

# St. Edward the Confessor

September 29, 2019  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## **Thank You**

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$675.00

The regular collection for September 15 totaled \$460.00 and the Helping Others collection amounted to \$265.00

Our expenses average a little over \$1000 per week.

## **Children's Liturgy**

We have Children's Liturgy every week during Mass. All children of elementary school age are welcome to attend. The children leave the sanctuary shortly after the start of Mass for their own lessons and activities and return for the offertory procession.

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Next week we will celebrate the golden anniversary of St Edward the Confessor Mission. Please plan to stay after Mass next week for a celebration with our friends from St John's. A special cake is being prepared for the occasion. Please extend an invitation to any old friends of St Edward's who might like to come and celebrate with us. Here's looking to another 50 years.

## **First Communion & Confirmation**

Any parents of children looking to receive the sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation this year are asked to talk to either Michelle Lewis at [michie\\_lewann@yahoo.ca](mailto:michie_lewann@yahoo.ca) or Michele Buchanan by phone at 514-830-5896

## **Sign up for Hospitality**

Hosting hospitality involves preparing tea and coffee, supplying cookies or squares and cleaning up after. This is a good opportunity for new volunteers because there is almost no one signed up for the months of October and November. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

## **Tea and Bake**

Mark November 16 on your calendar for our annual Tea and Bake Sale. This is a great social event and fundraiser where all the money we raise goes toward Christmas baskets. In the next couple of weeks we will begin to organize for this event. There are lots of opportunities for people to get involved. If you are interested in helping out please talk to Craig Buchanan or e-mail him at [craiglangbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:craiglangbuchanan@gmail.com)

## **Priest next Sunday**

For the next two Sundays we will have Father Mike Shaw with us to celebrate Mass

## **St John's Harvest Supper**

Another date to mark on your calendar is Sunday, October 27, the date for St John's annual Harvest Supper. It promises to be a wonderful meal with LOTS of pies for desert! It starts at 5:00 pm. Tickets go on sale next week.

## **Federal Election Advance Polling**

On Sunday, October 12 the south wing will be used for advance polling in the upcoming federal election. This means that the south wing will not be available to us. Children's Liturgy will be able to use the kitchen. It may be a good opportunity for many of us to vote!

## **2019 Letter from Faith Leaders on The Season of Creation**

We are part of a single, wondrously complex web of life that is woven by God. Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family celebrates the good gift of creation. This global celebration began in 1989 with the Ecumenical Patriarchate's recognition of the day of prayer for creation and is now embraced by the wide ecumenical community.

During the Season of Creation, we unite as one family in Christ, celebrating the bonds we share with each other and with "every living creature on earth." (Genesis 9:10) The Christian family celebrates the season by spending time in prayer, considering ways to more sustainably inhabit our common home, and lifting our voices in the public sphere.

This Season of Creation, we offer our reflections on the web of life itself, in the hope that they might provoke richer contemplation and deeper responses among us, brothers and sisters. We do it in ecumenical spirit and in acknowledging that Creation is given as a gift to all of us and that we are called to a shared responsibility for its protection.

The scriptures begin with God's affirmation that all of creation is "very good," and as the stewards of God's creation, we are called to protect its goodness. (Genesis 1:30, Genesis 1:28, Jeremiah 29:5-7) Every species, indeed every being of every species, is precious because it is made by God. All reflect an aspect of God. "How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." (Psalm 104:24)

This is why we lament that God's creatures are disappearing from the Earth at a rate we can scarcely comprehend. From humble insects to majestic mammals, from microscopic plankton to towering trees, creatures from across God's dominion are becoming extinct, and may never be seen again.

This devastation is, in itself, a tragic loss.

What we experience is not only the loss. It is also unjust, as the most vulnerable among us suffer most deeply as the web of life begins to unravel. Our faith calls us to respond to this crisis with the urgency born of moral clarity. We encourage the whole Christian family to join us in this special time together to pray, to reflect as individuals and as communities, and to take bold action to preserve creation in all its complexity and specificity. This year's Season of Creation, in particular, will bring us the opportunity to raise a united voice at the UN Climate Action Summit and ongoing COP negotiations.

As the psalmist sings, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who live in it." (Psalm 24:1-2) In the hope born of grace, we pray that the Lord who is our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer will touch our hearts and that of the human family this Season of Creation.