

# 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.

## AT ST. CLARE'S MONASTERY

2359 Calais Road, Duncan  
Mass - Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m.  
Reconciliation:  
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.  
Saturday 12:00 noon—1:00 p.m.

## AT SUNRIDGE PLACE

361 Bundock Avenue, Duncan  
Mass - Friday  
11:00 a.m.

# 2nd Sunday of Lent

## From Fr. Luyen's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend we begin the 2nd week of Lent. Hope your Lent is going well and finds you hearing the call of the Season, drawing closer to the Lord, relying on Him, inviting the grace of His Spirit, and engaging your baptismal calling to discipleship through opportunities of prayer, fasting, and good works. The root of the word "Lent" means "Spring" – it is the Springtime of the soul! I hope the Season of Lent, as well as the taste of Spring we've experienced with the weather, has given your soul a boost of energy and renewal.

It's been so nice to have more people coming for Adoration and Mass on Tuesday evening. Two weeks ago, we began our celebration of the Year of Mercy with Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday afternoons to pray for the sanctity of Life, conversion of life and peace. More and more people are making visits to the Blessed Sacrament during the private Adoration and attending the Eucharist after. I'd like to encourage you to continue to do that, and thank you for showing works of Mercy in the name of Christ and His Church. I realize how much I am strengthened in the Lenten Journey by the witness of so many who are hearing and living the invitation of the Season. Thank You! It's such a reminder of how good it is to live life in union with the Church and to be Church for one another.

Just to remind you that during Lent we have Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:00 p.m., right after Benediction. Please join us in this reflection of our Lord Jesus Christ's sufferings for our redemption. Many of you have asked how to fast during Lent beside Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Pope Francis has suggested the following on how to fast during the Holy Lenten Season:

**\*Fast from hurting words and say kind words**

**\*Fast from anger and be filled with patience**

**\*Fast from worries and trust in God**

**\*Fast from pressures and be prayerful**

**\*Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others**

**\*Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude**

**\*Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope**

**\*Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity**

**\*Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy**

**\*Fast from grudges to be reconciled**

**\*Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.**

This Sunday, there will be a celebration of the Rite of Election at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria. We have two Catechumens and two candidates who will join other catechumens and Candidates for this event who will be Baptized and Confirmed during the Easter Vigil. I ask you to pray for our Catechumens and Candidates: Luka DeMelo, Ethan Giles, James Black, and Carle (Nicole) Garrow as they are preparing themselves for this journey of faith. I also ask you to pray for the following children who will be baptized on Easter Sunday: Liam Arnold, Quinn Bond, Cassidy Pace, and Carter Pace.

In last weekend's bulletin, we featured Bishop Gary's letter asking us to sign the petition on the Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide through the website. This Sunday we have Forms for those who don't have computer access at home. Signing this Petition is to demonstrate our commitment to the sanctity of human life and the importance of upholding human dignity that God gives to each person. Please spend a few minutes after Mass to sign the petition in the foyer of the Church.

Last but not least, we will begin our Parish Lenten Mission retreat with Fr. Joachim Ostermann, O.F.M. this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. I ask that you help with the Lenten Mission through your prayers and by spreading the invitation to your family, friends and neighbours to attend. Most importantly please make a commitment to attend the mission each day. Please check the bulletin insert for more information.

In Christ's Love,  
Your brother priest,  
Fr. Luyen, CSsR

Pray, Read, Discuss for Next Week

*Exodus 3: 1-87a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12; Luke 13: 1-9*

Focus .....

*“Through placing our faith and trust in Jesus, our lives can be changed and transformed.”*



# STATIONS of the CROSS

Adult Religious Education  
will lead Stations of the Cross

**Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
in  
**the Worship Area**  
at  
**5:30 p.m.**

*Living as a faithful disciple of Jesus requires that we strive to follow his example, practice his teachings in our lives and go where he leads us. And although we will have ups and downs, Jesus will work by his grace and through our efforts to be faithful to him, to change and transfigure our lives so they are blessed with joy and peace.*

## DONATIONS TO THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

As you are well aware the end of February is fast approaching and so is the Canadian Government’s promise to match all donations made to the Syrian Refugee Crisis.

To date we have received and sent away \$7,529.00 to help out with this crisis.

If you have not already donated to this cause but would like to and have your donation matched by the Government, please make sure that your donation is in the parish office by Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you require envelopes, please use the specially marked envelopes on the table in the foyer.

Many thanks for your concern and generosity.



This Sunday  
through the Waters of Baptism  
we welcome into our Faith Community  
*Noah Wauthy*  
son of Amber and Ben Wauthy

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*Your Parish Council Members.....*

Dear Parishioners:

It has been a busy week few weeks with evaluations for our staff here at St. Edwards. All our staff love the work they do, and we love what they do for us. I quote from Dean our janitor; his comments, “I really like my job, you guys treat me like family”. Your PPC has voted to increase wages by 2% as per diocesan recommendation.

Gerry and I are off once again to Cuba; this time Eastern Cuba where I am leading a hiking group. We have taken eight extra suitcases loaded with items from here, we will distribute them while hiking in the little villages. As well, we have items for schools, and some medical equipment.

Blessings  
*Mary Hof*, PPC chair,

**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
Ray Marquis	Yvonne Gill	Peggy Mudge
Brenda Whelan	June Goode	Margaret Fay
Paulette Nelson	Andy Vanderstapp	Andy Slade
Jan Spencer	Terry Wlodarczyk	Roger Larmand
Bob Goehring	Baby Benjamin	Terry Thorpe
Tim Cech	Joan Getson	Maria Roemer
Steve Reiter	Kim Gunn	Danny Clements
Dale Stelter	Maurice Foucher	Carol Enns
	Jan Tokorcheck	Frank Gierc, sr.

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

**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, this coming Fall the parish of St. Edward's will offer 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 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.

**YEAR OF MERCY**

**St. Edward's Parish**

Starting in February each Friday this year from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. we will have Divine Mercy Chaplet, Exposition, Adoration, Benediction and Mass at 6:30 p.m. Fr. Luyen and Fr. Steven will hear confession from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**St. Clare's Monastery**

During the Year of Mercy, Fr. Michael and Fr. Joachim, ofm offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Clare's Monastery

Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

and Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

**you may call the Franciscan Friary at 778-455-2501.**

**In Our Parish This Week**

Sat	Feb 20th	4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Pro Populo
Sun	Feb 21st	9:00 a.m. Reconciliation or by appointment 9:15 a.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 10:00 a.m. Children Family Mass at St. Edward's — Nella McNair+ and Ellen Kelly+ Holy Families' Committee will serve refreshments in the Church Hall after Mass. 2:00 p.m. The Widows Group will meet in the Church Hall
Mon	Feb 22nd	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Tues	Feb 23rd	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's— 5:00 p.m. Adoration, Benediction & Rosary 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's Parish-Tim Cech 7:15 p.m. Ministry Meeting in the Church Hall
Wed	Feb 24th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's - Joseph MacQueen+ Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Clare's Monastery 6:15 p.m. Children's Faith Formation 6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Thurs	Feb 25th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's— 7:00 p.m. Lenten Mission at St. Edward's Light refreshments in the Church Hall
Fri	Feb 26th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's— 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge Place— Bella Michaud+ 3:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's Adoration Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction (Confessions) <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. Lenten Mission at St. Edward's Light refreshments in the Church Hall
Sat	Feb 27th	10:00 a.m. Lenten Mission 4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Pro Populo
Sun	Feb 28th	9:00 a.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—Beniamino Mansueti+ K of C will be serving pancake breakfast after Mass today.

**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.

**Respect Life:** If you need 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  
Francine Tournier  
250-748-9831

*Please keep in your prayers our sister, Myra Charlie and her family while they wait for the return of her son, Everett Jones, who is missing from the valley. He left home on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and hasn't been seen since. Despite search and rescue from the valley, Victoria and Sooke, there have been no sightings to date.*

*Please pray for his safe return.*

*Peace and Blessings to all.*

## 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.



### Sign up Sheets For Friday Private Adoration

3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Benediction

6:30 p.m. Mass

If you can spend time with the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays;  
Please sign up  
on the sheets provided on the table in the foyer.



## Respect Life Committee

Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy in Nanaimo brunch and open house, Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. This is our Ministry's first venture to show support for community organizations. Call the centre at 250-716-1633 to confirm your attendance or join us as a group.

Rides available:

call Mike Vande Wiel at 250-900-5461  
or email [mike.vandewiel@gmail.com](mailto:mike.vandewiel@gmail.com).

# 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.

## Create a Climate of Change

In 2016, Lent falls within Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Mercy (Misericordiae Vultus), in which he calls us to be merciful in order to make true connections with others.

Welcome to the Campaign. Welcome to the Pilgrimage. And please feel free to share our Campaign materials with your extended family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, etc. The Share Lent collection will be taken up on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

### PSALM OF HUMANITY FOR CREATION

O Divine Love, O Infinite Beauty, Creator God,  
how breathtaking is Your creation.

From the grains of sand beneath our feet  
to the vast starry night sky,  
as we contemplate Your infinite revelation,  
how can our hearts not be transformed?

Humanity's pillage and over-consumption is hurting  
Your exquisite creation.

Hasten our steps along the journey to healing;  
"take us to the heart of what it is to be human."

Turn our eyes to those already open to Your voice,  
already inspired by Your Gracious Spirit to  
walk with the poor and live more simply.

We praise You and thank You for Your forgiving Mercy;  
for strengthening our spirits to do Your Will.

May the love for our common home grow  
so that Your creation will flourish,  
so that as one human family,  
we have renewed hope with the dawn of each new day.

Praise to You, O Divine Love, O Infinite Beauty, Creator God.

Amen.

Cards of this prayer are available on the table in the foyer.  
If you would like a copy please help yourself.

## Refreshments after the Lenten Mission

Please note that there will be refreshments after the Mission on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> downstairs in the Church hall.

If you can make the time we would appreciate baking to serve on those evenings. Many thanks in advance.

For more information please contact  
Martha Courchene 250-748-8346

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***Phone: 250 746 6831***

Program description: This program is an opportunity to explore the knowledge of modern science from the perspective of a Franciscan friar. We will look at what modern science has taught us and in what way modern science challenges our faith. Rather than avoid the challenge, we will use it to explore anew the meaning of being Christian in our time.

The program begins with an introduction into the vision of St. Francis and the way this vision was further developed by two medieval philosopher-theologians: St. Bonaventure of Bagnoregio and Bl. Duns Scotus. With the help of their work, we can identify the principle elements of a Franciscan perspective on matters of faith and science.

The subsequent sessions will apply this to modern cosmology, modern biology, medical science, and ecology. How can the Franciscan vision help to make sense of the advances of human knowledge? How can we respond to the challenge of a universe whose size and age is beyond imagination? And how can we reconcile the unique dignity of each and every human person, created in the image of God, in an evolutionary view of life?

### ***Speaker Biographical details:***

Fr. Joachim is a Franciscan Friar, a scientist, and a person very much interested in everything that shows how science and Christian faith support each other. Prior to entering religious life, he earned a PhD in Biochemistry and worked at universities and biotechnology companies in the US and Canada. Now his ministry is to show how the Christian message has the power to transform our scientific-technological culture.



# DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

## 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)

## Marian Pilgrimage to Spain, Portugal and France

Fr. Stephen Paine will be leading a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Europe from September 24<sup>th</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The pilgrimage will begin in Madrid, and go on to Avila, Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Burgos, Lourdes, Barcelona, Montserrat, Saragossa, before returning to Madrid.

For more information please visit

<http://www.sampaguitatravel.com>,

or contact Priscilla toll-free at 1-888-874-9533.

## Diocesan Messenger

Please make sure to pick up your copy  
Today after Mass.



## LENTEN TRIVIA CONTEST FOR KIDS

Test your knowledge of the Catholic Faith... and have a chance to win a tablet!!

Who: Kids aged 9—18

When: Any time throughout Lent

How: It's all online!

Entering the contest is as easy as clicking a mouse, and will take you less than 15 minutes.

Visit [www.redvictoria.org](http://www.redvictoria.org) or go directly to the contest site:

[www.onlineexambuilder.com/Lenten-knowledge-of-catholic-faith-trivia-contest/exam-18019](http://www.onlineexambuilder.com/Lenten-knowledge-of-catholic-faith-trivia-contest/exam-18019).

Participants will have a chance to win a tablet!  
The draw for the tablet will take place and the Winner will be announced during the Easter Season.

More Information: [gpalahicky@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:gpalahicky@cisdv.bc.ca)

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## VOCATIONS ROAD TRIP

- ◆ *Are you a young adult with a desire to make a compassionate difference in the world?*
- ◆ *Are you eager to live your life to its fullest?*
- ◆ *Are you willing to pray seriously,  
"God's will be done in my future?"*

If your heart answered "Yes!" to any of these, Consider coming on a Vocations Road Trip which will include great fellowship, prayer, visits with committed priests, religious, and lay faithful as witnesses to Christ's call to vocational holiness.

**April 2<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

**Port Alberni, BC**

For more information contact Fr. Dean Henderson  
by email: [catholic@uvic.ca](mailto:catholic@uvic.ca)

## A Lifeline for Marriages

**A Lifeline for Marriages** – Is your marriage in trouble? Retrouvaille is an affordable program that provides couples with the tools to repair ALL kinds of marriage crises. *Rediscover romance and a joyful married life! Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples avoid separation and rekindle their relationship. You or your spouse do not need to be Catholic to attend.* For confidential information or to register for the 7 week Lower Mainland program commencing the weekend of April 1 - Mainland program commencing the weekend of April 1 - 3, 2016, call **604-530-6710**, email [vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org](mailto:vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org)

With gratitude and blessings,  
Derek and Silvana Carr,  
Coordinators  
Retrouvaille Vancouver





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February 19, 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

*Creating a Climate of Change* is the theme of this year's Share Lent Campaign, run by the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace ('Development and Peace'). This campaign contains a number of aspects of Pope Francis' Encyclical on care for our common home, *Laudato Si'*, and also his intentions for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

“ Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life.

~ Pope Francis, *MV 2*

Development and Peace is the Canadian Church's organization that offers concrete ways to respond to the Pope's invitations to take care of our common home, our sisters, and brothers. Only by working together can we build a world that is more just and more in keeping with human dignity. Share Lent provides an opportunity to assist, with grace and compassion, in the corporal works of mercy with which Jesus Christ explicitly charged us, his people. *Feed the hungry. Shelter the homeless. Give drink to the thirsty. Visit the sick. Clothe the naked. Bury the dead. Visit the imprisoned*—which includes those swept up in unjust economic structures and situations of great need, and those on the margins and peripheries of this world we call home.

When we respond in love to the corporal works of mercy, we create a climate of change. We are Christ's feet and hands: it is he who commands and we who willingly carry comfort and assistance to our fellow pilgrims, and to this marvellous earth that houses and sustains us. Our brothers and sisters in the Global South are experiencing droughts and terrible storms; Development and Peace are providing support to communities and families in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East who are courageously battling catastrophic events.

In this Extraordinary Jubilee Year, Pope Francis calls us to be mercy for others; and it is through this grace of connection, of accompaniment, that we can help others—and find ourselves gifted by grace in return. It is in Christ's love and with his strength that we offer what we can to those most in need: our hearts, our love, our mercy and our support.

I encourage you to participate in the Share Lent campaign to help create a climate of change in the ways you are best able. Please also continue to pray for those who provide relief in dangerous situations; for those who work behind the scenes to support them; and for those for whom life is a daily struggle.

May the Holy Spirit fill your Lenten journey with joy as we accompany each other with hope and mercy, transforming lives and hearts as we walk together in love.

In Communion,

Most Reverend Gary Gordon  
Bishop of Victoria