

St. Edward the Confessor

November 3, 2019
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Thank You

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$941.00

The church's expenses average about \$1100.00 each week.

Fr Ernie

Father Ernie is constantly in need of our prayers. He is under very good care at the St Anne's Hospital, but he really needs more attention than the hospital staff can give him. We can all help, if only for a few hours a week. He needs help with his meals to encourage him to eat as much as possible. If you can find time to help out, please contact Ann Marie at 514-428-0706 and discuss how you can help. Ernie deserves all the help we can give.

Tea and Bake Sale

It is just under 2 weeks until our annual Tea and Bake Sale on November 16. There are so many ways that you can help in the success of this event. We need sandwiches and delicate desserts for the tea room as well as baking for the bake table. For the tea room we ask that all contributions be nut free while all baked goods for the bake table be labeled with their ingredients.

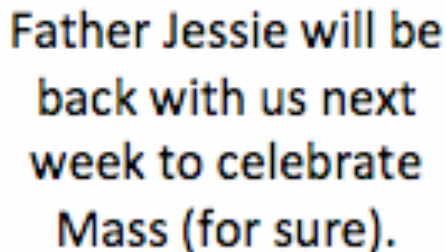
There are sign-up sheets in the hall where you can volunteer for any of these things. It would help immensely if tea room goodies and bake table items could be delivered on the Friday before, November 15, by 8:00 pm.

Ed Bedard is always looking for works of art from local artists for St Edward's raffle. If you consider yourself a budding artist or know someone who would donate a piece of art, please talk to Ed.

The book table can take any of your used books up until Friday November 15. If you would like to help out at the book table, talk to Craig.

Of course a Christmas sale would not be complete without Christmas trees, decorations and novelties. If you have anything Christmasy that you no longer use, bring it to the church. Our friends at St John's are looking to fill the south wing hall with all things related to Christmas.

Finally, tell everyone about our sale. Flyers are available on the credenza in the hall. Spread them wherever you can.



**Father Jessie will be
back with us next
week to celebrate
Mass (for sure).**

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.

Reflection

Getting Ready to Pray

Our giving ourselves as gifts is definitely a strong prayer of thanksgiving.

The Eucharist is a “Thanksgiving Sacrifice” in which we join in the thanksgiving death of Jesus and in which we ask to be made an “ever-lasting gift” to God.

In our celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy, we enter in to a “holy exchange” in which we are both the receivers and the gifts at the same time.

Some Thoughts

As we live out both realities, these days of faith, we might pray with our experiences of receiving gifts of all kinds, verbal, emotional, material, and even mysterious ones.

We can pray as well with the opportunities we have to be gifts, sent by the Eucharist, to the lives around us.

Our giving ourselves as gifts is definitely a strong prayer of thanksgiving as it was in the total life of Jesus, including his death.

Larry Gillick, SJ