

# St. Edward the Confessor

October 13, 2019  
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## **Thank You**

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$1785.00

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

## **Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of year. Coloured leaves, crisp air, and lots of food. Remember CAC and its mission to feed the less fortunate in our community

## **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.

## **Help for Father Ernie**

Father Ernie is now settled into the St Anne's Hospital, but he still needs help and companionship daily. Ann Marie is currently spending many hours with Ernie and is looking for help to ensure someone is with him throughout the day. In particular we are looking for people who can visit with Ernie from 2:00 or 3:00 in the afternoon until 6:00. This would include assisting him with dinner. If you can help for even one day a week, please talk to Ann Marie, or call her at 514-428-0706.

## **Tea and Bake Sale**

Our annual fundraiser for Christmas baskets is only 5 weeks away! We need everyone's help to ensure this event is a success. We will need baked goods for the bake table, sandwiches and little squares and cookies for the tea room, paintings and gift certificates for the raffle and lots of help to see that the event runs smoothly. There will be a planning meeting for this Christmas sale on **Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 7:15** in the south wing. Anyone who is interested in helping out is encouraged to attend. Remember, all money raised by St Edward's goes directly to Christmas baskets for needy families on the West Island.

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

In just two weeks St John's will be holding their annual Harvest Supper on Sunday, October 27. The menu includes ham, potatoes, salads, vegetarian chilli and wonderful homemade deserts. Tickets are \$12.50 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5 to 12 and a maximum of \$30.00 per family. The celebration starts at 5:15.

## **Planning for Future Care**

Rose DeAngelis from the Montreal Institute of Palliative Care will present a talk on new ways of addressing end-of-life questions like death, loss and end-of-life issues that will affect us all. This presentation takes place in St Luke's Parish Hall on Thursday, October 17 at 7:00 pm. Please register in advance by contacting Wendy at [wendy@st-luke.ca](mailto:wendy@st-luke.ca) or by calling 514-684-6488 ext 204. This is part of "PROJECTION: A Week of Dialogue" organized through the Montreal Institute for Palliative Care that will be hosting dozens of events across Montreal from October 14 to 20. For information on other events go to [www.projectionweek.ca](http://www.projectionweek.ca)

## **Happy Thanksgiving**

## **The Perspective of Justice**

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.” That is the essence of our faith, and it is the focus of today’s liturgy. Naaman in the first reading and the Samaritan in the Gospel both experience the saving power of God.

The wonderful deeds of the Lord should elicit several reactions from us.

The first is gratitude to God, like the cured Samaritan who was the only one to return and give thanks to God.

The second is worship, like Naaman, who vows: “I will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except to the Lord.”

The third is action on behalf of others, as we pray in the opening prayer: “May our love for you express itself in our eagerness to do good for others.”

God has blessed us with a wonderful earth and filled it with a beautiful family of brothers and sisters. As Christians, we are called to have thankful worship of God, expressed in care for the lepers and blind people of our day—the poor, hungry, and homeless, the victims of war and oppression, the suffering and dying.

We are to “sing to the Lord a new song” in a new world where lepers and the blind are welcomed back into society.

The central meaning of Jesus’ ministry is bound up with the fact that he sought the company of people who, for one reason or another, were forced to live on the fringe of society.

These he made the special object of his attention, declaring that the last would be first and that the humble would be exalted in his Father’s kingdom.

The church finds its true identity when it fully integrates itself with these ‘marginal’ people including those who suffer from physical and psychological disabilities.

Gerald Darring

*To Love and Serve: Lectionary Based Meditations*