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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.

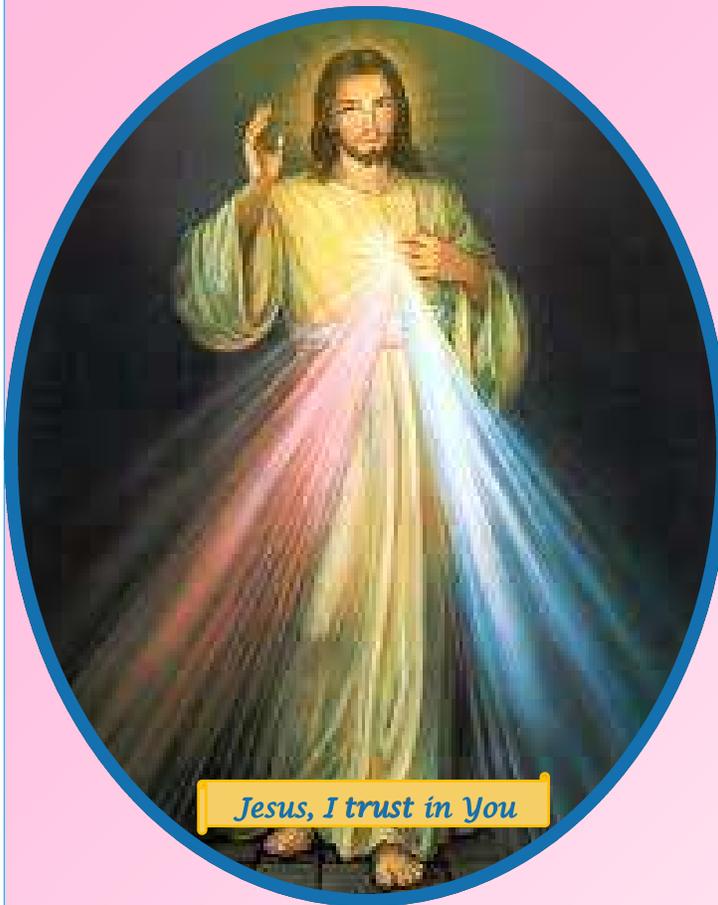
AT SUNRIDGE PLACE

361 Bundoock Avenue, Duncan

Mass - Friday

11:00 a.m.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Jesus told St. Faustina that the Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened". (Diary 699). Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy (Sunday after Easter) which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church.

Jesus said to St. Faustina "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of Mercy. That vessel is the image with the signature: **Jesus I trust in You.**" (Diary 327) "The two rays denote the Blood and Water. The pale rays stand for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stand for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross...Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him." (Diary 299)

This devotion was actively promoted by Pope John Paul II. On April 30th, 2000, the Canonization of Faustina Kowalska took place and the Sunday after Easter was officially designated as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy in the General Roman Calendar. On April 22nd, 2001, which was one year after establishing Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized its message in the resurrection context of Easter:

Jesus said to St. Faustina one day: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy". Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity.

The liturgical celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday reflects the devotional elements of Divine Mercy - the first prayer of that Mass beginning with:

**"Heavenly Father and God of Mercy,
We no longer look for Jesus among the dead,
for He is alive and has become the Lord of Life".**

This opening prayer refers to Divine Mercy as the key element in the plan of God for salvation and emphasizes the belief that it was through mercy that God gave his only Son for the redemption of mankind, after the fall of Adam.

John Paul II, who died in April 2005 on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, was himself beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday, May 1st, 2011, by his successor, Pope Benedict XVI, and was canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th, 2014 by Pope Francis.



From the Desk of Fr. Luyen

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I received cards, emails, and had many conversations with parishioners and visitors filled with compliments and gratitude regarding our Holy Week Liturgies here at St. Edward's. I too, was so pleased and spiritually uplifted by our celebrations. The liturgies of Holy Week require lots of planning and attention to detail, which helps bring the particular events we are celebrating to the forefront, helping us enter more deeply into the mystery of the saving work of the Lord for our redemption. I believe the positive feedback from so many spoke clearly, that people were renewed by their experience of Holy Week at St. Edward's. Of course, that's always the goal of the liturgy – being renewed by the Lord through the Liturgy.

I believe we celebrated well! That couldn't just happen without a real collaborative effort, whereby gifts and talents are shared generously in service by many people who worked on and behind the scenes to help make all the Holy Week celebrations such wonderful experiences. Thanks to each and every one who gave of themselves in service to the liturgy this Holy Week. You helped us to pray and worship. We are grateful!

One questions which I heard people ask before I came to St. Edward's and now I hear these questions again:

- ◆ *“Why do some people pick and chose not to attend the Triduum?”*
- ◆ *“Why do they just attended one day and not the rest of the three days?”*

The Triduum: three days which define who we are as Catholic and Christians.

These three holy days are Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Vigil on Holy Saturday.

Although the celebrations are spread over three days it is, essentially, one continuous liturgy that begins with Mass on Holy Thursday and ends with the Vigil on Holy Saturday. We should not pick and choose one and not another. It is a continuous liturgy. If you look at the liturgy of Holy Thursday, you will notice that there is no 'ending' to this Mass – there is no final blessing or dismissal. Instead, we are invited to remain and “watch and wait with Jesus” before the Blessed Sacrament. Good Friday's Service has no 'opening' or 'closing' but contains the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross and the receiving of Holy Communion, consecrated at the Holy Thursday Mass. Then we move into the holiest celebration of all: the ***Easter Vigil***. We are invited, through the Triduum, to enter into quietness and prayer throughout the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus!

Last but not least, I will be away this week until next Monday April 11th. Fr. Joachim Ostermann, OFM will celebrate the Masses next weekend for us. This week at St. Edward's there will be no Evening Masses on Tuesday and Friday. Tuesday and Friday Evening Mass will resume when I come back.

Have a blessed week!

Your brother Priest,
Fr. Luyen, CSsR



Pray, Read, Discuss for Next Week

Acts 5:28-32,40b-41; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21:1-19

Focus

“We are to bear a faithful witness to the Gospel by the example of our lives.

We have come to believe in the risen Lord through the witness and example of faithful Christians, the testimony of sacred Scripture, and through the graces of the sacraments. Blessed with such a great gift which imparts upon us an abundance of blessings, let us, through the example of our lives, bear a faithful witness to the Gospel.

The Greatest Man in History
“Jesus”

- ◆ He had no servants, yet they called Him Master.
- ◆ He had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.
- ◆ He had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.
- ◆ He had no army, yet kings feared Him.
- ◆ He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.
- ◆ He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.
- ◆ He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.

Prayer Inspired by Laudato Si’

God and Nature

Heavenly Father;

We encounter You daily in creation,
We can see Your presence in the smallest of creatures,
We recognize Your face in the most majestic scene,
We hear Your call to us
through the sounds and elements of nature.

Loving Provider;

You share all Your gifts with humanity and the world.
Let us acknowledge You as the common source of giving.
Let us take only what we need, share what we have,
and leave most for the future.
Let us willingly commit with compassion and concern
to be in communion with all creatures.

Merciful God;

Heal us when we set ourselves above others,
especially the poor and marginalized.
Forgive us when we waste what would bring life to others.
Allow us to gaze the saving horizon of Your Son,
Who opens our hearts, teaches us harmony with nature and
Exemplifies for us
how to have a loving relationship with the world.

Amen

Message From Cowichan Valley Basket Society

Dear Parishioners of St. Edward’s,
On behalf of our patrons, the Board of Directors, and staff and our many amazing volunteers at the Cowichan Valley Basket Society, I thank you for your donation to help those in need in our Valley.

Your support enables us to ensure “no individual or family goes hungry, physically, spiritually or emotionally.” (Our Mission Statement) Every donation goes along way to ensure we are able to fulfill our mandate.

In this time of economic uncertainty, our demand are higher and we understand each donation is ever more precious. Your valuable contribution allows us to continue to feed those less fortunate.

We are so grateful to have Lee Smith on our Board and the ongoing support of your generous members. We couldn’t do what we do without people like you!

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. I am always open to tours or questions—Monday through Friday. Come and see the many ways your donations work.

Respectfully,
Colleen Fuller
Manager of the Cowichan Valley Food Basket



Dear Parishioners

Thank you again for your replies to our elevator question, do you think there is a need now and in the future? Should the parish be looking into this proposal? We question you the members of the parish, as this is a very big undertaking. Please reply by April 15th.

Ways you can respond is by email: mhof126@gmail.com, phone 250-743-4074, or leave a note in the suggestion box in the foyer. At our next PPC meeting, we will be looking at all the correspondence.

Blessings

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

President
Leanne Forest
250-597-4450



Membership
Francine Tournier
250-748-9831

CWL Coffee Sunday 3rd April 2016

Please join us for Coffee Sunday this weekend
Daffodils, Hyacinths, Forsythias and Cherry Trees
all in bloom sharing their magnificent beauty.
Come and enjoy our baking of
light, airy and delicious treats,
for our friends, families and guests to enjoy.



**ST. EDWARD'S
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

SPRING TEA & FASHION SHOW

APRIL 17th, 2016 AT 2:00 P.M.

**TEA TICKETS: CAROL DEBRUIN
\$15.00 – TABLE OF 8 CAN BE RESERVED
RAFFLE TICKETS: TERRY TEASDALE
\$ 2.00 EACH**

ON SALE



**SATURDAY APRIL 2ND/SUNDAY APRIL 3RD &
SATURDAY APRIL 9TH/SUNDAY APRIL 10TH**

**PASTORAL CARE OUTREACH
PROGRAM SESSION 3**

The Grieving Process and Ministering to Families

Saturday April 9th, 2016 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Victoria, B.C.

All Pastoral Care Outreach workshops are open to anyone who wants to understand the practical aspects of Pastoral Care, present hospital and homebound parish visitors; who want to become more effective in their ministry; parishioners who look after their own family members; other caregivers; anyone interested in knowing more about their faith and those for whom this program is an opportunity for professional development. For continuity, we recommend that participants attend all 4 workshops, if possible.

Please bring a bag lunch, coffee and tea will be provided.

Contact the parish office to register
1-250-479-7413 or
sjtwooffice@shaw.ca

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.

Crosses Made in Bethlehem

The K. of C. are selling beautiful crosses made out of olive trees, cost - \$10.00 each. In selling these crosses the Knights are helping to support 800 Christian families in the Bethlehem region who depend on tourism and the sale of such crafts for their daily living.

If you are interested catch me after Saturday evening Mass or you may purchase them at the Parish Office.
Thank you, Jim Korman



He Is Risen



LIFE IS SACRED
from conception to natural death

"Fr. Paul Marx, you are doing the most important work on earth."

A statement to Fr. Paul Marx,
former head of Human Life International (now deceased),
by Saint Pope John Paul II
in regards to his dedicated pro-life work.

The Respect Life Ministry meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:15 p.m. (right after Mass).
For more information contact,
Mike at 250-900-5461, mike.vandewiel@gmail.com,
or Fr. Steven at 250-597-4714.

March for Life, Victoria, Thursday, May 12, 2016. Bus transportation from St. Edward's Parish, Duncan, being arranged. More information coming soon.

Letter Writing Campaign supporting Linda Gibbons and Mary Wagner, Canadian pro-life defenders... coming soon to St. Edward's. In the mean-time you can Google both names for information on these two exceptionally dedicated pro-lifers.



DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

The Diocese of Victoria
is pleased to welcome

Dr. Moira McQueen LLB MDiv PhD
Executive Director of the
Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute

Dr. Moira McQueen teaches moral theology in the Faculty of Theology, University of St. Michael's College. She is interested in the interdisciplinary aspects of theology, law and medicine as they apply in daily life. In 2015 Pope Francis appointed Dr. McQueen as an Auditor at the Synod of Bishops on the Family, and in September 2014 he appointed her as a new member to the International Theological Commission for a five-year term. In July 2004, Dr. McQueen was appointed Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute.

Dr. McQueen will be visiting the Diocese of Victoria from April 11 – 13, 2016. She will be speaking about **Current issues regarding end-of-life decision making** to members of the Clergy, and also to hospital staff at St. Joseph's General Hospital in Comox.

In addition, Dr. McQueen will speak at two parish sessions that the public is welcome to attend:

Monday, April 11th, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Christ the King Parish
1599 Tunner Drive, Courtenay

Wednesday, April 13th, 2016 – 7:00 pm

St. Patrick's Parish
2060 Haultain Street, Victoria

For more information, please call (250) 479-1331 or visit the Diocesan website at www.rcdvictoria.org.

Retrouvaille Vancouver Marriage **Weekend April 1 - 3, 2016** **There is still space!**

Retrouvaille is an affordable program that provides couples with the tools to repair ALL kinds of marriage problems. Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples avoid separation and regain a joyful marriage. You 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 - 3, 2016, call [604-530-6710](tel:604-530-6710), email vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org



Retreat with Bishop Gary Gordon

All are welcome to attend the Diocesan retreat led by Bishop Gary Gordon,

“Interdependence, communion and solidarity
in relation to Laudato Si”

on Saturday, April 16th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

at Trinity Catholic Church, 2634 Spartan Rd., Nanaimo.

Register by email to bishopgaryretreat@gmail.com

Telephone registration and transportation inquiries:

Mid Island: Katheryn Boudreau at 250-710-0386;

Carpooling can be arranged,

please call Jeff, Katheryn or Nancy to coordinate a ride.

Hosted by the Diocesan Council of Development and Peace.

Bishop's Gala

We are pleased to announce the details for the Bishop's Gala, which will take place on **Saturday April 30th, 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.

Visit

<http://www.rcdvictoria.org/2016-bishops-gala.php>

for more information.

March for Life—May 12th

This year's theme is “Caring not Killing”

Mass will be held at the Cathedral or at

St. Patrick's Parish in Oak Bay at 12:00 noon
followed by

March at 1:45 p.m. from Centennial Square

to the legislature down Government Street.

2:15 p.m. Rally for Life

outside the legislature on front lawn.

Men's Breakfast and Presentation **on Physician Assisted Suicide**

Dr. Jane Murphy, president & chief executive officer of the St. Joseph's General Hospital, Comox, BC, will present on Physician Assisted Suicide on **Saturday April 23rd**, 8:00 a.m. at the Victoria Horseshoe club 620 Kenneth Street off Glanford Ave. Cost is \$12.00 which includes a fabulous breakfast. Spaces are limited.

Please email Chris Burke at info@mfaff.org to register.

Deadline Sunday April 17th.

Men's Faith and Fellowship Forum

Thanks.

Glen Palabicky

Director, Office of Religious Education
Diocese of Victoria

Protection of Conscience Rights for Institutions, Physicians and Healthcare Workers

Thank you for your participation in the postcard and petition campaign earlier this year asking the Federal government to protect conscience rights for institutions, physicians and health care workers regarding their choice not to participate in Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. Federal Legislation is expected to be presented to Parliament by mid-April.

Since Health also falls under provincial jurisdiction, provincial legislation will have to be drafted for Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. This weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday; as a spiritual work of mercy, we are asking for your assistance to send the same message to Provincial MLAs and/or the Provincial Minister of Health and Provincial Justice Minister.

The bulletin includes a sample letter to legislators. Bishop Gary invites you to use this letter to write to your MLA, the Provincial Minister of Health and the Provincial Minister of Justice, expressing your concerns about the protection of conscience rights for institutions, physicians and healthcare workers. You can use the letter as-is, by adding your signature, name and address; or you can personalize it. If you would like a copy of the Word file to use, please contact the office.

BC Minister of Health

Hon. Terry Lake
Room 337, Parliament Buildings
Victoria BC V8V 1X4
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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) Send a card, flowers, gift or note to someone on the six-month anniversary of his/her loved one's death.
- 2) Offer to babysit for a busy mom to go out and have a couple of hours to herself.
- 3) Make a meal (or buy a gift certificate) for a mom who's just given birth or adopted a child, or for someone who's just gone through a loss.
- 4) Hold...Your...Tongue

April, 2016

Dear Member of the Legislature:

I am a constituent in your riding. As you are aware, the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in February of 2015 to strike down Canada's existing laws prohibiting euthanasia and assisted suicide has opened a wide debate. As the Canadian Parliament and our Provincial Legislature are discussing possible legislation, I would like to share with you my concerns about protecting the conscience rights of physicians, healthcare workers and institutions.

Section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms provides protection for the fundamental freedoms of *conscience* and *religion*. Therefore, I request that whatever Federal and Provincial legislation being developed regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide will:

- respect and protect the vulnerable;
- provide proper end-of-life and palliative care for those who need it;
- protect the conscience rights of physicians and healthcare workers who, for moral or religious reasons, choose not to participate in euthanasia or assisted suicide, without them suffering professional or personal consequences; and,
- guarantee continued participation in our provincial health care system without penalty, prejudice or reduction in support or funding, for hospitals, care facilities and other institutions that, for reasons of morality or religion, choose not to participate in euthanasia or assisted suicide.

I ask that you carefully consider my concerns, which I know are shared by other Canadians, as both Federal and Provincial legislation is being drafted and will be voted on.

Sincerely,

Name

Signature

Street Address

City / Province / Postal Code