

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

Saturday

6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

12:00 noon—1:00 p.m.

AT SUNRIDGE PLACE

361 Bundoek Avenue, Duncan

Mass - Friday

11:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

From Fr. Luyen's Desk

It's nice to be back after a week of vacation. I spent most of my time in the Grand Canyon, Arizona, and it was a great experience to visit such a beautiful place like the Grand Canyon. No photograph or verbal description of the Grand Canyon is ever going to suffice. You just have to experience its overwhelming vastness and awe-inspiring splendor in person. Its beautiful silence and stillness really impressed me. One of the things I missed was the Skywalk which is located on the Hualapai Indian Reservation at Grand Canyon West. It could be an opportunity to go back and visit it in another time.

On the way home, I had a nice conversation with a lady who was sitting next to me on the airplane. She asked me what I was doing in Duncan; I told her I was a Catholic priest. She seemed very surprised and then asked: is there anything the same between Catholic Church and other Protestant Churches? And what is the difference between your Catholic Church and other Protestant Churches? I asked her how much time she had in order to hear my answer, and she said, "as long as we are still sitting on the same flight together."

I told her that many Protestant denominations share in the same baptism with the Catholic Church by baptizing their members in the Trinitarian-formula: Father, Son and Holy Spirit and with water. Outside of sharing baptism with some of the Protestant denominations, the Catholic is different and is very far from believing in the same doctrines and beliefs. The Catholic Church believes that the sacrament of matrimony is between a man and a woman, while many Protestants denominations today don't believe that in their churches. The Catholic Church sees the vocation of priesthood as reserved for men, because Jesus our high and eternal priest Himself was born as a man. Protestant churches ordain women priests and bishops in their churches. Catholics believe in our communion with the saints in heaven, especially the Blessed Virgin Mary, by praying to them for spiritual help before God. Catholics truly believe in the real transubstantiation of the Holy Eucharist—that's the moment the bread and wine become the very body and blood, soul and divinity of Christ.

Catholics believe that Jesus made Himself available to us at all times until the end of time for all those who believe in Him, and could become one with Him here on earth through receiving Holy Communion. For this reason, we believe that God is with us on the altar at Holy Mass and He will continue being with us at all times in the tabernacle of every Catholic Church—so that everyone can come and spend time in adoration and also Jesus (Holy Communion) could be brought to Catholics who are homebound and in nursing homes. Holy Communion is reserved for Catholics alone and to receive Communion worthily, one must be in a state of grace, have made a good confession, believe in transubstantiation, observe the Eucharistic fast, and finally, have not been excommunicated by the Catholic church. Non-Catholics are not to receive our Holy Communion because they are not yet in full union with the Catholic Church and their churches don't share in the same beliefs.

Even though our flight was short and I did not have enough time to share everything about the Catholic faith with her, I felt great that I had a chance to share my faith with someone who wanted to know about our faith.

Sharing the faith with someone reminds me about my identity: who I am and to whom I belong. In this Sunday's gospel, we hear Jesus say, "my sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish." As the sheep of Christ's flock, ask ourselves:

- ◆ Do we listen to His voice in the words of the Sacred Scripture and in the teachings of the Church?
- ◆ How do we follow Christ our shepherd?
- ◆ Do we have compassion for the poor as He did?
- ◆ Do we pray as He prayed?
- ◆ and do we have passion for the things of God as He had?

May God bless you all!

Your Brother priest, Fr. Luyen, CSSr

Pray, Read, Discuss for Next Week

Acts 14: 21b-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:1, 31-33a, 34-35

Focus

“I give them eternal life and they shall never perish.”



Dear Parishioners:

I have been asked, “whatever happened to our Youth Education Centre that was going to be built, and the sign that was going to go up, and now you talk about an elevator, but nothing seems to get done”. I thought it might be time to let all parishioners know updates on the above.

The David Craven Youth Educational Centre has been a slow process, with Municipal permits, existing site structural inspections, and various architectural concepts presented and revised. The ad hoc Building Committee agreed on a final concept and presented it to the parish at the Ministry Fair in January. It was well received and all your comments were noted. As of April 1st, 95% design architectural drawings were completed and reviewed on site with the Building Committee and Design Team Consultants. The Ten issues noted are now resolved. We have agreed to move onto the final design stage, finishing the 100% final tender package. Once we receive this package, do an internal cost review and feel confident in our project cost vs our budget, the project will be tendered to contractors. We anticipate a July-August construction window to finish major outside work before the start of school in September. I want to make clear that no parish money has gone into this; all monies we have for this project comes from estates and designated donations. At this time our cost is on budget. Egils Anderson is our Project Manager and he is always willing to answer any questions.

Our parish sign that will be installed at the corner of Tzouhalem and Maple Bay Road, has been in the works for nearly a year. If only you knew of all the permits and red tape that the ad hoc Committee has gone through just to put up a sign. Some of this was caused by the construction of the roundabout and some of the resulting changes. Even a signature of the Bishop was required. The committee is waiting for one more approval from North Cowichan and they should have that within three weeks. I think you will be very pleased with the sign. For more info on this, please talk to John Blore or Tony Parr.

The ad hoc Elevator Committee is looking at the feasibility of installing an elevator in the building and has been getting estimates for the cost and installation of an elevator. The first step is to establish whether or not our parishioners feel it is money well spent and if we need one. We had numerous responses from our parishioners with an overwhelming approval for installing an elevator. We did have some concerns expressed from a few parishioners who felt there was not a need for an elevator and that the money would not be well spent on such a project. Your PPC feels we should accommodate each and every one of our parishioners and that without an elevator we are not allowing

Jesus Christ promises eternal life to all who follow Him. We follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by recognizing His voice in Scripture and in the teachings of the Church, by listening to Him speaking to our hearts in prayer, and by practicing His teachings in our daily lives. When the situation is appropriate, we share our faith with others.

**Welcome Back
Fr. Luyen**

Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry

“I was sick and you visited me...” (Matthew 25:36)

Please mark your calendar.....

Our next PCO meeting will take place in the Church Hall on Wednesday May 18th at 2:00 p.m.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations
April 17th, 2016**

Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God’s call and to pray for vocations. Christ the Good Shepherd continues to lead his people through his Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and calls many to follow him in this way. Priestly, diaconal and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God’s people throughout the year.

PPC Corner continued.....

many folks to attend functions in the hall downstairs. Our building could not be built today without an elevator. Once we have accurate figures to present to the Finance Committee we will decide if it is feasible to move forward with construction. If so

We will need to do some fundraising to pay for it and will be asking for some volunteers to form a committee to fundraise. Jim Young is the Council’s chair person on this project, so please call him and volunteer for this important project.

Your PPC are all volunteers, we do only what we can. Our PPC agenda is filled to the max every month. I hope you can see that your Council and Committees are working hard on these projects, but everything takes time to do it right.

**Come to the AGM June 21st,
where more information will be available.**

God Bless,
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
Steve Barkanyi	Fr. Maynard Boomers, omi	Arlene Laughren
Annetta Anderson	Fr. Bob Kelly, omi	Tom Phillipson
Jenie Lauzon	David Russell	Tony Aquino
Kirby Flegel	Terry Christofferson	Ashley Pifko
Ray Marquis	Steven Christofferson	Margaret Fay
Brenda Whelan	Yvonne Gill	Andy Slade
Paulette Nelson	June Goode	Terry Thorpe
Jan Spencer	Andy Vanderstapp	Carol Enns
Bob Goehring	Baby Benjamin	Frank Gierc, sr.
Tim Cech	Joan Getson	Jan Tokorcheck
Steve Reiter	Kim Gunn	Riet Heemskerck
Dale Stelter	Maurice Foucher	Naomi Prodahl
Susan Ferguson	David McMahon	Winnie Finnie
Doris Brown	Verna Simard	Leah Langkamer

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

Our Dead

Brent Groot, husband of Afra Groot



This Week In Our Parish

Sat	Apr 16th	4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—David & Mo Kenward
Sun	Apr 17th	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 2:00 p.m. CWL Spring Tea and Fashion Show
Mon	Apr 18th	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tues	Apr 19th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Joseph MacQueen+ 10:00 a.m. Liturgy Meeting 5:00 p.m. Adoration, Benediction & Rosary 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's— Roy Teasdale+ 7:15 p.m. Respect Life Meeting in the Church Hall
Wed	Apr 20th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Doreen Gowans 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
Thurs	Apr 21st	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Susan Bremner+ 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Fri	Apr 22nd	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Joan Doyle 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge Place—Bella Michaud+ 3:00 p.m. St. Edward's-Exposition of the Blessed Divine Mercy Chaplet Benediction (Confessions) 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's-Sanctity of Life, Conversion of the World and Peace
Sat	Apr 23rd	4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Pro Populo
Sun	Apr 24th	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 - David Bremner+ 2:00 p.m. Widows Meeting in the Church Hall



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.

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 7:15 p.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

ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

BURSARY

St. Edward's CWL is offering a Bursary of \$500.00 to an eligible student graduating from Secondary School and proceeding to advanced education and training.

This Bursary is offered to students who are active members of St. Edward's Parish and is based on:

- Financial need
- Academic performance
- Community and Church involvement



Applications may be obtained from:

*St. Edward's Parish Office or
Cowichan Valley Secondary School Counselling Departments*

Applications must reach the Counselling Department of the Secondary School by **April 29th, 2016.**

Earth Walk 2016..... Come together for Peace, Earth and Justice. The 36th annual Earth Walk for Peace and the Planet will take place on Saturday April 23rd. Meet at the Legislature Lawns at 11:45 a.m. The walk is to Centennial Square for speakers, music and festivities. You can bring banners, signs, flags and flowers. Look for the Development and Peace banner. Drums, noisemakers, puppets and people younger and older are welcome and encouraged to participate! Together, we're proclaiming our commitment to a peaceful world that respects ecological systems and the communities they sustain!

[Find us on Facebook.](#)

Ordination to Diaconate

Mr. Michael Tinh Tran, a seminarian for the Diocese of Victoria, presently in formation at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario, will be ordained to the Order of Deacon on Friday, July 8th, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Christ the King Parish in Courtenay. A reception in the parish hall will follow, and all are welcome to attend the Mass and Celebration.

Bishop's Gala

Sold Out!

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.



The Knights invite all parishioners to a pancake breakfast next Sunday after Mass.
Have your change ready after the Masses on that weekend as the Knights will be collecting money for their seminarian program, Pennies from Heaven.



LIFE IS SACRED
from conception to natural death

"IMPORTANT"

**March for Life, Victoria,
Thursday, May 12th, 2016.**



Bus transportation is being provided from St. Edward's Parish, Duncan.

By reservation only.

Cost: Adults - \$12, Youth - **Free**
(Courtesy of Knights of Columbus, Duncan).

Schedule: Leave St. Edwards at 10:00 a.m.;
arrive at St. Andrew's Cathedral for Mass at noon;
pickup at the BC Legislature at 3:30 p.m.
to arrive back at St. Edward's about 5:00 p.m.

Please reserve your place on the bus soon.

Contact Mike at 250-900-5461, mike.vandewiel@gmail.com,
or Fr. Steven at 250-597-4714.

For more information about the March for Life Victoria, see:
www.m4lvictoria.ca

This Tuesday:

The Respect Life Ministry meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:15 p.m. (right after Mass).

*"I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion
has already been born."*

Ronald Reagan