

St. Edward the Confessor

December 1, 2019
1st Sunday of Advent



Thank You

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$\$667.00

Wardens Meeting

There will be a Wardens' meeting this Tuesday, December 3 at 7:15 pm in the Board Room of St Edmund of Canterbury Church, 105 Beaconsfield Blvd, Beaconsfield. The Board Room is located through the Office Door on the west side of the building. Proceed through the hall and the Board Room is the first door on the left.

Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man."

Pope Francis
December, 2013

Christmas Baskets

We will be supporting 14 families with Christmas baskets this year and we need help with the distribution of the baskets. In many cases families prefer to do their own shopping so delivering amounts to bringing the gift cards to the family. In some cases shopping is necessary. There will also be gifts for children in the family that are to be delivered with the basket.

We need help from parishioners for basket deliveries and for gift purchasing and wrapping. If you can help in any way, please see Lynn Jansen after Mass. There will be sign-up sheets with Lynn in the south wing hall for all the tasks that need to be done. Baskets will be ready after Mass on December 15 for delivery that week. Thanks to all who can help with this Christmas project.

Christmas Schedule

December 8: Second Sunday of Advent with Father Jessie.

Also at 7:00 pm come for *The Music and Words of Christmas*, a choral concert with carols and readings featuring the choirs of St John's and St Edward's. A reception in the south wing will follow.

December 15: Third Sunday of Advent with Father Mike.

December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent with Father Mike.

December 24: Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 pm. Caroling starting at 4:30.

December 25: The Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Mass at 10:00 am

December 29: Regular Sunday Mass at 9:00 am. Also there is an ecumenical service opened to all west island churches. This year it will be at Dorval-Strathmore United Church at 10:30 am.

December 31: New Year's Eve Mass at 5:00 pm.

January 1: Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Mass at 10:00 am.

Choir Concert – Coro Vivo

The Coro Vivo Chorale will present a concert on December 12 at 7:30 pm at Valois United Church, 70 Belmont Ave, Pointe Claire. Our own Linda Jones is part of this choral group. Free will offering.

Advent Bible Study

Exploring the Christmas Story

Join Rev Steven Gillam and our friends at St John's for the on-going Advent bible study on Tuesday at noon in Rev Steve's office in the church. Bring your own lunch.

Preparing for Christ

"The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect." (Mt 24:44) That is a frightening prospect.

- What if Jesus comes when there are still nearly two and a half billion people living in countries where the annual per capita income is \$400 or less?
- When there are still about 40,000 people dying every day from hunger.
- When a billion people, one fifth of the human race, still do not have decent housing?
- When there are still 20 million Latin American children sleeping in the street?
- When there are still hundreds of millions of people without basic medical care?
- When one out of every four human beings still has no access to safe drinking water?
- When we are still burning down rain forests, depleting the ozone layer that protects us from the sun, depositing black crude oil along the delicate shoreline of the world, sending noxious gasses into the atmosphere so they return to earth as acid rain and pollute lakes and streams, playing games with radioactive materials that will be around to torture us for centuries?

"It is now the hour for us to wake from sleep." (Rom 13:11) The challenge to "beat our swords into plowshares" (Is 2:4) has been around for centuries, as have other biblical challenges to "cast off deeds of darkness." (Rom 13:12) The season of Advent is a time for us to wake ourselves up and begin preparing better for the coming of Christ.

Hope in the coming kingdom is already beginning to take root in the hearts of men. The radical transformation of the world in the paschal mystery of the Lord gives full meaning to the efforts of men, and in particular of the young, to lessen injustice, violence and hatred and to advance all together in justice, freedom, brotherhood and love.

Synod of Bishops, Justice in the World, 1971: 76