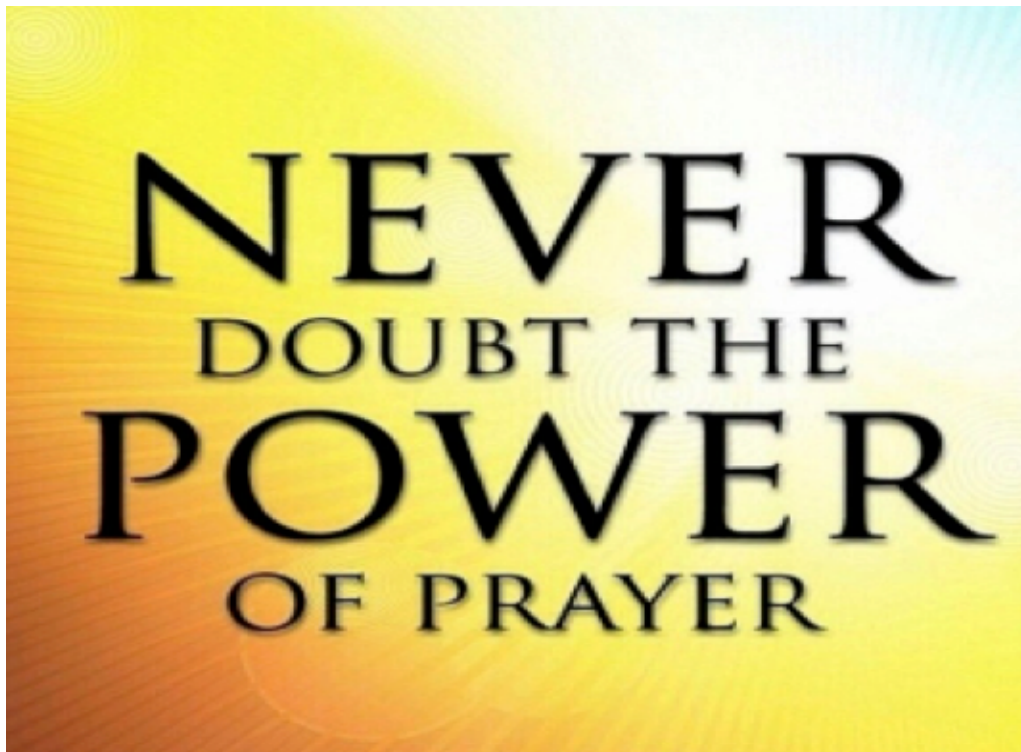


St. Edward the Confessor

October 20, 2019
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Thank You

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$1075.00 including \$400 from the Cambridge.

Our expenses average out to approximately \$1100 per week.

In the first nine months of this year, January to September, our expenses **exceeded** our income in seven of the nine months.

First Communion & Confirmation

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 or Michele Buchanan by phone at 514-830-5896.

Tea and Bake Sale

We had a good meeting last Tuesday for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar. We are still looking for one volunteer to help prepare lunches in the kitchen on the day of the sale. If you would like to help, please talk to Craig. Shortly we will have sign-up sheets for home baking for the bake table as well as fancy sandwiches and deserts for the tearoom. We are also in search of a bookworm who would working in the second-hand book area with people from St John's. If interested in this, please contact Craig and he can put you in contact with the St John's group.

Inserted in today's bulletin is a small flyer that you can stick on your fridge or use to promote the sale wherever you think would be good. More flyers as well as bilingual flyers are available if you can use them.

St John's Harvest Supper

This is the last week to get your ticket for St John's annual Harvest Supper that will take place next Sunday evening starting at 5:15 with punchtails. Supper will be served at 5:45. The menu will include ham, potatoes, salads, vegetarian chili and lots of homemade deserts. Tickets are \$12.50 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5 to 12 and a maximum of \$30.00 per family. You're welcome to bring your favorite desert to share.

St John Fisher Fall Bazaar

Loyola High School will be hosting an Open House for prospective students on Saturday, September 28th from 9:00 until noon. If you are interested in an all-boys Catholic education then consider Loyola High School. Tour the school and learn about their sports teams, explore the labs, Fine Arts and robotics facilities. Loyola High School is located at 7272 Sherbrooke St W in NDG.

St Luke's Café

St. Luke CAFÉs are an opportunity to gather with other Christians to learn and grow in faith. Come, grab a coffee, enjoy our speaker and each other's company. We begin at 7 p.m. Join us on Wednesday, October 30 (106A Anselme-Lavigne, Dollard-des-Ormeaux). Our speaker will be Fr. Sylvester Tan, SJ. Theme: If it's not my fault, then whose fault is it? For more information, contact (514) 684-6488 ext. 204 or wendy@st-luke.ca.



Reflection

You may want to pray ahead of time about the coming Sunday's Mass. "Getting Ready to Pray" is to help you quiet down and engage your imagination (not just your mind).

Getting Ready to Pray

There is a little phrase we use when we meet a person by chance. "I bumped into so-and-so today." Sometimes we actually do bump into strangers in a crowd, or we bump our heads and even bump into another car, and not just with our bumpers.

Often in bumping we were brought to a sudden halt. We may enjoy the respite or be annoyed at the delay. We do experience little "bumps in the road" as we move through our days and weeks.

Some Thoughts

These days, as we live from and toward the celebration of the Eucharist, we can know ourselves better as we bump into or are bumped into life's offerings. Speed bumps are meant to slow us down, usually for the safety of others.

We can use the bumps to catch grace and pray with the little paths and the large ones, which are there for the taking.

Not all bumps are mountains.

Larry Gillick, SJ