

# St. Edward the Confessor

October 27, 2019  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## **Thank You**

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's regular collection amounted to \$550.00. The Helping Others Collection totaled \$250.00.

The Helping Others Collection for the month of November will go to our Christmas Basket campaign.

## **First Communion & Confirmation**

We are wanting to run our own program to prepare our children for the sacraments, 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.

## **Tea and Bake Sale**

Our annual Christmas Bazaar is just 3 weeks away. Plans are proceeding well. We have a team in place to manage the kitchen in putting together the meals for the tearoom, but we will need lots of volunteers to make sandwiches and delicate deserts for tearoom. If you would like to be a server in the tearoom, talk to Roy Douglass who is organizing this team.

As well we are asking people to contribute cookies, squares loafs or cakes for the bake table. A sign-up sheet for all the contributions we will be needing is in the hall and you are invited to sign up where you can.

If you have any books you no longer want, bring them to the church. They are needed for the book table at the sale. Just leave them at the back of the church.

We are still looking for one or two volunteers who can work along side people from St John's with the second-hand books. Talk to Craig or call him at 514-886-8746 if you can help out with this.

Flyers promoting the Tea and Bake Sale are available on the credenza in the south wing hall. Please take some if there are places where you can post them to better promote our bazaar in the community.

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

Tonight is the night for St John's annual Harvest Supper. It will feature ham, potatoes, salads, vegetarian chili and plenty of homemade deserts. Tickets ate \$12.50 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5 – 12 and a maximum of \$30.00 per family. Tickets are available at the door starting at 5:15

## **Fr Ernie**

Father Ernie continues to be very sick in the St Anne's Hospital. The care at St Anne's is excellent, but Ernie needs someone to be with him constantly during the day and hospital staff cannot be there all the time. Ann Marie is attending to Ernie daily and really needs help in being a constant presence with our former priest. If you can help out with only a few hours a week, please contact Ann Marie at 514-428-0706.

Ernie served us as our priest for 25 years. This is our chance do repay some of that service. WWJD

**Father Jessie will be  
back with us next  
week to celebrate  
Mass.**

## **Climate Change and Shopping**

We may easily think that buying things on-line is better for the environment because we don't use our gas consuming cars to do our shopping. This is not always the case. A recent study concluded that express two-day delivery of your internet purchases actually puts more carbon into the atmosphere because of the inefficiencies involved in express deliveries. And it gets worse if you return something. Amazon alone admitted to generating 44 million tons of carbon dioxide last year but they are taking steps to reduce this. They have ordered 100,000 electric vans that will start delivering in 2021. If you do shop on-line opt for normal postal delivery or regular parcel delivery. These options allow for more efficient delivery practices

## **The Perspective of Justice**

Today's Gospel is about two people in the temple. One is a man of religion (a Pharisee) and the other is looked upon by everyone as a sinner (the tax collector).

In today's terms, the parable might portray two of our contemporaries. One stands up arrogantly and proclaims his innocence of any wrongdoing: he is neither racist nor sexist; he oppresses no one; he is a strong supporter of peace; he doesn't hate anyone; he always gives everyone an equal chance.

The other stands at a distance, acknowledging his own complicity in evil and begging God's forgiveness for his contributions to the presence of sin in the world.

Enough of all this pharisaism! If no one is racist, then why is there racism? If everyone is for peace, then why is there peacelessness? If we all stand for equal opportunity, then why are so many deprived?

We have had enough Pharisees in our world, and we don't need anyone else to tell us how innocent they are of wrongdoing. It's time for all of us to stand at a distance and acknowledge our own complicity in evil. It's time to stop bragging and to beg God's forgiveness.

The structures of our society are subtly racist, for these structures reflect the values which society upholds. They are geared to the success of the majority and the failure of the minority.

Members of both groups give unwitting approval by accepting things as they are. Perhaps no single individual is to blame. The sinfulness is often anonymous but nonetheless real.

The sin is social in nature in that each of us, in varying degrees, is responsible. All of us in some measure are accomplices.

US Bishops, Brothers and Sisters to Us, 1979: 13  
Gerald Darring