



St. Edward's Parish

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MASS TIMES

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.

ST. CLARE'S MONASTERY

2359 Calais Road, Duncan

Tuesday to Friday	Mass	9:00 a.m.
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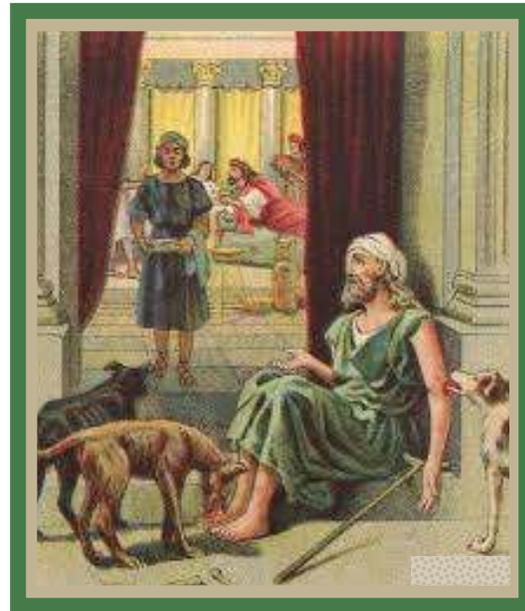
SUNRIDGE PLACE

361 Bundoek Avenue, Duncan

Friday	Mass	11:00 a.m.
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TWENTY-SIXTH IN ORDINARY TIME

September 24th/25th, 2016



St. Edward's Parish Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Edward's reaffirm our belief that we are children of God, created in love, diverse and unique. We believe that through our common Baptism, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are called to be Christ for one another and to foster unity with all peoples. We accept the challenges of living according to Gospel Values, and to invite all sisters and brothers to share this journey with us.

"Wealth is not inherently evil, but can cause us to become complacent and lose our focus on building up the kingdom of God on earth. Jesus is reminding us that our worldly possessions must not blind us to the fact that our blessings come from God, and we must use them to love one another, and to help ease the suffering of others.

Pray, Read, Discuss for Next Week

Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16: 19-31

“We must be mindful of the stumbling blocks that distract us from living as disciples of Jesus.”



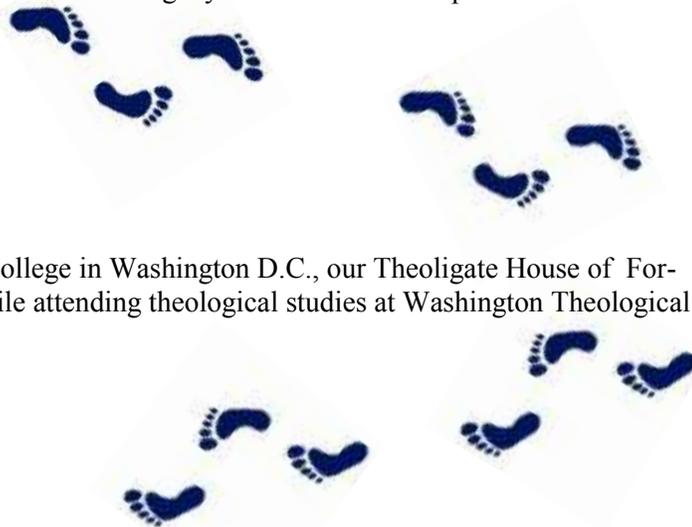
From the Desk of Fr. Luyen

My sisters and brothers in Christ:

Last week I traveled to the U.S. to celebrate the Jubilee of the 150th anniversary of the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Washington D.C with my Religious Order, the Redemptorists. It was a beautiful trip. It was like a pilgrimage, and I felt as if I was walking down the isle of memories.



At first, I stopped at the National Shrine of St. John Neumann, to visit his tomb. This holy place is where I took my religious vows to become a Redemptorists on September 8th, 2001 just three days before the tragedy in New York on September 11th.



Then I stopped at Holy Redeemer College in Washington D.C., our Theoligate House of Formation where I lived for 4 years while attending theological studies at Washington Theological Union.



After that I went to visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception where I was ordained as a priest 8 years ago (May 10th, 2008). And also, it is a place where last Saturday we celebrated the Jubilee of the 150th anniversary of the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

The history of this original icon, which is now enshrined in the Redemptorist Church of St. Alphonsus in Rome, can be traced back to the year 1495, when the image, already considered ancient, was enshrined in a church on the island of Crete. When the island was threatened by Turks, the icon was stolen by a merchant who took it with him to Rome. Shortly after arriving in Rome, the man became grievously ill. At his hour of death, he revealed his secret of the picture and begged a friend to take the icon to one of the churches in Rome so that it could be publicly venerated. However, the friend's wife persuaded her husband to allow her to keep the painting in their home, and the friend died without fulfilling his promise.



At last the blessed Virgin then appeared to the man's 6-year-old daughter, telling her to tell her mother and grandmother that the Picture of Holy Mary of Perpetual Help should be place in the Church of St. Matthew the Apostle, a small church located between the basilicas of St. Major and St. John Lateran. That very day, March 27th, 1499, the picture was taken in solemn procession to the Church of St. Matthew the Apostle, where it was placed above the exquisite white-marble altar.

For the next three hundred years, this humble Church was one of the most popular pilgrimage places in Rome because of the miraculous picture. Then in 1798, the Church of St. Matthew was levelled to the ground by Napoleon's forces and for almost



**Are you interested in becoming a Roman Catholic?
We want to hear from you.
Call the Parish Office TODAY!
250-746-6831**

**Jubilee for Catechists
"Announcing the Mercy of God"
Sunday, September 25, 2016
I am a Catechist**



"Who are catechists?"

- ◆ **They are people who keep the memory of God alive;**
- ◆ **they keep it alive in themselves**
- ◆ **and they are able to revive it in others."**

(Holy Mass on the Occasion of the 'Day for Catechists' during the Year of Faith, Homily of Holy Father, Pope Francis, September 29, 2013)



Do you assist in a ministry that helps Father celebrate the Mass? Would you like to know more about these ministries? There will be a two hour workshop held October 2nd for all ministries that help with the Mass. All people who assist and any other interested people are encouraged to attend. It will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Worship Area.

The workshop is designed to review the flow and all parts of the Mass. It will include the roles and accountabilities of the various ministries that assist during and after the Mass. It includes the following ministries;

- *Sacristan*
- *Greeter*
- *Usher*
- *Choir*
- *Altar Server*
- *Leader of Children's Liturgy*
- *Lector*
- *Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion*
- *Pastoral Care Minister*

There will be two perspectives used;

1. reflection on our own spirituality and lay ministry, including some exercises and reflections designed to help us deepen our faith, spirituality and ability as people of ministry and
2. a pragmatic review of the parts of the Mass and how the various lay ministries support Father Luyen in his leadership and actions in the Eucharistic Mass.

The workshop facilitator is Phil Jennings. Any changes that have been introduced over the past few months will be re-viewed as well.

Children's Faith Formation Registration

It is time to register your child(ren) today into Children's Faith Formation. Classes will be held at Queen of Angels School on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.

Forms are available on the table in the foyer. You may drop them off at the Parish Office during Office hours or for your convenience, you may place them in an envelope marked "parish office" and drop them into the collection basket during Mass.

CAN YOU HELP?

A few weeks ago while visiting his son Nick Zuback, his father, Rick from Ontario had a serious fall. His injuries will take major and costly rehabilitation.

We as a parish community can help him with these expenses by taking our empty bottles to the Bottle Return Depot and before they process our returns mention the name Zuback and the refund will be placed in an account to assist Rick.

Thank you, Jenn Ertel



**Funeral Luncheons
at St. Edward's Parish**



Our volunteers who help at funeral luncheons see first hand how grateful families are and that the people who attend these luncheons can feel the love and compassion extended to them by our parishioners.

The Funeral Ministry at St. Edward's is very much appreciated. Members of this group are humbly blessed through their service. **All parishioners** are asked to consider volunteering to help in this ministry.

For more information please contact Terry Teasdale at 250-748-9294

**SERVING IN THE
LOVE OF CHRIST**



QUEEN OF ANGELS
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL



Volunteers needed...

Do you have some time to spare? The grade two's at Queen of Angels School are looking for some reading buddies.

Reading buddies are needed
Monday from 10:30 a.m.—12:00 noon and
Thursday from 10:30 a.m.—12:00 noon.

If you'd like to help please contact me at the school [250-746-5919](tel:250-746-5919) or by email egiles@cisdv.bc.ca
Many thanks, Erin Giles
grade two teacher

**Please pray for the following
who are in special need of God's healing.**

Anne Welch	Glen Lowe	Scott Wright
Elizabeth Pickles	Bob Benson	Paul Boray
Fred Kelly	Peter Barfield	Ann Waugh
Thomas Kay	Tschi Fellmann	Justin Moore
Steve Barkanyi	Eileen Martin	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	Terry Thorpe
Paulette Nelson	June Goode	Jan Tokorcheck
Jan Spencer	Baby Benjamin	Riet Heemskerk
Bob Goehring	Joan Getson	Naomi Prodhahl
Tim Cech	Kim Gunn	Winnie Finnie
Steve Reiter	David McMahan	Maurice Foucher
Dale Stelter	Susan Ferguson	Jim Kocurek
Chris Barfield	Laurence Vander Peet	Maggie Bell
Aileen Tan	Maria Angelina Moniz	Nick Nikel
Winnie Cools	Rick Zuback	

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.

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

Fr. Michael and Fr. Joachim are available for sacramental confession or just to talk to a priest. If you are interested, please call them at [778-455-2501](tel:778-455-2501), or contact Fr. Joachim by email at joachim.ostermann@gmail.com

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.

Next Week In Our Parish

Sat	Sept 24th	9:00 a.m. PLANT AND HARVEST SALE 4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Elizabeth Common+
Sun	Sept 25th	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—For all the people K of C will be collection change for their Seminarian Program. K of C Pancake Breakfast after Mass
Mon	Sept 26th	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tues	Sept 27th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Bolek Palasz+ 5:00 p.m. Adoration, Benediction & Rosary 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Richard O'Rourke+
Wed	Sept 28th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Jenny Banquiao 7:00 p.m. Parent Meeting for Children's Sacramental Prep Children's Faith Formation
Thurs	Sept 29th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Cathy Larmand+ 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Fri	Sept 30th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Marianne Leber+ 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge Place—Don Multauf+ 3:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession/Rosary 5:00 p.m. Mass
Sat	Oct 1st	4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—For all the People
Sun	Oct 2nd	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—Henry Wlodarczyk+

SANCTIONED COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

September 25th/26th

Today, a special collection is held in parish communities across the country to support the pastoral work of the Bishops nationally and internationally, known as the *Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada*. This collection helps dioceses pay their annual contribution to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB).

Founded more than 65 years ago, the CCCB is the assembly of all the Bishops of Canada, including those of the Eastern Catholic Churches. In addition to assisting in consultations with the Holy Father and the various departments of the Holy See, the CCCB works in close partnership with other Episcopal Conferences around the world, and in particular with those in the Americas. Through the work of its commissions and committees, it is involved in the issues that affect the life of the Church today and shape society.

Please place both your donation to the Needs of the Church in Canada and your regular weekly donation in the basket today.



Your Parish Council Members

The next Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting is Wednesday September 28th at 3:30 p.m.

ST. EDWARD'S PARISH YOUTH GROUP MEETING

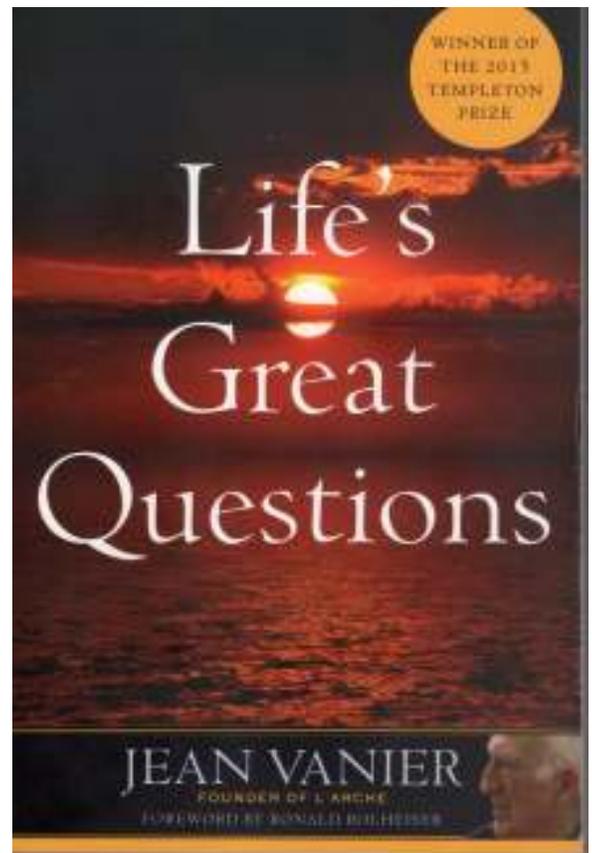


Meetings will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday evenings.

Continuing Our Journey of Faith Enrichment

It is once again time to start thinking about how we as adults will enrich our faith journey as exemplars of living faith to our family and friends. This year our 2016/17 adult faith journey will once again be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the church hall. Many of us have journeyed together for the past few years sharing our faith and spirituality as adult practicing Catholics through guided presentations on and discussions about a variety of books. It is a great follow up for those who in the past couple of years may have finished the RCIA program. The sessions are designed for adults interested in enriching their faith journey from where they are now toward a horizon where we will all meet Christ in different ways. Last year we journeyed with the Pope's encyclical letter; *Laudato Si*. This year we will be using a book by Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche and *Faith and Light*. *Life's Great Questions* is a beautifully written book with a series of spiritual explorations on questions about the mystery of faith and our world. Questions such as "Why is there so much suffering?", "How can we love?" and "How does God intervene in human affairs?".

The first session will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday October 5th in the church hall. Please register at the office or send me an email at phtaire@shaw.ca before September 20th to ensure a book is available for the starting date. We will hold 9 sessions before Advent and 8 more sessions after New Year to end at the beginning of Lent.



I encourage all who have journeyed with us in the past to join us again this year and also invite and encourage any new participant to join our band of faith pilgrims this year. Come and share our mutual love of Christ Jesus and explore new ways to meet him on our faith journey.

Your Brother in Service - Phil Jennings



Respect Life Committee

The Respect Life Ministry would like to start up again but is in need of someone to lead the ministry. Adequate training and support will be provided. Please call the office if you can take on this very important task.

Michael Vande Wiel
Fr. Steven Basarab



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

President
Leanne Forest
250-597-4450



Membership
Francine Tournier
250-748-9831

Coffee Sunday 2nd October 2016

CWL invites you to come downstairs after the 10:00 a.m. Mass to celebrate Thanksgiving with refreshments and special treats.

All proceeds will be sent to the Esk-OMI Mission in the Canadian Arctic.

Pastoral Care Outreach Program Session 1

The Healing Ministry of Christ

Saturday, October 22, 2016, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Trinity Parish, Nanaimo

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 four workshops, if possible.

Please bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea will be provided. Contact the parish office to register: (250) 390-2612 or email trinitycatholic@shaw.ca



Wednesday, October 5th, is St. Edward's Mystery Bus Tour. 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 per person, Tickets are available at the parish office.

Lunch is not included in the price, but there will be a place to purchase lunch. Feel free to bring a bag lunch if you wish, bring water, and any snack you may need. There will be opportunities to purchase items so you may want to bring some extra money. Some have phoned and asked "where are we going" well if I told you it would not be a mystery. What I can tell you is it's going to be fun, it's a time to meet new friends, and it's a day outing at a good price.

Bring a friend but

HURRY— there are only 17 tickets left.

Hope you will come along and be part of this trip.

Where are we going? Come and help solve the mystery.

Mary Hof
mhof126@gmail.com or phone 250-715-6297

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Important Parent Meeting
Wednesday, September 28th, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Queen of Angels School Library

Parents and Guardians of children:

Who were enrolled in the Sacramental Preparation Program during the 2015- 2016 school year; and/or

Who wish to have their child/children prepared to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Holy Communion and/or First Reconciliation; and/or

Who wish to enroll their child/children in Grade 1 - 7 in the regular Parish Faith Formation Program for the 2016-2017 school year;

Our Children's Faith Formation Team would like to meet and welcome you to a new year of continuing Faith Formation of your children. We are here to represent the Church, which is striving to grow in loving service. We are here to assist you in your role as primary religious educators of your children, and, as we journey together during this next year, may we all grow in faith, hope and love and in service to one another. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the Parish Office. Thank you.

Gloria Ganter
Interim Coordinator

From the Diocesan Marriage Office

Are you aware that when a Catholic gets married, he or she must be married in front of a Catholic priest (deacon or bishop) and two witnesses? This is called the Form of Marriage. If a Catholic does not get married in this way it is not recognized by the Church (unless a Dispensation from Form was requested of the local bishop through the pastor) and thus the Catholic party is to refrain from receiving the Eucharist until such time as this has been rectified. You see, it has nothing to do with the location of the wedding but with the witnesses involved. Originally, this was done to provide for the safety of women who were being abandoned by men who refused to recognize their marriages. Today, while safety is no longer an issue, the law still pertains. It is important to note that non Catholic marriages performed in any legal manner are considered binding by the Church if the parties are free to marry.

If you are in a situation where you believe your marriage might not be presently recognized by the Church, give your pastor a shout and he will work things out with you. If you have not been married previously to another person then there is no problem in solving this difficulty. If you have been previously married, (or your spouse has been previously married) then he will simply have to work a little harder to resolve the situation. Or, if you wish, contact the Marriage Tribunal in Victoria (250-479-1331 or mgill@redvictoria.org) and Moira Gill will be happy to assist you with the direction of Fr. John Laszczyk.



When Gerry and I got married at St. Edwards, 40 years ago, Brother Vincent James was present. In 1980 he said his first Mass as a priest at St Edwards, those who remember him, know he had such a great sense of humor, he could make you laugh, yet he was so caring and thoughtful that his presence made you feel like you were being touched by God.

We heard Fr. Vince was in Fraser Lake, BC, and we had not seen him since he left Duncan, so, as we would be close by we decided to make the trip to see him.

Father opened the door and his laugh was no different, his size yes, (and he jokes about this all the time), he made us feel so welcome, his laughter and the gifts he brings to his people are a gift from God. He thought maybe we were coming to get a quick annulment, we laughed with him. Such a down to earth man, he still looks after three parishes, two are first nations, and as before, he loves to get out there to visit the people.

Because of his health, he has two brothers from India helping him. Fr. Vince is now 73, and he hopes he can last for two more years and then maybe retire. He said he knows he will not be replaced by an Oblate, as there are none available. Fr. Vince told us stories and I showed him pictures of when he was at St. Edwards and we had lots of laughs.

We were able to stay for Mass at St. Andrew's, where he is, and he told the people about us and that I had brought pictures of his younger, much leaner days. We brought up the gifts and were warmly welcomed by all.

In his homily, Father Vince spoke from his heart and he made us all feel so loved by God, no matter how many times we have sinned. He talked about the experience of being "Lost" and also being "found" by God. He went on to say in our world today there are a lot of lost people, lost morally, spiritually and in all sorts of other ways. They are lost because they have no guides, no one to take an interest in them, no one to make them feel that they are worthwhile. Every Christian who has had an experience of being found by the Good Shepherd must show an active concern for those who are lost. He will in his or her turn become a shepherd.

They had the kick off of their Diocesan Appeal weekend - no one but Father spoke; "Eh, let's just get it done to please the bishop", but in the next sentence he made the parish aware of all the special graces the parish has received by God, in thanksgiving we need to give to the Appeal. Their Diocesan Appeal is called "Reaching out in Mercy". Father said every year the parish has made their goal and he hopes parishioners would give so that they can make their goal again.

While talking to Fr. Vince he mentioned Fr. Frank Salmon, another Oblate who was very familiar to St. Edward's parishioners as he was the priest at St. Ann's, Duncan, many years ago. Fr. Frank is in Fort St. James where we also visited - to climb Mt. Pope. I was able to speak to Fr. Frank, he also has three parishes to look after, he still loves to golf but is very much involved in parish ministry and visiting parishioners. This year, already he has presided at 80 funerals. Trouble is, like in Fraser Lake there is no real work to keep young people there. So the churches have a very difficult time to pay the bills. In Fraser Lake they have not had a grocery store in 2 months. Fr. Vince says he drives 45k to go shopping.

We gave these two priests our greetings and best wishes from the parishioners of St Edward's. They in return give St. Edward's their blessings and love.

Another highlight on this trip was getting to the summit of Terry Fox peak in Valemount, B.C. A very tough 11 hour climb, it had snowed the night before so conditions were not good. I was able to do this with Fred Fox, Terry Fox's brother. It was 35 years since the mountain was dedicated to Terry. On this trip Gerry and I climbed many mountains, every time I climb I feel so peaceful knowing I am in God's hands.

Peace and blessings, Mary Hof

The Pivotal Players

This new inspirational DVD series by Bishop Robert Barron explores the lives of 6 extraordinary Catholics (St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Francis, St. Catherine of Siena, Bl. John Henry Newman, G. K. Chesterton, and Michelangelo) who model for us a deeper friendship with Christ. The 12 week series will begin on Monday, October 17 (7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.) at St. Joseph the Worker Parish (Victoria) and requires a study guide (\$35/each). Please contact Michael Watkins via email at michaelnwatkins@gmail.com to register or call 250-858-1731 for more information.

Married Singles Lifestyle

The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery.

Don't end up like Angelina and Brad. Give us a call now!

For confidential information or to register for the Lower Mainland program commencing the weekend of October 14th - 16th, 2016:

call [604-530-6710](tel:604-530-6710),

email vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org

or visit www.retrouvaillevancover.com.