

# 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.

# ~SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT~

## Prayer To The Immaculate Conception

*O God,*

*Who by the Immaculate Conception  
Of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Did prepare a worthy dwelling place  
For your Son, we beseech You that,  
As by the foreseen of this, Your Son,  
You did preserve Her from all stain,  
So too you would permit us,  
Purified through Her intercession,  
To come unto You. Through  
The same Jesus Christ,  
Your Sone who lives and reigns  
With you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, world without end.*

*Amen*

## Come, Lord Jesus





## From Fr. Luyen's Desk

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to personally thank you for all that you do to help our Parish and our Diocese. Your gift to the Appeal "I share we care" helps to reflect Christ's love to so many people whose lives are touched by the ministries and services of this Diocese, and especially our Parish Project to help sponsor a refugee family. Because of your generosity, we are able to make an impact in the lives of many brothers and sisters in our Diocese. The enthusiastic response of so many is a wonderful testament of how we reach out to others. It gives me confidence that we will continue to journey in faith and grow in the understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Thank you again for all of your continued support. May the Lord bless you and your loved ones.

This Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Feast has an added significance this year, as it marks the official opening of the Holy Year of Mercy. Bishop Gary will be celebrating a special Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria to conclude the 50th Anniversary of the Vatican Council II, and to begin the year of Mercy at 6:45 p.m. ***(Please note that due to this special Mass in Victoria, the 6:30 p.m. Mass is cancelled at St. Edward's on Tuesday, December 8th).***

On this Feast, we will celebrate the faith of the Church - that from the beginning of Mary's life (her conception), God chose her specially ("highly favored"), preserving her from the stain of original sin, in order that she would be the worthy dwelling place for the Son of God to take flesh and be born for us. At God's invitation spoken to her by the angel at the Annunciation, Mary's response becomes the example! We are told that even though she was troubled and wondered what this request was all about... with an open and trusting heart, she said:

***Yes! - "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."***

The Advent journey can be about renewing our "Yes" to the Lord.

Sometimes we lack understanding and ask why? But faith is not about having all the answers ("We walk by faith and not by sight"). Faith is about trust in God's fidelity to us. To place our trust in the Lord, to discern and seek His will in our lives, to believe in His promises, to try to live the direction set forth by the Word...all ways of saying Yes! Mary, Mother of the Savior and Our Mother, pray for us!

On this Thursday December 10th, our parish will be having a penitential service at 7:00 p.m. We have 6 priests coming to help us with the Sacrament of Penance. I invite you to take this opportunity to come to reconcile yourself with God and to renew your life in the relationship with God.

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### **The Year of Mercy**

In his Apostolic Letter announcing the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis writes:

"I have asked the Church in this Jubilee Year to rediscover the richness encompassed by the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The experience of mercy, indeed, becomes visible in the witness of concrete signs as Jesus Himself taught us. Each time that one of the faithful personally performs one or more of these actions, he or she shall surely obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. Hence the commitment to live by mercy is as to obtain the grace of complete forgiveness by the power of the love of the Father, who excludes no one. The Jubilee Indulgence is thus full, the fruit of the very event which is to be celebrated and experienced with faith, hope and charity."

I invite you to make a commitment to doing one or more of the corporal or spiritual works of mercy for the Jubilee Year. Many of you are already involved in doing works of mercy through various outreach ministries. We are grateful for your witness here in our community!

May Peace, Patience, and Perseverance in Week 2 of the Advent Journey be with you, and May God bless you all!

Your brother priest!

Fr. Luyen, CSSR



## **DIOCESAN/PARISH APPEAL**

***Additional pledge brochures are available at the back of the Church or at the parish office.***

**Goal: \$50,000.00    December 3<sup>rd</sup> total pledged \$55,180.00    # of Families: 151**

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



**Pray, Read, Discuss for Next Week**

**Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18**



Focus .....

***“Are we prepared to carry out the will of God?”***

*Advent is a season of patient waiting, preparation and action. John the Baptist spent time in the desert in preparation for His mission. When called upon to proclaim a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, He was ready to carry out the will of God. Are we ready to do this well?*


**Diocesan Mass Year of Mercy**

In Response to Bishop Gary Gordon’s Invitation to a special Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday, December 8th, (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) at 6:45 p.m. Mary Hof is coordinating car pooling from St. Edward’s Parish to the Cathedral in Victoria. This Mass will mark the beginning of the Year of Mercy and the 50th Anniversary of the conclusion of Vatican II. **PLEASE NOTE** that your presence is actually desired for 6:45 p.m. as it will begin with a special ceremony to mark “new ground”.

If you are willing to drive or need a ride please let Mary Hof know,  
e-mail is mhof126@gmail.com  
or phone 250-743-4074.

We plan to leave St. Edward’s Parish at 5:20 p.m.

**Sing for joy! Sing for God! Sing for Mass!**

 St. Edward’s Family Masses are every last Sunday of the month during the School year. Mr. and Mme. Anderson invite children and youth who wish to be ministers of singing for the Mass on those Sundays. Please come and sing for joy, for God and for all. Practices are Mondays at Queen of Angels’ MS resource room. Participation can be month-to-month or all year long, as long as singers commit to Mass attendance. Practices are 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Mondays. See you there!

**Mme. Rachel Anderson,**  
*French Specialist grades K-6, Queen of Angels School*  
**“To Build in Love”**

**ADVENT GIVING TREE**

The Advent Tree is displayed at the back of the Church by the Confessional. There are envelopes provided under the tree for donations to the Food Bank (Basket Society) in town.

As usual these donations will be tabulated at St. Edward’s and a cheque will be issued for the full amount received.

Please make cheques payable to St. Edward’s Parish with a notation “Food Bank”. Individual donation receipts will be issued from St. Edward’s.

Thank You



**ADVENT**

**TIME TO RENEW YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**Three Nights of Reflection during Advent**

As we prepare ourselves for the Advent and Christmas seasons we cannot help but think about the Holy Family. All parishioners are invited to three consecutive Friday evenings to focus and reflect on the Holy Family and what our lives mean in respect to the three participants of the basic family trinity; Mary as mother, Joseph as Father and Jesus as son. The sessions will start at 6:30 p.m. and each evening will be 30 minutes long with time afterwards for silent personal reflection and prayer. The sessions will take place at St. Edward’s in the worship area on **December 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**. Each session will be followed by a potluck fellowship meal.



**Your Parish Council Members**

Dear Parishioners:

Thank you so very much for your generous donations to the Diocesan/Parish Appeal, it was so heart warming to hear that we have met our goal, and that \$10,000.00 will go to the Refugee family who will be coming to Victoria. As of now, the committee is in the process of selecting a family. It is their hope to have a family picked by the end of next week. Once that is done, they can move forward with assisting the family in becoming travel ready. That means medical and criminal checks. Not sure what this process will all involve but it’s one step at a time.

The committee has confirmed a local gentleman who speaks Arabic, which is a huge factor in assisting the refugee family at their end. What they really need now is our prayers.

Please see in the bulletin a letter that was sent to the parish re: the Refugee Sponsorship from St. Andrew’s Cathedral. The nice thing about the Appeal is, now we have met our goal, 80% comes back to the parish, so if you have not yet given, please consider making a donation. The amount you give is not important, what is important is that everyone tries to sacrifice a little.

I think we can be very proud of Fr. Luyen who took this to the next level by shaving his head, what is he going to do next year? We will have to wait and see!

God’s blessings to you all,  
*Mary Hof, PPC Chair*

# St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish

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November 19, 2015

Mary Hof  
PPC Chair  
St. Edward the Confessor Parish  
2085 Maple Bay Road  
Duncan, BC V9L 5L9

Dear Mary:

**RE: REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP**

Thank you for your cheque in the amount of \$5,000 which represents the first installment of St. Edward the Confessor's financial commitment of \$10,000 to assist our parish with the sponsorship of a Christian refugee family from Iraq/Syria.

We are moving forward with our sponsorship application and will provide your parish with an update once we have more concrete information to provide.

Please extend our gratitude to the parishioners of your parish for their financial generosity and prayerful support as we work towards the successful sponsorship of a refugee family in response to the current devastating humanitarian crisis occurring in the Middle East.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. John Laszczyk  
Rector

## Plant and Harvest Sale

Sharing God's Abundance

Working together, St. Edward's Parish had a very successful Plant and Harvest sale this year. We were able to give Queen of Angels School \$6,542.65, to be used at their discretion but for something specific. (eg.—an addition to the playground equipment.) Previously we were supporting the tuition fund.

A cheque for \$6,542.65 will be going to Canadian Jesuits International for use at Jesu Ashram Leprosy, T.B. and Aids hospital in Darjeeling, India.

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## Volunteers Needed!



### RIDES TO WEEKEND MASS

We are looking for two volunteers who will co-ordinate rides for those parishioners who require transportation to attend Mass on Saturday or Sunday.

If you would like to volunteer to co-ordinate rides please call me

[mhof126@mail.com](mailto:mhof126@mail.com)

or call 250-743-4074

Thank you, *Mary Hof*

# 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 Wlodarczyk	Roger Larmand
Bob Goehring	Tami Tokorcheck	Huy Dau
Maria Roemer	Baby Benjamin	Kim Gunn
Terry Thorpe	J. H. Rocky Forest	

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**. Dates of Baptism will be arranged at this meeting. Please call Parish Office to register.

## Anointing of the Sick

Formerly known as Last Rites or Extreme Unction, the Anointing of the Sick is a ritual of healing, appropriate not only for physical, but also for mental and spiritual sickness. please call Fr. Luyen at the parish office.

## 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 Klizs.

## 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.

Sat	Dec 5th	10:00 a.m. Mass—Honouring our Blessed Virgin Mother Anointing of the Sick during Mass. 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation or by appointment 4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass at St. Edward's—Pro Populo Youth Group Meeting after Mass
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>		
Sun	Dec 6th	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—Dr. Owen Gloster+ CWL will serve refreshments after Mass 1:00 p.m. Pro Life Meeting in the Resource Room
Mon	Dec 7th	<i>Feast Day of St. Ambrose</i> <b>~PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ~</b>
<i>Immaculate Conception of Mary</i>		
Tues	Dec 8th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Luu Thi La 5:00 p.m. <del>Adoration, Benediction &amp; Rosary</del> <b>Cancelled</b> 6:30 p.m. <del>Mass at St. Edward's Parish</del> <b>Cancelled</b> Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral— The beginning of the Year of Mercy.
<i>Feast Day of St. Juan Diego Cuauhtiatzint</i>		
Wed	Dec 9th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Van Kinsella+ 6:15 p.m. Children's Faith Formation
Thurs	Dec 10th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Tami Tokorcheck+ and family 7:00 p.m. Advent Penitential Service <i>Feast Day of St. Damasus I</i>
Fri	Dec 11th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Intentions of Shirley Kling 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge Place—Bella Michaud+ 6:30 p.m. Advent Reflection <i>Feast Day of Our Lady of Quadalupe</i>
Sat	Dec 12th	9:30 a.m. Mass—Our Lady of Quadalupe 11:00 a.m. CWL Christmas Luncheon 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation or by appointment 4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass at St. Edward's—Pro Populo Youth Group Meeting after Mass <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—GAUDETE SUNDAY</b>
Sun	Dec 13th	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—Vinezzeo & Maria Padovani+

## Mass Honouring The Blessed Virgin Mary

On the **1st Saturday of each month** at 10:00 a.m. a special Mass is celebrated in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Before Mass at 9:30 a.m. we begin with the Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the holy rosary. During this Mass there is anointing of the Sick.

## 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.

## Pro Life

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

**Michael Vande Wiel (250-900-5461).**

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

Children's Faith Formation—children are invited to attend gatherings at the Small Gym at Queen of Angles School on **Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.**

For more information please contact Paula Hudson at the Parish Office.

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

President  
Leanne Forest  
250-597-4450



Membership  
Lea Langkamer  
250-748-4418

**MEMBERSHIP**

CWL membership fee of \$35.00 is now being accepted for 2016. We will be selling membership for 2016 in the foyer after Mass this weekend. Membership fees may be left at the Parish Office during Office hours.



**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Tickets are available for the  
CWL Christmas Luncheon

at the Travel Lodge

Which will be held on December 12th  
at 11:00 a.m.

Don't wait, get your ticket today.

**Footcare Clinic  
at Warmland**

Thank you everyone for your generous support—we now have enough items for our gift bags.

Blessings to all,  
Afra James

**Last Weekend's Pastoral Letter**

Please note that The Pastoral Letter from Bishop Gary which was an insert in the bulletin last weekend has been revised due to an error of one reference in the letter which should have been deleted, the point entitled:

“Reflection on Mercy  
and performing one of the eight acts of Mercy”

...because we won't be receiving permission to use some text it refers to until Monday.

**A Great Christmas Gift for Your Teen(s)**

CALLING ALL YOUTH GRADES 7-12  
ANNUAL DIOCESAN RETREAT

CAMP HOMEWOOD  
FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Theme: How Great is our God!

\$150.00 per participant

**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.

**PENNIES FOR HEAVEN  
BREAKFAST**

The Knights of Columbus would again to thank the parishioners of St Edward's for their generosity in supporting their vocations project "Pennies for Heaven."

The Knights collected \$196.53 for Pennies for Heaven this past Saturday and Sunday.

Thank you so much and God bless you all.

Bob Powell, St. Edward the Confessor Council 4253,  
Pennies for Heaven Chairman.

**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.

Enjoy a delicious dinner with all the trimmings

Ham  
Roast Beef  
Dessert  
Coffee/ Tea



No Host Bar

Great entertainment and fun to follow dinner.

Tickets: \$25.00 per person which includes your 1st  
drink.

Limited tickets available til December 28th

**NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR**

Contact: Jerry Towles 250-244-1992  
Jim Korman 778-356-3864  
John Donnelly 250-246-1305  
Regan Heinrich 250-246-1365  
Val Alatiit 250-746-8151  
Roger Hamilton 250-597-3931



## Catholic Climate Movement

If you haven't already signed the Pope's climate petition and joined the prayer chain on the Global Catholic Climate Movement website we encourage you to do so. [www.CatholicClimateMovement.global](http://www.CatholicClimateMovement.global)

A paper copy to sign the petition will be available for those who do not have access to a computer.

Thanks, Madge

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## **M & M Meats**

If you shop at M & M's and would like to help out the school, then say "Q of A" before paying at M&M Meats & the school will get a commission cheque for all the purchases accredited to the school'.

Thank you.

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# **DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENT**

## **2016 International Eucharistic Congress January 24 – 31, 2016**

Every four years, Catholic faithful from around the world are invited to gather together to reflect on and celebrate the great mystery of the Eucharist during the International Eucharistic Congress. From Jan. 24-31, 2016, thousands of Catholic clergy and lay people will gather in Cebu, Philippines, for the 51st Congress, on the theme "*Christ in you, our hope of glory*" (Colossians 1:27).

The Diocese of Victoria is not sponsoring its own pilgrimage. Therefore, those who wish to participate are invited to join one of the two groups leaving from Vancouver. Please note that you will also have to register directly for the Congress while transportation and accommodation will be taken care of by the tour group. Details can be found at <http://rcav.org/iec-2016/>. If you do not have access to the InterNET, please check with your parish office and ask the staff to assist you.

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## **RESPECT LIFE**

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](mailto:respectlifem@gmail.com)

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## **BISHOP'S NEW BLOGS**

Bishop Gary has a couple new blogs posted, including a guest blog from Tsiigetchic! View or download them here:

<http://www.rcdvictoria.org/blog/post/en/guest-blog-dispatches-from-the-land-of-plenty>

<http://www.rcdvictoria.org/blog/post/en/a-place-to-call-home>

*Connie Dunwoody*

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## **Direct Debit (Electronic Giving)**

If you have a debit card, consider taking advantage of Direct Debit to replace your envelopes for your weekly/monthly donations. Direct Debit is a system by which monthly payments are taken directly from your bank account. You set up your Direct Debit once, and subsequent payments are automatically withdrawn. Direct Debit is a preferred payment method because it is quicker, safer and easier than other methods. It is convenient for you and provides consistency for the Church. It allows Parishioners to stay on track with pledges even when unable to attend Mass. The Church in turn, benefits from much-needed donation consistency and a reduction in the volume of cheque and cash contributions that must be handled manually at the Parish Office.

St. Edward's has a direct debit form that allows you to look at your giving annually and allocate when and where you want your funds to be directed. If you are interested and would like to sign up for direct debit, these forms are available at the Parish Office. If you have any questions about this form of giving, Sherriden would be pleased to help you at the Parish Office.

Thank You,

*Finance*

*The next bulletin will be published on the weekend*