

# St. Edward's Church

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March  
12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>,

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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

Saturday

6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

12:00 noon—1:00 p.m.

## AT SUNRIDGE PLACE

361 Bundoock Avenue, Duncan

**Mass - Friday**

**11:00 a.m.**

# 5th Sunday of Lent

## *From Fr. Luyen's Desk*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent and next Sunday we begin the Holy Week. Can you believe that? Next Sunday is Palm Sunday we remember our Lord's entry into Jerusalem to begin His saving work! We will be having a solemn procession before Mass. Also I hope you will make room in your Holy Week calendar to celebrate the Liturgies of the Sacred Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil! (check inside the bulletin for the Triduum and Easter Celebration Schedule).

As we are in the year of Mercy, Pope Francis reminds us, "No one can be excluded from God's mercy," and the doors of the Church "are wide open so that all those who are touched by grace can find the certainty of forgiveness." He emphasizes, "God never ceases to demonstrate the richness of His mercy over the course of centuries. . . . He (God) touches people's hearts with His grace, filling them with repentance and a desire to "experience His love."

Our parish has been celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy by spending each Friday afternoon with Holy Hour at 3:00 p.m. and private adoration with confession from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. Then we will pray the rosary and Benediction at 6:30 p.m. We conclude with the Holy Mass at 6:30 p.m. to pray for the sanctity of life, the conversion of faith, and peace in the world. I invite you to come to spend time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays with the Lord with these intentions.

This Sunday's gospel is a story of a woman about to be stoned. It is probably not by accident that the story is about a woman, and there is more here than gender bias. That she alone stands before the crowd in judgments certainly shows a significant bias among Jesus' adversaries. And the compassion and mercy Jesus shows towards this endangered woman is an example of his disregard for such bias. All the gospels indicate that Jesus was especially sensitive to the needs of the poor and disadvantaged people, those who have been pushed to the margins of the community. As she was left alone with Jesus. She heard Our Lord say, "Has anyone condemned you?" With a shaking voice, and tears running down her eyes, she responds to his question, "No, none, Lord." Jesus then says to her "Neither do I condemn you. Go in peace and sin no more." Our Lord is not favouring sin, He in fact condemns the sin, but not the sinner. By destroying the sin, He is bringing the sinner back to life.

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, we stand on the brink of Holy Week, the time set apart for us to reflect seriously on the true sign of God's compassionate love for us.

Our school students are on Spring Break this week. I hope it provides good family time for children and parents to spend together. Lots of students and our parishioners told me they will be travelling for Spring and Easter Break, so we pray for a safe journey for all who will be traveling this week.

Last but not least, please keep our Elect in your prayers this week as they anticipate the Easter Sacraments and membership in the Church!

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



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

***Isaiah 50: 4-7;      Philippians 2: 6-11;      Luke 22:14-23:56***

Focus .....

***“Our dignity and worth as individuals do not come from our own merits,  
but from God’s free gift of grace.”***

**STATIONS**  
of the  
**CROSS**

The Knights of Columbus  
will lead Stations of the Cross

**Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**in**  
**the Worship Area**  
**at**  
**6:00 p.m.**

*Whether we sin or do good, God’s love for us remains constant. We cannot judge our worth based on our own merits and piety. We must continue to strive to live in accord with God’s calling, trusting not in ourselves but in the power and compassion of Jesus.*

**Your Parish Council Members**

Dear Parishioners:

It’s good to be back at St. Edwards after our Cuba trip, where we distributed items to the poor. A highlight for me was climbing to the top of Pico Turquino, the highest peak in Cuba. It was 21km, 2000m of elevation gain, six of us did this in 9.5 hours. With the humidity and trail conditions we made good time. Considering Gerry and I did this peak 6 years ago but we went up and over the other side, taking us three days. On this trip we also went to the Siera Mistra and walked the mountain where Fidel Castro had his hiding place, we saw the communication centre, the bed Fidel slept in, and the hospital he had in the mountains. Quite something to see.

I want to bring your attention to a very important message, I hope you will take the time to let your Council know your feelings on the issue below.

For the past while your Parish Pastoral Council has been looking into the feasibility of installing an elevator in the parish. Recently a committee was established under the chair of Jim Young. We see a number of parishioners unable to attend coffee and fellowship after Mass. In addition, any meetings, dinners or events that are held in our hall become inaccessible to anyone with mobility issues. For many of our parishioners it’s hard for them to go downstairs, and even harder to go up. One parishioner said, “It means getting into a car, driving around to the back, then proceeding down the ramp to knock on the door in the hope that someone will hear my knocking and come to open the door. It is just easier to go home.”

The committee is in the process of getting quotes. It will not be inexpensive but we have an aging parish and we feel there is a need to accommodate each and everyone of our parishioners. We need your input. Do you feel we need an elevator in the parish? Would you be willing to be on the elevator committee? Would you be willing to help on a fundraising committee to raise funds for this project? Would you support this project? Your input is vital!

Please email or call any council member, or write a letter and place it in the suggestion box in the foyer. Please have these in before April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our AGM is June 21<sup>st</sup>, after Tuesday evening Mass. Please mark your calendars and attend. There will be time set aside to discuss this issue. A decision will be made after the AGM.

Blessings  
Mary Hof, PPC Chair

Please contact any of the following  
Jim Young, [jimanna@shaw.ca](mailto:jimanna@shaw.ca) Chair of elevator committee  
Pat Carter, [thecarterclan@shaw.ca](mailto:thecarterclan@shaw.ca)  
Carol DeBruin, [cdebruin@shaw.ca](mailto:cdebruin@shaw.ca)  
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Mary Hof, [mhof126@gmail.com](mailto:mhof126@gmail.com)

**PRAYER INSPIRED BY LAUDATO SI’**

**Forgive Us Lord for Disappointing You**

*I ask for forgiveness on behalf of humanity;*

For how we have set ourselves  
above God’s will for us.  
Placing ourselves above all things  
that walk, crawl, swim and fly around us,  
For abusing our Mother Earth  
as robbers abused the man on the road to Jericho,  
wanting to strip, whip and stone to death  
her natural beauty through the greed of humanity.

*I ask forgiveness as well for;*

Those who abuse  
power, natural resources and societies they victimize,  
Those who ignore the cry of the poor  
or hide the truth for their own gain, and  
those who knowingly take from others and  
willingly leave them destitute on the road to the future.  
Let us engage in healing love through the reconciliation  
of humanity to each other  
and with all other gifts of creation and nature.

**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	Carol Enns
Dale Stelter	Maurice Foucher	Frank Gierc, sr.
Susan Ferguson	Naomi Prodah	Jan Tokorcheck
	Riet Heemskerck	

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 an 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

Each Friday 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	Mar 12th	4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Pro Populo
Sun	Mar 13th	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—Dr. Roland Martine+ Holy Family Committee will be serving coffee after Mass. 2:00 p.m. Widows' Group
Mon	Mar 14th	<b>7:00 p.m. PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b> CWL General Meeting in the Church Hall
Tues	Mar 15th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Gilbert St. Amand+ 10:00 a.m. Liturgy Meeting 5:00 p.m. Adoration, Benediction & Rosary 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Susan Bremner+
Wed	Mar 16th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Pat Myhill-Jones Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Clare's Monastery 2:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Care Meeting in the Church hall. 6:15 p.m. Children's Faith Formation cancelled this week
Thurs	Mar 17th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Ron Ganter+ 7:00 p.m. <b>CHRISM MASS</b> at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Victoria
Fri	Mar 18th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Peggy Mudge+ 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge Place—Ed Sweerts+ 3:00 p.m. St. Edward's—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction (Confessions) 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Sanctity of Life, Conversion of the World and Peace.



Sat	Mar 19th	<b>Feast Day of St. Joseph, patron of Canada</b> 4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Elizabeth Ann Kenward
Sun	Mar 20th	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—Pro Populo

### 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:

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:15p.m. in the Church Hall. 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

**CWL March General Meeting**  
in the Church Hall  
on March 14th at 7:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross Up Mt. Tzouhalem**

- Rain or shine we will gather at 9:00 a.m. by the steps of St. Ann's Church, 1775 Tzouhalem Rd., Duncan.
- Opening prayer and song at St. Ann's Church
- Bring water, lunch and appropriate clothing.

A prayer service with veneration of the Cross. will be held at the top of the mountain. This is a steep climb so one should be in good physical condition.

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOGS AT HOME.**

More information contact Mary Hof  
mhof126@gmail.com or call 743-4074.



Are you doing your .....  
*Spring Cleaning?*

*Downsizing in the basement and garage?*  
*Checking out the attic?*

Please think of the Plant and Harvest Sale. We are now accepting donations for our next Sale—Fall 2016.

**Call Ro at 250-748-5115 for drop off any time.**

**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—sheets provided on the table in the foyer.

**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.

**Decorating the Worship Area for Easter Triduum**

The word "Triduum" comes from the Latin word meaning "three days" and encompasses the three most sacred days in the Church year. Since these celebrations are filled with rich symbolism we need help in decorating the Worship area to ensure that everyone who attends these celebrations has a most meaningful experience. If you can help please call the parish office at 250-746-6831.



**Respect Life Committee**

**MEETING:** The next meeting for the Respect Life Ministry will be Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:15p.m. (right after Mass) in the Church Hall. The meeting is open to everyone. Please join us in our effort to Respect Life.

**JOIN** our parish Respect Life Ministry. Call Mike at 250-900-5461, [mike.vandewiel@gmail.com](mailto:mike.vandewiel@gmail.com) or Fr. Steven at 250-597-4714.

**URGENT:**

**ON FEBRUARY 25, 2016, A GOVERNMENT STUDY** recommends euthanasia for dementia, for minors, and for psychiatric conditions. Shockingly, Recommendation #10 in the report requires health care practitioners, who object to killing their patients to refer their patients to someone who will either kill their patient or arrange it. Recommendation #11 requires all religiously affiliated health care facilities (e.g. Catholic hospitals) to kill patients. Click on "Visit our Blog" at the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition of Canada ([www.epcc.ca](http://www.epcc.ca)) for a detailed analysis of the report. Please contact our Member of Parliament, Mr. Alistair MacGregor (Cowichan—Malahat—Langford, NDP, Telephone: 250-746-4896 E-mail: [Alistair.MacGregor@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Alistair.MacGregor@parl.gc.ca)) and urge him to vote against any effort to legalize assisted suicide or euthanasia.

**EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE: WHY NOT?** – Quick Answers to Common Arguments from the Canadian Organization of Life and Family (COLF), an organization by the Catholic Bishops of Canada, provides appropriate responses to common arguments put forward by proponents of euthanasia and assisted suicide. For a copy, search for "Why Not" at [COLF.ca](http://COLF.ca). If you do not have access to the Internet, contact Mike at 250-900-5461 or Fr. Steven at 250-597-4714 and the Parish Respect Life Ministry will provide you with a printed copy.

# ST. EDWARD'S PARISH

## *Holy Week and Easter 2016*



### *Schedule of Masses and Services*

#### **Chrism Mass**

**Thursday, March 17th**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
at St. Andrew's Cathedral  
740 View Street, Victoria

The Chrism Mass is celebrated annually to bless the oils that will be used in all sacramental anointing throughout the year.

The oils to be blessed are Oil of Chrism which is used for anointing in the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Orders and Confirmation; the Oil of the Sick is used in the Sacrament of the Sick; and the Oil of the Catechumens is used for some Baptisms. The blessed oils will be distributed to all parishes and missions throughout the Diocese of Victoria.

*An invitation is extended to all to attend this Liturgy.*

#### **Easter Triduum**

##### **HOLY THURSDAY, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper**, Includes washing of the feet and after Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the altar of repose in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

*Please come and spend some time with the Lord.*

##### **GOOD FRIDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup>** (Parish Office Closed)

###### **9:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross Up Mt. Tzouhalem**

- Rain or shine we will gather at 9:00 a.m. by the steps of St. Ann's Church, 1775 Tzouhalem Rd., Duncan.
  - Opening prayer and song at St. Ann's Church
  - Bring water, lunch and appropriate clothing.
- A prayer service, with veneration of the Cross, will be held at the top of the mountain.

This is a steep climb so one should be in good physical condition.

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###### **3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

includes Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

##### **HOLY SATURDAY 9:00 p.m., March 26<sup>th</sup>, Easter Vigil**

Includes Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist;

*If you would like your Easter basket blessed then place it in front of the altar after Mass.*

We invite you to bring bells to ring during the "Gloria".

##### **EASTER SUNDAY**

###### **10:00 a.m. Resurrection of the Lord, March 27th**

Bring containers for Holy Water and

*If you would like your Easter basket blessed then place it in front of the altar after Mass.*

We invite you to bring bells to ring during the "Gloria".

#### **Palm Sunday Liturgies**



**Passion Sunday**  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday Mass**  
5:00 p.m.

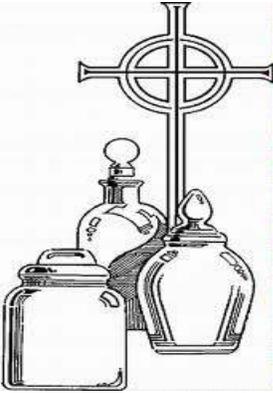
**Sunday Mass**  
10:00 a.m.



# DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

## Chrism Mass

Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



Bishop Gary Gordon will be the principal celebrant at a Mass that is celebrated annually at the Cathedral. At this liturgy, we gather, around the bishop, for the blessing and consecration of the oils that will be used in all our parishes in the coming year. May our presence at the Chrism Mass be a sign of our support and gratitude for their ministry—and a reminder that baptism calls all of us to lives of service.

All are invited to attend. A reception will follow.

## 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!

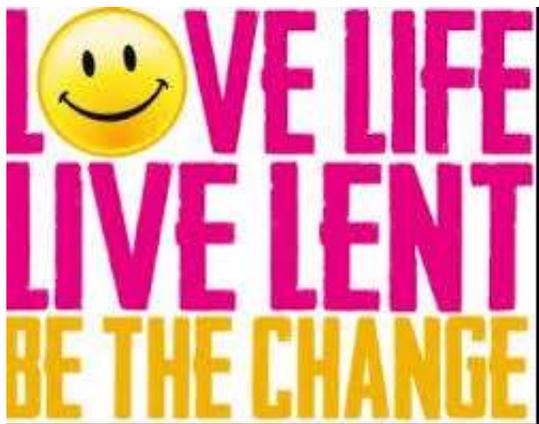
Entering the contest is as easy as clicking a mouse, and will take you less than 15 minutes.

Visit [www.rcdvictoria.org](http://www.rcdvictoria.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)



## Bishop's Gala

We are pleased to announce the details for the Bishop's Gala, which will take place on **Saturday, April 30, 2016**, at Our Lady of Fatima Church Hall in Victoria. The Gala will open with a champagne reception at 6:00 p.m., followed by a sit-down dinner with entertainment by award-winning Victoria-based jazz singer Maureen Washington.

The purpose of the Gala is to raise funds for West Coast Missions: specifically, to fund two Religious of the Virgin Mary Sisters who will arrive this summer from the Philippines to minister in Ahousaht, located on the east side of Flores Island in Clayoquot Sound. The average annual cost to support two Sisters in our Diocese is \$60,000. Our Gala will celebrate and financially support this renewed initiative of pastoral presence, and reaffirm our commitment to this journey with our Nuu-chah-nulth sisters and brothers.

Tickets are \$100 per person; tables of 8 are available. Tax receipts will be issued in the amount of \$25 per ticket. Tickets may be purchased through EventBrite ([www.bishopsgala.eventbrite.ca](http://www.bishopsgala.eventbrite.ca)) or by phoning the Pastoral Centre at (250) 479-1331. **There is a limited number of tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.**

The Bishop's Gala promises fun, friendship, amazing food and world-class entertainment, all surrounding the worthy goal of supporting the missionary outreach of our Diocese. Gather together your family and friends for this exciting event!

## Bishop's Gala: Auction Items

The Bishop's Gala will include Silent and Live Auctions to help us reach our fundraising goal. We are seeking items for these Auctions and would be grateful for your generosity. Please contact Char Deslippe by email to [bcdeslippe@shaw.ca](mailto:bcdeslippe@shaw.ca); or by phone, (250) 381-5839, if you are able to contribute.

These are the dates for the funeral liturgy and inter-faith celebration of life for Fr. Jack Sproule who passed away on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Dwelling Place, Nanaimo. *Requiescat in pace.*

- ◆ **Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.** - funeral liturgy and reception at **St. Elizabeth R.C. Church**, 10030, Third Street, **Sidney**, BC. V8L 3B3
- ◆ **Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 noon** inter-faith celebration of life and reception at **Bethlehem Retreat Centre**, 2371, Arbot Road, **Nanaimo**, B.C. V9R 659

Everyone is **most** welcome to attend either or both of these celebrations. It would help the caterers greatly if you could email me 24 hours before these dates if you plan to attend. Thank you so much.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

[kevin.doyle@shaw.ca](mailto:kevin.doyle@shaw.ca)

or 1-250-508-7937

Kevin Doyle

## No Family Mass in March

Please note that the Family Mass for March has been cancelled.



### **YEAR OF MERCY**

*A way to be involved*

*Here are 5 ways to live mercy during the Jubilee Year. Try randomly selecting one each week and put it into practice.*

- 1) Resist sarcasm; it is the exact opposite of mercy. "Set, O Lord, a guard over my mouth; keep watch, O Lord, at the door of my lips!"
- 2) Pare down possessions: share your things with the needy.
- 3) Call someone who you know is lonely, even if you understand why they're lonely.
- 4) Write a letter of forgiveness to someone. If you cannot send it, sprinkle it with holy water, ask Christ Jesus to have mercy on you both and then burn or bury it.
- 5) Learn to say this prayer: "Dear Lord, bless (annoying person's name) and have mercy on me!"

### **Prayers for Life and the Family**

(National Pastoral Initiative)

Jesus, merciful Judge,  
help us to feel your tenderness  
when we have failed,  
and to find ourselves at your feet.

Allow us to see ourselves  
with Your compassion,  
that we might stand up  
and resolve not to sin again.

Having been freed  
from condemnation for our sins,  
give us the grace  
to extend that same tender mercy  
to one another,  
that more people may find freedom  
in Your life-giving mercy.

Amen.



Today is Solidarity Sunday. Thank you for your generous donation. Every gift goes far to help our sisters and brothers around the world – from Haiti to Paraguay to Bethlehem and beyond! As Pope Francis says: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope" Thank you for helping to create a hopeful future!

*For your convenience .....  
you may find extra Share Lent donation envelopes on the table in the foyer.*

### **Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry**

**LOVING & Caring for One Another**

**There will be a Pastoral Care Outreach Meeting on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.**

### *Easter Flowers*

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of flowers in the Worship Area at Eastertime, please find special envelopes on the table in the foyer for your donations. Many thanks.

### **A message from St. Edward's C.W.L.**

"Members of St. Edward's Council of the Catholic Women's League express their appreciation to all Parishioners for your overwhelming support for our "Post Card & Letter Writing Campaign to the Federal Government requesting a National Palliative Care Strategy & Funding, for all Canadians no matter where they live in Canada !

A total of 404 messages (140 letters, 264 postcards) were sent to various people in government.

#### **"Your support means the world to us"**

Betty Hoskins,	Legislation Chair
Leanne Forest,	President
Francine Tournier,	Organization Chair