

# St. Edward's Church

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April 30th/  
May 1st

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## AT ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH

## AT ST. CLARE'S MONASTERY

## AT SUNRIDGE PLACE

**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.**

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.

361 Bundoek Avenue, Duncan

**Mass - Friday**

**11:00 a.m.**

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## From Fr. Luyen's Desk

If you were at Mass last Sunday, you will agree with me that our children who were involved in the different parts of the Mass: readings, intercessions and singing, did a wonderful job. Thank you to their parents, teachers and catechists who had trained them and encouraged them to participate in the Eucharistic celebration!

This weekend, we are in the first week of May. It is a month of special celebrations. Next weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, it is also Mother's Day weekend. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking breakfast after Sunday Mass. That day we will honour and pray for all mothers, grandmothers, God-mothers, and Mothers to be.

Talking about honouring mothers, as you see, the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is displayed in the Worship area of our Church, on the first Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. we have the novena and Mass to honour our Blessed Mother Mary with the Sacrament of the Sick during Mass. This Saturday is the first Saturday of May, I invite you to come to the Novena and to celebrate the Mass to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary at 9:30 a.m.

As you saw in the bulletin last weekend, the CWL will be holding 12 hours of prayer for palliative care on Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>. St. Edward's Parish will hold Adoration all day from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. During prayer time there will be a discussion downstairs in the Parish Hall about Palliative Care and Hospice.

May 12<sup>th</sup> is "March for Life" in Victoria. The Respect Life Ministry are organizing a bus to go to Victoria to join this event. Seats are still available, and this weekend is the last week to reserve your seat. I invite you to reserve your seat as soon as possible so that it is easier for the organizers. Thank you for your participation!

On Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome Bishop Gary Gordon who is coming to celebrate First Communion and to Confirm our children at 1:00 p.m. I ask you to keep our children in your prayers.

This Sunday is the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, we hear Jesus say that if we love Him then we will keep His word and God will make His home in our heart. Where God has made His home, there will be peace in the heart. The heart will feel safe. Our hearts are made to be God's home, our hearts are made for peace, our hearts are made for love. Hence, we have to keep our hearts clean. We have to keep our hearts pure. St. Teresa says: "A pure heart knows no evil."

There are many dangers out there and if we are not careful or vigilant, then our hearts can slowly become polluted. Let us cleanse our hearts constantly by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, for a pure heart knows no evil. And as the famous hymn says:

"Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come. 'Twas grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home." May the peace of Christ keep us safe, and may the peace of Christ keep our hearts pure, so that God will make His home in our hearts.

May God Bless you!  
Your Brother Priest, Fr. Luyen, CSsR



Pray, Read, Discuss for Next Week

**Acts 1: 1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53**

Focus ..... **“Jesus offers us a peace the world cannot give.”**



*The peace of Christ is truly a precious gift, offering us the blessed assurance that Jesus walks with us every step of our journey of faith. Jesus leads and guides us along the path to everlasting life, giving us the strength and grace to overcome obstacles and difficulties along the way.*

**Pope’s Pastoral Works**

Today there is a sanctioned collection for Pope’s Pastoral Works. This collection will be taken up at the same time as the regular weekly collection.

**THERE WILL BE NO SECOND COLLECTION**

**-PPC Nominations-**

On the week-end of May 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the Parish will be holding selections for two seats on our Parish Pastoral Council.

Membership of the Parish Pastoral Council consists of the Pastor *ex officio* and six other parishioners. The PPC holds yearly selections in May. Normally, each year two seats become available. A Nominating Committee submits to Council a list of names of parishioners who, having been asked, have agreed to serve on the Council.

Further, a general invitation (of which this is one) goes out to all adult parishioners to stand. Any parishioner who has not been invited specifically to stand may nevertheless do so. In that case the following method of selection is used: The names of all candidates are placed in a container and, in the presence of the Council Chair and Vice-Chair, the Pastor draws two names at random. These two people each serve a three year term.

This method is deemed preferable to elections, as in this way no one who has offered to serve need feel their generous offer has been rejected by their not having been chosen in an election.

This year Mary Hof's term ends. She has led the Council as Chair for the past five years and is looking forward to a well-earned rest from that onerous task. Last year Julia Hengstler agreed to serve on Council, but her plate has since become overloaded, necessitating her departure from the Council, so there remain two years left of her term to be served.

The Council meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., except for July, August and December. Any St Edward's parishioners in good standing who can make themselves available for those meetings may stand. Should you wish to stand, please indicate your wish by submitting a Nomination Form to the Nominating Committee c/o the Parish Office, not later than **12 o'clock noon Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. The Nomination Forms are available at the Office.

As this is a very important ministry, one in which parishioners can give of their time and talent to the Lord, you are encouraged to participate actively and prayerfully in this project.

Tony Parr, Chair  
Nomination Committee

**PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE**

The Catholic Women’s League of Canada calls all people of faith to join a nation wide 12 hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This is designed to take place during the National Hospice Palliative Care Week as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. On this day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. we encourage you to gather in groups-large or small or as individuals to pray for at least 1 hour that the Federal Government will specifically identify hospice palliative care as a defined medical service covered under the Canada Health Act so that provincial and territorial governments will be entitled to funds under the Canada Health Transfer system to be used to provide access and available hospice palliative care for all residents of Canada in their respective provinces and territories. We at St. Edward’s will have the church open for prayer and at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall, we invite you to join us for some prayer, information about hospice palliative care in the Cowichan Valley, and an opportunity for dialogue. Refreshments will be served. Please join us .



Dear Parishioners:

There are 6 Diocesan sanctioned collections (second collections) during the year; the collected funds go to Share Lent, Needs of Church in the Holy Land, Pope's Pastoral Works, Needs of the Church in Canada, World Mission Sunday, and Catholic Missions in Canada. If you are an envelope holder, you will have the extra envelopes in your envelope box. A pastoral decision was made and backed by PPC, that from now on, the ushers will only take up the collection one time. Envelope holders, we ask that you put your second envelope in the basket at the same time you put in your first envelope.

If you are not an envelope holder, and you would like to be, please contact the office during office hours. There are envelopes in the foyer for those special collections and we encourage you to use them. One quarter of the loose cash in the collection basket on the days of special collections, will be given to the sanctioned charity, the other three quarters, will be retained as parish funds. We are doing this to make it a more prayerful time after communion and less time collecting these sanctioned donations.

Blessings  
Mary Hof, PPC Chair

**Mark your calendar.....**

**AGM Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 2016  
after the 6:30 p.m. Mass**

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

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

**Our Dead**

*Casper Zerr, husband of Adelaide Zerr*

## This Week In Our Parish

Sat	Apr 30th	4:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's Mass at St. Edward's—Pro Populo
Sun	May 1st	9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Reconciliation or by appointment Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's Mass at St. Edward's - Dominga Gutierrez+ CWL will be serving refreshments after Mass
Mon	May 2nd	11:00 a.m.	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b> Memorial Service for Casper Zerr+ at Sands Funeral Chapel.
Tues	May 3rd	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Mass at St. Clare's—Fr. Maynard Boomers, OMI+ Adoration, Benediction & Rosary Mass at St. Edward's— Riet Heemskerck+
Wed	May 4th	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Mass at St. Clare's—Fr. Tony Gonsalves+ Children's Faith Formation
Thurs	May 5th	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Mass at St. Clare's—Rick Dunn+ Choir Practice
Fri	May 6th	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Mass at St. Clare's— Bella Michaud+ Mass at Sunridge Place— 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	May 7th	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Novena of our Lady of Perpetual Help and the Holy Rosary Mass honouring the Blessed Virgin Anointing of the sick Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's Mass at St. Edward's—Pro Populo
Sun	May 8th	9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Reconciliation or by appointment Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's Mass at St. Edward's - Louis Trapler+, Joe Hoffmann+, and Frank Seifert+ Happy Mothers Day—Pancake Breakfast down- stairs 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 Kliz.

**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.

**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)

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

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

**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 Coffee Sunday**

Sunday, May 1st after 10:00 a.m. Mass

Come and join your family and friends for a pleasant social  
In the Church Hall.

**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.**



For the next few weekends we will have art work on the walls in the Worship Area. Our children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion have worked on these spiritual expressions of faith. Please take some time to read them and notice their work. Please pray for our children as they journey together in faith.  
Paula Hudson,  
Children's Religious Education Coordinator



*Mother's Day—May 8th*

In honour of our mothers at St. Edward's the Knights of Columbus are having a pancake breakfast on Mother's Day. Mark your calendars and bring your family.

**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**

This is a Knights of Columbus program to raise money for Vocations and to assist Seminarians. Thanks, to the generosity of the parishioners of St. Edward the Confessor Parish, the Knights were able to collect \$158.50 for Pennies for Heaven in April. Thank you all and God bless you.

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

**Respect Life Committee**



**“IMPORTANT”**

**March for Life, Victoria,  
Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

We'll be taking reservations after Masses on the weekend of April 30th/May 1st.  
Contact Mike at 250-900-5461, [mike.vandewiel@gmail.com](mailto:mike.vandewiel@gmail.com),  
or Fr. Steven at 250-597-4714.

For more information about the March for Life Victoria, see:  
[www.m4lvictoria.ca](http://www.m4lvictoria.ca)

**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

# Plant and Harvest Sale



It's that time of the year again! We are starting to organize for the 27th annual Plant and Harvest Sale. Some parishioners have been involved for many years; for others, supporting and helping will be a brand new experience. Over the next five months, the Plant and Harvest Sale Committee will be asking for donations of saleable items and for volunteers to drive, to price, to sort and store, to lift and carry, to bake and serve, to advertise and count money, to set up and clean up, to repair donated tools, and to blow up balloons.

Our container-(the big one behind the Church) - already holds boxes of nice donations from parishioners who have been downsizing through the winter. Pricing Party dates and times will be in the Bulletin. Donations can be dropped off at the basement door during Pricing Parties.

This is what happens at every pricing party: First we bring everything from the container into the Church basement. Next we designate pricing tables—books, crafts, plants, household, toys, men's, linen, boutique, jewelry, silent auction, religious, games and puzzles, etc.—and start emptying boxes, shifting stuff, and sorting. Then it's pricing and packing everything into sturdy boxes, ready for storage. We store over at the School, and always hope for a truck to get all the boxes over there. If there is no truck, we use our cars. The School owns trolleys we can borrow to transport our boxes from the front door to the storage space we are allowed to use. Several members of the Committee are unbelievably good at space-saving storage!

Pricing Parties are a lot of work; they are also a lot of fun. If you like organizing, pricing, and being part of a fun group—(and we really need you!) - please call

**Lucille at 250-746-7666**

or

**Ro at 250-748-5115**

## GRAMMY Award Winning Atlanta Boy Choir

Come and hear one of St. Pope John Paul II favorite choirs. The boys performed for him numerous times in Rome. They have performed at cathedrals and churches throughout Europe. It is indeed rare that this choir would be on the Island. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity. Join us June 1st at 7:00 p.m. Admission by donation in support of Covenant House.

For more information on this wonderful choir go to

[www.atlantaboychoir.org](http://www.atlantaboychoir.org)

Many Thanks,  
*Debbie McMillan*, Parish Coordinator  
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## George Martin Bursary



Applications are now being accepted for the George Martin Bursary of \$500.00. The George Martin Bursary is a legacy of the late George Martin of this parish. It consists of a gift of \$15,000.00 dedicated to aiding students from this parish who are entering their first year of post-secondary education at a recognized institution. It provides that the principal remain untouched and that bursaries be funded from the interest only so that the fund may carry on in perpetuity.

The bursary is administered by the Parish Pastoral Council through its George Martin Bursary Committee.

A candidate must:

- be currently enrolled in an approved post-secondary institution of learning;
- be a member in good standing of the parish of St. Edward the Confessor;

have contributed significantly of time and talent to this or another Catholic faith community; and have submitted to the Committee an application form properly completed within the specified time period.

Application forms are available at the parish office; further instructions are available on the forms.

### The deadline for submission is

**Friday, May 27th, 2016**

- Submission by mail (postmarked up to and including May 27th) are to be sent to:

**St. Edward's Church  
George Martin Bursary Committee  
2085 Maple Bay Road  
Duncan, BC V9L 5L9**

- Submissions by hand to the parish office are due at 12:00 noon on Friday, May 27, 2016.

*Please note that late submissions will not be considered.*

*Pat Carter*

Chairperson  
George Martin Bursary Committee





# DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

## 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 p.m. 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.

## Pilgrimage to Guadalupe – Still time!

October 17th-23rd, 2016

Join us as we visit the places where evil was conquered under the mantle of the Blessed Virgin Mary! Experience the gorgeous colonial city of Puebla. Visit the largest pyramid in the world in Cholula. Visit the amazing St. Michael's Miracle and Our Lady of Ocotlan. Experience all the beautiful and cultural places of the new world's largest city, Mexico City, including the home of St. Juan Diego, the remains of Blessed Miguel Pro, ancient Teotihuacan, the canals of Xochimilco, the churches of Coyoacan, and of course, visit twice the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All travel, accommodation, and most meals provided. Price: \$3100. Chaplain: Fr. John Laszczyk, Rector, St Andrew's Cathedral & Vicar General, Diocese of Victoria. Tour Leader & Contact for Itinerary & Details : Denise Buckley @ [two-bucks@shaw.ca](mailto:two-bucks@shaw.ca) or 250-339-1807.

And if you wish, extend your stay in Mexico to Puerto Vallarta staying at the all-inclusive Royal Decameron Resort until Saturday October 29th. The price of \$695.00 per person includes airfare from Mexico City to Puerto Vallarta, airport transfers, accommodations, all meals, all drinks, nightly entertainment and return flights to either Victoria or Comox.



World Youth Day, Krakow 2016. We will have extra 2 spots available for World Youth Day in Krakow this Summer. If you are interested please let us know

Fr. Paul [paul.szczur@mailsds.org](mailto:paul.szczur@mailsds.org) or  
Fr. Dean [catholic@uvic.ca](mailto:catholic@uvic.ca).



## 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

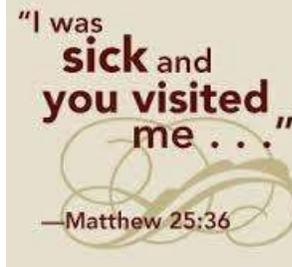
March at 1:45 p.m. from Centennial Square to the legislature down Government Street.

2:15 p.m. Rally for Life outside the legislature on front lawn.

## Diocesan Family Conference

Join other Catholic families from August 12th-14th from around the island on the shores of Nanoose Bay at the 4th annual Diocesan Family conference. With plenty of opportunity to rest and play in the ocean, we will also be treated to a wonderful keynote speaker, the holy, dynamic Fr. Clair Watrin, founding chaplain of CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach) who loves families and youth. Bishop Gary will join us too as we pray, play and deepen our family relationships. To register please go the diocesan website [rcdvictoria.org](http://rcdvictoria.org)

## Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry



Next Meeting at St. Edward's Parish  
Wednesday May 18th  
at 2:00 p.m.

## *Faustina*

### Messenger of Divine Mercy

Sunday, June 5th, 2016

7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Church Hall

1135 Fourth Avenue, Ladysmith, B.C.

Admission: free-will offering

For more information call  
St. Mary's Parish Office 250-245-3414

Or

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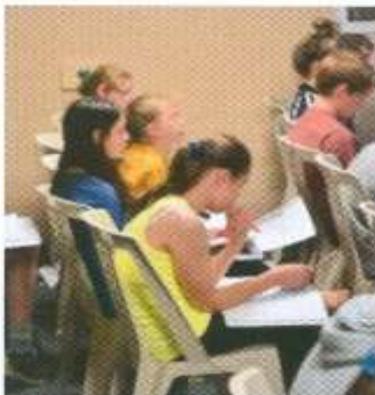
## The Resurrection is the Greatest Act of Mercy An Event that is

On the week-end of April 22nd -24th, the Youth Groups of St. Edward's (Duncan) Holy Trinity (Nanaimo) and St Joseph the Worker (Victoria) gathered at Camp Imadene for an amazing Youth Retreat, focusing on the "Event of the Resurrection" reaching us today in our own lives. While we played games together, sang songs, prayed and shared, we perceived the evidence of the Risen Lord among us; so that each one of us became "witness of these things" that the Gospel speaks of. I was struck by some of the leaders and parents who at times were moved in front of such an evidence of beauty in the joy of the kids. We are now provoked as we return home to carry on the work of looking at the "Event of the Resurrection" as something that is happening now, in the reality before us, that at times we do not always like.



I would like to thank Camille and Mike Nunn and their team and all volunteers from Nanaimo and Victoria who made this event possible.

Fr Alfie





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*Ted Falk*

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ST EDWARD'S PARISH AND MISSIONS  
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From Member of Parliament Ted Falk:

Canadian charities deliver critical social support services to communities. However, with an ever declining donor base, I recognize that you need help.

This is why I have announced details of my new Private Members Bill in Parliament - *The Fairness in Charitable Gifts Act*. And I need **YOUR** help to make this proposal a reality.

Currently, federal tax credits for political contributions **far exceed** the federal tax credits for donations to registered charities in Canada. That's just not right. The *Fairness in Charitable Gifts Act* will level the playing field between donations to political parties and donations to registered charitable organizations like yours.

I am proposing to Parliament that we substantially raise the federal donation tax credit for donations to registered Canadian charities to:

**Donations under \$400:** 75% federal tax credit. A \$400 donation would now only cost \$100. (Even less once you add in the provincial tax credit also available).

**Donations from \$400-\$750:** 50% federal tax credit. A \$750 donation would now only cost \$225. (Even less once you add in the provincial tax credit also available).

**Donations over \$750:** 33.3% tax credit. A \$1000 donation would only cost \$442. (Even less once you add in the provincial tax credit also available).

If we can accomplish this, **charities all across Canada** will benefit greatly as more dollars will be freed up for donations. This will make it easier for small donors to become larger donors, and for people who do not currently donate, to start.

As I mentioned, I need your help. A concerted effort must be made to ensure that this Bill will gain a sufficient number votes to pass and become law.

I have included additional information on this bill and I am requesting that, if you are supportive, take just one minute out of your day to contact **YOUR** Member of Parliament and lend your support to this bill. The bill is C-239 - The Fairness in Charitable Gifts Act. As a Member of Parliament I know how much of an impact every letter, call and email from one of my constituents makes.

How do you get the contact information for your Member of Parliament? It's easy! Simply go to [www.parl.gc.ca](http://www.parl.gc.ca), type in your postal code in the box entitled "Find your Member of Parliament" and the contact information will pop up. A 30 second call or very brief email or letter of support will suffice. It is always best to include your name and the city in which you live.

Thank you for helping. Together we can make a huge difference in YOUR fundraising efforts and also help charities across the country!

Sincerely,

Ted Falk

Member of Parliament for Provencher

For further information on this Bill please visit [www.tedfalk.ca](http://www.tedfalk.ca)

**Sample letters are on the bulletin board in the foyer.**