the angels and all the saints welcome you now that you have gone forth from this life.

May Christ who was crucified for you, bring you freedom and peace.

May Christ who died for you admit you into his garden of paradise.

May Christ, the true Shepherd, embrace you as one of his flock.

May he forgive all your sins, and set you among those he has chosen.

May you see your Redeemer face to face, and enjoy the vision of God, forever.”

Ann Marie