

St. Edward's Church

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AT ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH

Saturday Reconciliation 3:30-4:30 p.m. (or by appointment)
Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Reconciliation 9:00-9:30 a.m. (or by appointment)
Mass: 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday Mass: 6:30 p.m.

~NORMAL MASS TIMES~

AT ST. CLARE'S MONASTERY

2359 Calais Road, Duncan
Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m.

AT SUNRIDGE PLACE

361 Bundoock Avenue, Duncan
Friday 11:00 a.m.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr. Luyen's Desk

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sometime ago, someone asked me: why was it important to have the funeral Mass? Was it necessary to have a dead body in a casket present at the funeral Mass in a Catholic Church? Why do we bring a lifeless body back to Church for the funeral Mass?

To answer these questions, I remember the story of Jesus raising the Widow's Son at Nain in Luke's gospel (Lk 7:11-17). This story is about a young man who had just died and his mother, a widow, was accompanying him in the funeral procession to bury him outside the town named Nain, and Jesus interrupted the funeral procession. Moved with compassion for the mother, Jesus touched the lifeless body of the "young man" and he came back to life. When Jesus touched the body of the young man, it was through His physical contact, the soul of the young man returned to his body.

This miracle was to foretell, not only the Resurrection of Christ, but the future resurrection of the faithful. In touching the body, Jesus also touched the person and that the body is a symbol or expression of the person's soul. Although a body may be lifeless, that body still has an affinity to the soul that once inhabited it. In fact, it is destined, no matter how disintegrated or decomposed, to be reunited with the soul. After all, it was through the body that the soul worked out its salvation. Hence, it is for this reason that the human body - dead or alive - takes on a sacred character.

This story reminded us that for Catholic funerals, it is important that the body of the deceased be present. The commemoration of the deceased necessarily includes the body. As such, the presence of the body serves as a source of a hope in the future resurrection.

Likewise, the burial of the body into the ground foreshadows its rising. Like our Lord's body in the tomb and like a planted seed in the soil, the body will rise up towards the Light on the Last Day. This Sunday is the second last Sunday of the Church liturgical year.

Next week from Monday November 16th to Wednesday November 18th all the priests will be gathering in Parksville for clergy study. I will be joining them for those three days, so Fr. Joachim Ostermann, OFM, the Franciscan Priest will come to celebrate Mass on Tuesday evening. There will be NO HOLY HOUR on Tuesday, only Rosary at 6:00 p.m. and Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday we will celebrate the feast of Christ the King. As the Church brings its liturgical year to an end, it traditionally presents the knowledge of the end times. This gives us the message that Jesus is the beginning and end of all things, all things exist in and through him. He is the Alpha and the Omega and he is the source of all things.

The Holy Family's Group has been formed at St. Edward's and will gather each month to share about Christian values in the family. I encourage you to join and support this new group. For more information please call Debby or Fritz Fernandez at 250-483-3907.

Please plan to attend our Advent Reflections on Friday evenings December 4th, 11th and 18th. This year's theme will be on the Holy Family.

Your brother priest! *Fr. Luyen, C.Ss.R.*

DIOCESAN/PARISH APPEAL

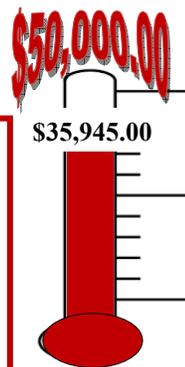
Thank you to all who have supported the 2015 Appeal. There is still time to participate and all contributions will be very much appreciated. Additional pledge brochures are available at the back of the Church or at the parish office.

Goal: \$50,000.00

November 12th total pledged \$35,945.00

of Families: 83

You are reminded that donations received by December 31st will generate income tax receipts for 2015.



Pray, Read, Discuss for Next Week

Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1: 5-8; John 18:33b-37

Focus

“Followers of Christ live in the radical trust that tribulations give way to greater glory.”

CPPC

Companions in Prayer for Persecuted Christians
(and Others)



Please continue to pray daily the Companions' Prayer, the Salve Regina and one decade of the Rosary for those being persecuted and martyred in many parts of the world.

A disciple of Jesus is called to radical trust in the face of overwhelming moments, like those described in today's readings. As disciples, it is our trust in Christ that gives us the courage to know these tribulations will give way to greater glory when he comes again. That trust also gives us freedom to be confident when the day or hour will happen because, as faithful disciples, we will be prepared for it.

Parish Registrations and Donation Envelopes

The 2016 donation envelopes will be available in the month of December. Please make sure that the Parish office is informed if you have any change in name or address.

If you do not already have envelopes but wish to have some please contact Sherriden at 250-746-6831.



This weekend, through the waters of Baptism we welcome into the Faith Community of St. Edward's Parish

Nora Kathleen Larson

Daughter of Josh and Diana Larson



The Widows Group will be serving refreshments after Mass this Sunday. In the afternoon at 2:00 p.m. they will gather in the Church hall for their meeting.

Vietnamese Catholic Community

This Sunday at 12:30 p.m. the Vietnamese Catholic Community will be gathering here at St. Edward's Parish celebrate the holy Martyrs St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions in the Vietnamese language.

Please feel welcome to attend. A pot-luck luncheon will follow Mass.

Pro Life

There will be a Pro Life meeting on Sunday, December 6th in the Resource Room at 1:00 p.m. Mark your calendars. All are welcome. If you need more information, please contact

Michael Vande Wiel (250-900-5461).

Operation Christmas Child Boxes



Please ensure that your Operation Christmas Child Boxes are returned **this weekend**.

Thank You. Eileen Martell



Christmas Gift Bags

In the next few weeks we will be collecting items to fill gift bags for our clients in December.

Ideas; nail clippers, files, brushes, pumice stones, small lotions, soaps, socks, mitts, toques, and scarves.

Please leave in the marked box at the back of the Church or call Afra James 250-746-5952.



Dear Parishioners:

Please refer to the following page for a report from Egils Anderson on the up date of the David Craven Youth Education Centre.....

Blessings to you all,

Mary Hof,

PPC Chair

Status of David Craven Youth Education Center

October 27, 2015

The St. Edward's Catholic Pastoral Council, in concert with the David Craven Youth Education Center building committee have voted to move forward with the David Craven Youth Education Center.

Due to identified cost pressures, we have agreed on a phased approach to building the addition as follows:

Phase 1 Tender ready package

Phase 2: build the addition to lock up ready stage (outside only)

Phase 3 complete inside with additional time and funds as required

This approach is slower, but let us move forward with the project in a controlled step by step fashion. After receiving the actual cost to complete the first step, the next step will be voted upon by the council. In this way, the council and parish can see and review the cost as well as control the timing of construction. We feel that this approach will ensure that we stay within our budget.

We have hired D-Architecture Inc. to provide the Coordinating Registered Professional (CRP) services as required by the Municipality of North Duncan. D-Architecture will also prepare a preliminary design, with some three-dimensional (3D) rendering from our conceptual design.

We have also hired Sorensen Engineering Ltd. to provide engineering services. Sorensen Engineering will review the preliminary design, and produce a detail design and drawings for a tender ready package.

We hope to have the Phase 1 Tender ready complete by January 2016.

Respectfully submitted.

Egils Anderson,

Project Manager for St. Edward's Catholic Church Parish Council

If there are any questions on the project, please forward them to Egils at eglaine53@gmail.com or call 250 710 1831



THE EUCHARIST

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

A renewal of the mandate for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place during the Masses on the weekend of November 21st and 22nd. If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or a member of the Pastoral Care Outreach who take Holy Communion to the sick or shut-ins please respond to Fr. Luyen's invitation to participate in this rite.

Prayer for the Family

Blessed are you, loving Father,
Ruler of the universe.

You have given us Your Son as Your Leader,
And have made us temples of Your Holy Spirit.

Fill our family with Your light and peace.
Have mercy on all who suffer,
And bring us to everlasting joy with You.

In Our Parish

**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	Ken Burri	Peggy Mudge
Ray Marquis	Yvonne Gill	Bill Bellvau
Curtis Brimacombe	June Goode	Margaret Fay
Brenda Whelan	Andy Vanderstapp	Andy Slade
Paulette Nelson	Athalie Morgan	Danny Clements
Jan Spencer	Terry Wlordarczyk	Roger Larmand
	Tami Tokorcheck	Huy Dau

If you are going into the hospital, or are house bound and you would like Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Inquiries must be made at least 6 months in advance. Please get in touch with Fr. Luyen to get the necessary paperwork done and to register for one of the upcoming Marriage Courses offered in November, February 2016 and May 2016.

The primary goal of the course is to increase your knowledge of the Sacrament of Marriage and deepen your love for each other.

Infant Baptism Preparation

Fr. Luyen offers Baptism Preparation classes for parents/guardians at 10:30 a.m. on the **3rd Saturday of each month**. Next Preparation course will be held on November 21st. Dates of Baptism will be arranged at this meeting. Please call Parish Office to register.

Anointing of the Sick

On the **1st Saturday of each month** a special Mass is celebrated at St. Edward's Parish at 10:00 a.m. This Mass is for the intention of our sick and anointing of the Sick will take place at these Masses.

Pastoral Care Visits While in the Hospital

Privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. If you or someone you love are admitted to a hospital and would like a visit from Fr. Luyen or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office to leave a message for Marilyn Kliz.

Catechism and Children's Liturgy, Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion

Children's Faith Formation—children are invited to attend gatherings at Big Gym at Queen of Angles School on **Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.** For more information please contact Paula Hudson at the Parish Office 250-746-6831.

RCIA

If you wish to become Catholic, the parish of St. Edward's will offer this coming Fall, a series of meetings called R.C.I.A. which means Rite of Christian initiation for Adults. If you are interested in this journey proposed by the RCIA team we meet every other Thursday at 7:00 p.m. If you would like more information Fr. Luyen will be most happy to meet with you. 250-746-6831.

		<i>Feast Day of St. Laurence O'Toole</i>	
Sat	Nov 14th	8:30 a.m.	Diocesan Conference in Church hall
		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
		<i>Feast Day of Albert the Great</i>	
Sun	Nov 15th	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—Ron Martell+ The Widows' Group will serve refreshments downstairs, after Mass today.
		2:00 p.m.	The Widows' Group Meeting in the Church Hall
Mon	Nov 16th	<i>Feast Day of St. Gertrude/St. Margaret of Scotland</i> ~PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ~	
		<i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	
Tues	Nov 17th	8:10 a.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Canceled today
		9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Clare's—Marianne Leber+
		6:15 p.m.	Rosary
		6:30 p.m.	Mass at St. Edward's—Lorenzo & Rita Boudreau+
		<i>Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul in Rome</i>	
Wed	Nov 18th	8:10 a.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Canceled today
		9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Clare's—Bolek Palasz+
		10:00 a.m.	CWL General Meeting in the Church Hall
		6:15 p.m.	Children's Faith Formation
		6:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation in the Church Hall
		<i>Feast Day of St. Pontian/St. Mechtild</i>	
Thurs	Nov 19th	8:10 a.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's
		9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Clare's—Mildred Doyle
		10:30 a.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
		<i>Feast Day of St. Felix of Valois/St. Rafal Kalinowski</i>	
Fri	Nov 20th	8:10 a.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's
		9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Clare's— Alma Ecklin, Terry & Emile Courchene+
		11:00 a.m.	Mass at Sunridge Place—Marianne Leber+
		<i>Presentation of Mary</i>	
Sat	Nov 21st	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
		<i>Christ the King /St. Cecilia/St. Catherine Labouré</i>	
Sun	Nov 22nd	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— Ernesto & Domenica Mansueti+



Youth Group

All Youth Grades 6 and up are invited to gather after each Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass for prayer, games, singing and fun as an Education in the Faith.

Adult Faith Formation Sessions

Come join Phil Jennings and Fr. Luyen on Wednesdays in the Church Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This Fall we will be studying Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si: On care for our common good" and some teachings from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' 2013 publication, "Building and new culture: Central theme on recent church teaching on the environment.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
ST. EDWARD'S COUNCIL

President
Leanne Forest
250-597-4450



Membership
Lea Langkammer
250-748-4418

CWL membership fee of \$35.00 is now being accepted for 2016.

Next General Meeting

Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, November 18th, at 10:00 a.m.** for our regular General Meeting.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility.
Leanne Forest
CWL President

World Youth Day 2016

Sarah and Abbra Kaufmann are fundraising to make their way to Poland this Summer for World Youth Day 2016. Fundraising tickets (\$30.00) for a Polish style dinner at Our Lady of Fatima on November 28th. Part of the proceeds will go towards both the Diocesan Youth Convention and World Youth Day.

If anyone would like to contribute to this trip and Convention but do not wish to travel to Victoria, we will gratefully accept any donations for the cause.

Tickets available upon request 250-743-3136.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

St. Edward the Confessor Council 4253



Jerry Towles 1-250-244-1992,
Grand Knight

K. of C. Hall, Indian Road, Duncan

The K. of C. Hall is available for rent
If you or a group you belong to is interested
please call Bernie Langkammer at 250-748-9333.

Charity Appeal 2015-2016

We are now in our sixth week and ticket sales continue to be excellent, over 700 books sold. I would like to thank Island GM for providing two 1/2 ton trucks to show, and Canadian Tire and Thrifty Foods for offering space for our ticket sales. Special thanks to my Brother Knights for their continued support manning our booth.

GOD BLESS,
Lorne Thickett
Charity Appeal (C.A.) Chairman

Christmas Cards

The Knights of Columbus are offering beautiful Christmas Cards for \$8.00 per package. These cards will be available before and after weekend Masses this weekend.



DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENT

November 17th/18th

Diocesan Invitation

The Diocese of Victoria is pleased that Father Ronald Knott will facilitate the Clergy Study Days on November 16th-18th on the topic of *Intentional Presbyterates and the Spiritual Leadership of a Parish Priest*.

Two other presentations on *The Role of Spiritual Leadership in the Universal Call to Holiness*:

Tuesday, November 17th 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
at Church of the Ascension, Parksville

Wednesday, November 18th 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
at St. Patrick's Parish, Victoria

Respect Life Ministry

If you are expecting a child and are feeling confused;
If you are thinking that there is no way out of this situation for you;
If you want to talk to someone,
call or text 250-812-0087 or email: respectlifem@gmail.com

November 20th

Diocesan Mass of Remembrance

A Diocesan Mass, with Bishop Gary Gordon presiding, will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Friday, November 20th at 12:00 noon for all deceased priests, bishops and religious of the diocese. A reception will follow. Kindly remember in your prayers those who have laboured for the Church in the Diocese of Victoria and pray that the Lord will send dedicated men and women to continue their work.

December 8th, 2015

Diocesan Mass for Year of Mercy

Bishop Gary invites you to a special Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday, December 8th (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) at 7:00 p.m. to mark the beginning of the Year of Mercy and the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of Vatican II. A reception will follow.



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November 14th, 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

Over the past few weeks, Laura Lachman, Chairperson of the Appeal Committee, Bill Lachman, Carol deBruin and myself have shared with you and members of our parish the significance of your support for the Annual Appeal. During this time, we have prayed for and invited the participation of every family in our parish to help support the mission of the Catholic Church in our Diocese.

For whatever reason, if we have not yet heard from some of you. We wish to offer every possible opportunity available for you to participate in the ministry of Jesus Christ through supporting the Appeal. Your gift makes it possible for our parish and our local Catholic Church to provide ministries which would otherwise not be possible. "Together, we are making a difference".

Why is the Annual Appeal so important?

It will help to achieve our parish project associating with St. Andrew's Cathedral to support a Refugee family and it will also be the primary means the Diocese of Victoria has to fund many vital ministries and programs including:

Home Missions, Youth Ministry, Vocations and Seminarians, Faith Formation and Catholic Schools. Most importantly, it is a means by which we, as stewards of God's gifts, participate in the work of the local Church. We are all called to be good stewards of God's gifts so that we can witness the Message of Salvation to the world and help our brothers and sisters in sincere need.

If you have not had the opportunity to fill out the pledge, please pick up a brochure from the back of the Church and drop it in the weekend collection basket or at the Parish Office during office hours as soon as possible. If you have already done so, I thank you for your generosity.

May the love of Christ be with you and those you love. I remain,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luyen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Fr. Luyen Dau, CSSR