

# ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH

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## AT ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH

Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday Mass: 6:30 p.m.

## NORMAL MASS TIMES

## AT ST. CLARE'S MONASTERY, 2359 CALAIS ROAD

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m.

## AT SUNRIDGE PLACE, 361 BUNDOCK AVENUE

Friday 11:00 a.m.

# PEACE ON EARTH



*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,  
then the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal those broken in spirit,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the oppressed,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among all peoples,  
to make a little music with the heart...  
And to radiate the Light of Christ,  
every day, in every way,  
in all that we do and in all that we say.  
Then the work of Christmas begins.*

Pray, Read, Discuss for Next Week



**Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 2-3a; Matthew 2: 1-12**



Focus ..... *We are to walk always in the light of the Lord*

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of the Parish Staff of St. Edward's and Queen of Angels School, we wish you and your family a very Merry and Blessed Christmas. May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph fill you and your family with their love. Our best wishes for a Happy New Year too! We pray that you know the grace you need to sustain you throughout 2016.

As we gather to celebrate the Feast of Christmas, we are reminded, "The Mercy of God is revealed in the face of Our Lord Jesus Christ," (said Pope Francis in his presentation of the Year of Mercy.) "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince of Peace." (Is 9:5) It is a child in a manger that comes to us to proclaim the Good News of the Love and Mercy of God! To proclaim our salvation!

Christmas, traditionally, we see it as a time for rejoicing, a time to reflect on the story of Christ's birth and a time when we try to discern what the Incarnation means for us as individuals and as a Christian Community. It is a time when we reflect on the very concrete and physical nature of our faith, that GOD came to be one of us, that in Christ He knows our human needs and wants. In turn we come to know GOD through the person of Jesus, and indeed through our contact with others who, like us, form part of his body. It is indeed an astounding statement, that we are the body of Christ. As Christ's body, we are called to show God to the world in our lives. We express this faith, this calling in our worship and in our ministries of service and proclamation. And this year we celebrate the year of Mercy. Even though at this time of the year joy and peace may come to us, this may not be possible for others. Some of you may have lost a loved one since last Christmas, or you may be overburdened by worries of the illness of your love one, family problems or for many other reasons. Please take some time to give a thought for those for whom Christmas is a sad time, either because they have lost someone they love, or because they are on their own, many people can be lonely at this time of year. Give a thought or a prayer too for the people in different parts of the world who are suffering from one kind of problem or another; we think of the people in Syria, in the Central African Republic and in those places where people are killing each other. In whatever state you are in, I want to assure you that, as a parish community, we do care and offer you our support.

We give thanks for many of you who have given generously of your time and talents in making this parish such an energetic, faith-filled community.

Christmas season is all about giving. The first gift was the gift of Love made flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. Perhaps you have had a moment when you caught a glimpse of God's infinite, unconditional love for you. Unfortunately, we usually walk away and go right back to our daily lives. This is why Christians gather every Sunday. We need to be reminded on a weekly basis of God's love for us. It is no mistake that when Jesus was born He was laid in a manger. He has come to make Himself our food! Through the Eucharist we can each receive and cradle the Baby Jesus. We welcome the God-with-us.!

So let us come and adore Him!

May He give you peace and joy at this Christmas season and in the New Year!

Your priest brother,  
*Fr. Luyen, CSsR*



# In Our Parish This Week

**Please pray for the following  
who are in special need of God's healing.**

Maggie Bell	Glen Lowe	Scott Wright
Anne Welch	Bob Benson	Paul Boray
Elizabeth Pickles	Peter Barfield	Ann Waugh
Fred Kelly	Tschi Fellmann	Justin Moore
Thomas Kay	Eileen Martin	Ria Donders
Ruby Zimmer	Fr. Maynard Boomers, omi	Arlene Laughren
Steve Barkanyi	Fr. Bob Kelly, omi	Tom Phillipson
Annetta Anderson	David Russell	Tony Aquino
Jenie Lauzon	Terry Christofferson	Barbara Ganter
Kirby Flegel	Steven Christofferson	Ashley Pifko
Susan Ferguson	Yvonne Gill	Peggy Mudge
Ray Marquis	June Goode	Bill Bellvau
Curtis Brimacombe	Andy Vanderstapp	Margaret Fay
Brenda Whelan	Athalie Morgan	Andy Slade
Paulette Nelson	Terry Wlodarczyk	Roger Larmand
Jan Spencer	Tami Tokorcheck	Kim Gunn
Bob Goehring	Baby Benjamin	Terry Thorpe
Maria Roemer	Danny Clements	Tony Corish

*Our Deceased*

*Huy Dau nephew of Fr. Luyen*



Through the waters of Baptism  
we welcome

Into our

Faith Community

Thomas Patrick Jensen

Son of Peter and Meredith Jensen



## Your Parish Council

Dear Parishioners:

Your council team wishes for each one of you, a special Christmas blessing, may we know Him more fully through the love and grace he so richly bestows.

May Jesus always be your joy, your hope, your song. And may each day of the new year be directed by his guiding hand of love.

Blessings to each one of you.

Mary Hof, Chair.

Carol DeBruin, Vice Chair,

Jim Young, Pat Carter, Egils Anderson, Mary Claire Jen-

nings, Julia Hengstler, Sherriden Clements, office staff;

Francine Tournier, secretary.

Father Luyen Dau, Pastor.

Sat	Dec 26th	4:00 p.m. Reconciliation or by appointment 4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Pro Populo
Sun	Dec 27th	9:00 p.m. Reconciliation or by appointment 9:15 a.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Gwen Reiter+ Baptism of Thomas Patrick Jensen
Mon	Dec 28th	<b>~PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ~ till Tuesday, January 5th.</b>
Tues	Dec 29th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Bella Michaud+ 5:00 p.m. <del>Adoration, Benediction &amp; Rosary</del> Cancelled 6:30 p.m. <del>Mass at St. Edward's Parish</del> Cancelled
Wed	Dec 30th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Kelly & Murphy families
Thurs	Dec 31st	5:00 p.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Marianne Leber+
Fri	Jan 1st	10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass at St. Edward's
Sat	Jan 2nd	10:00 a.m. Mass—Honouring our Blessed Virgin Mother Anointing of the Sick during Mass Youth—Bottle Drive 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation or by appointment 4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Pro Populo
Sun	Jan 3rd	9:00 p.m. Reconciliation or by appointment 9:15 a.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Terry Courchene+
Mon	Jan 4th	<b>~PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ~</b>
Tues	Jan 5th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Leda Petris+ 5:00 p.m. Adoration, Benediction and Rosary 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's- Art Madcliffe+
Wed	Jan 6th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Huy Dau+
Thurs	Jan 7th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—John Janssen+ 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Fri	Jan 8th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Marianne Leber+ 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge—Bella Michaud+
Sat	Jan 9th	4:00 p.m. Reconciliation or by appointment 4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Pro Populo 7:00 p.m. Youth Group
Sun	Jan 10th	9:00 p.m. Reconciliation or by appointment 9:15 a.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Joe Kuttai+





**Receive and proclaim the Good News that the Word of God is made flesh.**


**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA**

President  
Leanne Forest



**ST. EDWARD'S**  
Membership  
Lea Langkamer

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Jerry Towles 1-250-244-1992  
Grand Knight



## Rejoice In the Miracle of Christmas

### The Widows Group

We are grateful to all parishioners who this year and in the past have supported us in all our endeavours. We are sorry to announce that we are no longer able to serve refreshments after Mass on the third Sunday of each month.



*May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,  
the obedience of Joseph,  
the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the determination of the magi,  
and the peace of the Christ child.  
Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
bless you now and forever.*

### Happy 67th Anniversary

Congratulation to our parents Frank and Agnes Laszczyk who are celebrating their 67 wedding anniversary December 26. Mom and Dad have been parishioners here at St. Edwards for the last 63.5 years. We ask God's blessing be upon them, may their love and devotion inspire all who surround them. We, their children, thank them for the example they have given us; faith, love and charity.

A Mass at Poor Clares, for their intention will be said at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 26th.

Mary Hof, Mike Laszczyk, Fr. John Laszczyk

**Knights of Columbus**  
Sponsoring

## New Year's Eve Party and Buffet

at  
St. Edward's Parish in the Church Hall  
Cocktails and fellowship 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.  
No tickets at the door.



*The Magi were willing to risk everything  
to find the reality their vision promised.*

**A Very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year**

### We Celebrate the Gift

*The Liturgy Committee thanks all those  
who have contributed in any way to make our  
Christmas Liturgies a more meaningful experience.*

**The miracle of Christmas is love.**

*Wishing you and your loved ones  
the joy of God's Love this Christmas.*



*Many thanks for your support throughout the year. It is  
because of your prayers and the sharing of your time,  
talent and treasure that we are able to be so success.  
Finance Committee*

