



# St. Edward's Parish

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## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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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.

### **SUNRIDGE PLACE**

361 Bundoock Avenue, Duncan

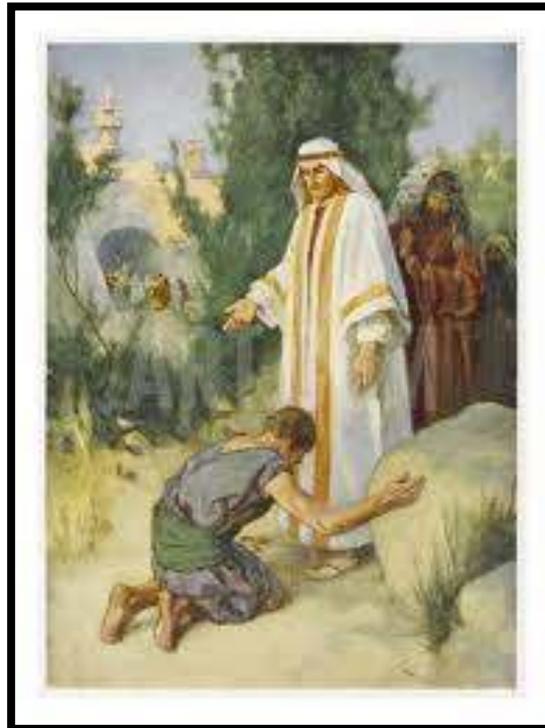
Friday Mass 11:00 a.m.

## **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.*

# TWENTY-EIGHTH IN ORDINARY TIME

**October 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>, 2016**



***"When things are going well, it is easy to believe in a loving God. In the midst of adversity, believing can be more difficult. Witness today the strong faith of Naaman, Saint Paul speaking from prison, and the leper who was a Samaritan. All three are good role models for us in times of difficulty.***

*Pray, Read, Discuss for Next Week*

**2 Kings n5: 14-17; 2 Timothy 1:2:8-13; Luke 17: 11-19**

***“Faith in the midst of adversity fortifies the soul.”***



## **From the Desk of Fr. Luyen**

*My sisters and brothers in Christ,*

*This Monday we celebrate our Canadian Thanksgiving Day.*

*Happy thanksgiving to all of you!*

*I wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration! On this day let us take a moment to say “thank you!”*

*A Jesuit priest, Father Johannes Hofinger, in his book, ‘Pastoral Life in the Power of the Spirit’, wrote:*

*“Lack of gratitude is always a clear sign of selfishness, and selfishness is the hotbed of all kinds of emotional disturbances. Genuine, deep gratitude, on the other hand, opens man/woman in a healthy way toward others; it always helps him/her to overcome an unhealthy concentration upon himself/herself and it has, by its very nature, a tremendous power to interior healing.”*

*..... A spirit of gratefulness deepens our relationship with God; it increases our mental well-being and helps us to be happier people.*

*So on this special day, let us thank our good God for his love and blessings. We thank him for the natural riches and the beauty of our land.*

*We also thank each other for the gift of life and faith we share with each other.*

*I personally wish to thank God for the opportunity and privilege of being a priest, and for the ability of sharing life and my priestly vocation with you here at St. Edward’s.*

*I also wish to thank all of you, the parishioners, for your most beautiful gift of God- your dedication and presence in our Church. Your presence and generosity have built up the kingdom of God here. Thank you for your continued apostolate for the infinite glory of God in our St. Edward’s parish!*

*What am I to be thankful for?*

*I don't know who wrote the following piece, but I like it:*

***I Am Thankful . . .***

*. . . For the wife who says ‘It’s hot dogs tonight’ because she is home with me, not with someone else.*

*For the teenager who is complaining about doing dishes, because that means she is at home and not on the streets.*

*For the taxes that I pay, because it means that I am employed.*

*For the mess to clean up after a party, because it means that I have been surrounded by friends.*

*For the clothes that fit a little too snugly, because it means I have enough to eat.*

*For my shadow that watches me work, because it means I am out in the sunshine.*

*For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing, because it means I have a home.*

*For all the complaining I hear about the government, because it means that we have freedom of speech.*

*For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means I am capable of walking and that I have been blessed with transportation.*

*For my huge heating bill, because it means I am warm.*

*For the lady behind me in church that sings off key, because it means that I can hear.*

*For the pile of laundry and ironing, because it means I have clothes to wear.*

*For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day, because it means I have been capable of working hard.*

*For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means that I am alive.*

*And finally . . . . For too much e-mail, because it means I have friends who are thinking of me.*

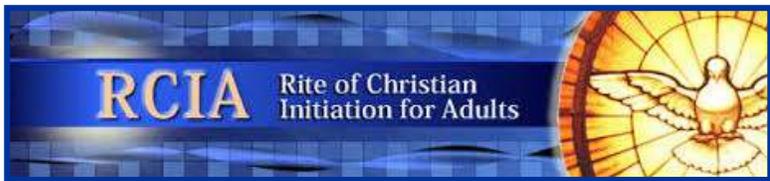
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May God Bless you all!

Your brother Priest,

Fr. Luyen, CSsR





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



The staff and students wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving. We are grateful for the many blessings that we receive from our parish community. Keeping you in our prayers,  
Kathy Korman  
Principal



**KING EDWARD THE CONFESSOR FEAST  
Good Food and Lots of Fun**

Although a little late.....  
Next Sunday, (October 15/16) in the Church Hall, we will celebrate King Edward the Confessor's Feast Day after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please bring a pot luck lunch.  
Fr. Luyen

Edward the Confessor was born at Islip in Oxfordshire, England between 1002 and 1005. He was crowned at Winchester in 1042 and is considered one the great saints of England. He was inspired to build the Abbey at Westminster in London. The Abbey was consecrated on Holy Innocents' Day, 28 December 1065, but the king was ill and unable to be present at the service. He died on 5 January 1066 and was buried before the High Altar in his new church.

On 13 October 1163 St Edward's body was transferred to a shrine in the church prepared especially for him.

King Henry III (1207-1272) held Edward the Confessor in great veneration. He erected a new and costly shrine for St Edward with workmen and mosaics from Italy which was finished in 1269. On 13 October 1269, St Edward's body was brought in solemn procession to its new resting place. Many sick people came to the shrine to pray for a cure and the steps in the recesses of the shrine base have been worn away by the knees of pilgrims.

The Confessor's coffin still lies in a cavity in the top part of the marble structure today. St Edward's Shrine is regarded as the centre of the Abbey and five kings and four queens lie buried in his Chapel. A special service is held every year on St Edward's Day (13 October). Pope Benedict XVI prayed at St Edward's Shrine when he made his official visit to England in 2010.

Children's Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation are scheduled to begin on **Wednesday, October 19th, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. in the Church.** *(Please note the change in date and location)* Parents please plan on joining your child/children for this evening. If you wish your child to participate in the preparation to receive the Sacraments and haven't registered him or her as yet, there is still time to do so. Registration forms for this and for regular Faith Formation are on the table in the foyer for your convenience, or you may contact Gloria Ganter at the Parish Office or via email:

[stedwardscatechism@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardscatechism@gmail.com)

to register or with any questions you may have. Thank you.

**Family Corner**

This Sunday, after Mass, we invite all parishioners and their families to stop by for "Coffee and Snacks" hosted by the Holy Families of St. Edward's. Parents please remember to pick up a "Grab N' Go" package for your child. There will be a Children's Activity Table with lots of surprises.

Cheers and blessings,  
Fritz and Debby Fernandez



Dear Parishioners

Your new parish council met September 28th. We welcomed three new members. Florie Varga, Jim Korman and Carlos Brizzi. Welcome also to our returning members: Egils Anderson, Jim Young, Pat Carter (Vice Chair) and a special thanks to Mary Hof who has stayed on as advisory to the council.

John Blore has resigned as Maintenance Chair. He has headed the Maintenance Committee for 2 years and done a terrific job. We would like to thank John for all his hard work and all the time he has contributed to the parish. Take care of yourself.

We would also like to thank the group who have brightened up the wheelchair ramp. A special thanks to Edie Bonar and Marianne Langkammer who came up with the idea, Edie and Ron Bonar who contributed the paint, Maria Clements who painted the mural and all those who worked so hard on the project. Good Job. It makes the ramp much more cheerful and inviting.

At the AGM it was voted that we would try a golf cart to get people with mobility issues to the parish hall. The council voted to rent a cart for a month. So starting this weekend, October 8/9 the cart will be available. Please try it and let any of the council members know how it works or place notes in suggestion box.  
God Bless, Carol DeBruin (PPC chair)



**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 Prodahl
Tim Cech	Kim Gunn	Winnie Finnie
Steve Reiter	David McMahon	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	Victoria Robinson

**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](mailto: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.

### ST. EDWARD'S PARISH YOUTH GROUP MEETING

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

## Next Week In Our Parish

Sat	Oct 8th	4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's— John Tran+ 6:15 p.m. Youth Gathering
Sun	Oct 9th	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 the people Holy Families will serve refreshments after Mass
Mon	Oct 10th	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Tues	Oct 11th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's 5:00 p.m. Adoration, Benediction & Rosary-CANCELLED 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's
Wed	Oct 12th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's 6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Enrichment
Thurs	Oct 13th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Peter Gillespie+ 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Fri	Oct 14th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge Place— Irene Kettle+ 3:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession/Rosary 5:00 p.m. Mass
Sat	Oct 15th	4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's— For the people
Sun	Oct 16th	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—Brent Groot+ Pot Luck for St Edward the Confessor Feast Day

## Thanksgiving Weekend



We will be celebrating Thanksgiving next weekend. In keeping with our tradition..... Before Masses today and tomorrow we encourage parishioners to bring non-perishable foods to set before the altar. These food items will then be transported to the Cowichan Valley Food

Basket. Sharing our goods is just one way in which we can thank God for the bounty we enjoy each day.

Thank you.

# The Cowichan Valley Basket Society



The Cowichan Valley Basket Society is a very unique operation in that it is both a soup kitchen and a food bank. It is the only entity of its type on Vancouver Island and perhaps in all of BC. As a soup kitchen, the Basket Society is open 6 days of the week from 10 to 4 and functions in many ways as a community centre. In the last year, over 37,000 bowls of soup and over 30,000 bunwiches were served. As a food bank, the Basket Society is open 3 days a week from 10 to 1:30 for the distribution of hampers. Over 5000 hampers were handed out in the past 12 months to meet the needs of over 8000 adults and 4000 children. During the same time period, 294 new accounts were opened. As you can no doubt appreciate, the need continues to grow.

There may be some confusion about who is allowed to request a hamper. There are only two requirements, to show a BC health card and to have a need for food, entirely self-identified. I'm sure that all of us may know someone that has a need, whether individually or for a family, and I would hope that no one is going hungry simply through lack of awareness or lack of understanding. If you know anyone in that situation, please make sure that they know that the food bank is ready and willing to help.

There are many ways in which our parish provides support to the Basket Society which opens opportunities for you to engage. Firstly, many parish members volunteer their time. Secondly, the parish, through your generous donations, provides significant financial support to the Basket Society. In 2015, this amounted to almost \$8000 and so far this year we have collected close to \$4000, well on our way to meet the goal of \$9000 that was set early in the year. Lastly, many parishioners donate food, either directly to the food bank or through the food cart that is located in the lobby. Your support in any or all of these ways is greatly appreciated.

In conclusion, the Basket Society does great work in our community. Thanks to the recent BC Food Drive, over 12,000 lbs of food was collected and the shelves are well stocked for the moment. This never lasts for long however and your continued support is always welcome. Please keep the Basket Society in your thoughts and prayers for Thanksgiving.

Lee Smith,  
St. Edward's Representative to the Basket Society

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## Development and Peace, Caritas Canada, Victoria Diocese

We are holding the Fall meeting on October 15th, 2016 at Trinity Catholic Church in Nanaimo. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will wind up at about 3:00 p.m. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Car-pooling from Victoria will be available, please contact Christine O'Leary to arrange. Come and join a lively group of dedicated parish representatives and meet Development and Peace staff to learn about this dynamic organization and the current campaign "At the Heart of the Action". All are welcome. Please contact Christine for more information at 250-370-7471. Trinity Catholic is located at 6234 Spartan Road.

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Experience the **Great Jubilee Year of Mercy** at the St Francis Xavier Parish Mission with Fr. Larre from Saturday, Oct. 8th to Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016. See bulletin board at the back of our church for details about Fr Larre and the schedule of events. There are also a few handout sheets available on the back table while quantities last. For more information please call St Francis Xavier Parish at 250 743-1688. The church is located at 790 Kilmalu Road in Mill Bay.



During Mass today we welcome our children to bring up to the altar unperishable food during the presentation of gifts. This is to remind us of how blessed we are to be able to share our abundance with others.



## Widows' Group

The next Widows' Group Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 16th in the Church Hall at 2:00 p.m. We invite all widows of the parish to come and join us.

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

President  
Leanne Forest  
250-597-4450



Membership  
Francine Tournier  
250-748-9831

**CWL Annual Membership fees of \$35.00 are due.**

We will be collecting membership dues this weekend before and after Mass. We will also be collecting dues at

**our next General Meeting**

on

**Monday, October 17th at 6:30 p.m.**

**Happy Thanksgiving**

**November – A time to Remember!**

A Diocesan Mass, with Bishop Gary Gordon presiding, will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12 noon for all deceased priests, bishops and religious of the diocese. A reception will follow. Kindly remember in your prayers those who have laboured for the Church in the Diocese of Victoria and pray that the Lord will send dedicated men and women to continue their work.

**-Blankets-**



Warmland Shelter is a non profit organization. Over the last few weeks there has been a noticeable change in temperature and people are requesting blankets that the Shelter does not have.

If you are able to donate a blanket or blankets it would be greatly appreciated and you may drop them off at the parish office or drop them off at Warmland Shelter attention to their outreach worker, Rebecca Belcher. Many thanks.

**St. Joseph's School, Victoria**

Invites applications for:

**One (1) Special Educational Assistant  
and/or Behavior Specialist**

Application forms and details are posted on

<http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**



St. Edward the Confessor Council 4253

Don Snelling, Grand Knight

**Charity Appeal 2016-2017**

We have a great start for this year, 21 books sold on our first day. Our exposure at Canadian Tire is excellent with the help of Island Ford and their 1/2 ton Truck. It looks like another good year is in our future thanks to our Brother Knights and their support.

God Bless,

Lorne Thickett, Chairman (C.A.)

**St. Andrew's Cathedral**

The Cathedral parish is celebrating its 125th anniversary for an entire year beginning this October. In recognition of that anniversary a commemorative calendar has been produced and is offered free to parishioners throughout the Diocese. Our Parish has received some copies for distribution and they are available while supplies last or until October 15th at which point copies not taken will be returned to the Cathedral Parish.

**Pastoral Care Outreach Program Session 1**

***The Healing Ministry of Christ***

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto:trinitycatholic@shaw.ca)

**Accommodations and Vehicle required:**

The Religious of the Virgin Mary Sisters who will provide pastoral ministry on the West Coast require a reasonable 3 bedroom apartment/house/suite in Port Alberni and a reliable vehicle. Should you be able to assist, please contact Sr. Vinda at 250-710-7819.

Many thanks and blessings,

Cynthia Bouchard, Chancellor  
Diocese of Victoria





## **Direct Debit**

Thank you to those parishioners who have signed up for Direct Debit since the Annual General Meeting in June 2016. As you can see by the Financial Report in last week's Bulletin, for the month of August, approximately one third of the monthly offerings were received via Direct Debit.

Direct Debit is a simple and convenient way of contributing to your Parish on a very planned and consistent basis. It is simple to set up and simple to change if you so wish. You can choose the date or dates of the month you wish the amount you have selected to be withdrawn from your bank account. You can select the amount you wish to go to the sanctioned collections (i.e. *Needs of the Church in Canada, Catholic Missions in Canada etc.*) that happen throughout the year, or, you can contribute to these simply by placing an additional amount in an envelope with your name and the name of the sanctioned collection on it and this amount will be added to your yearly donations receipt. Also, if you wish to contribute more than the original amount you have set up, this same method can be followed. If for some reason, you want to change the amount withdrawn from your account or to cancel the Direct Debit; this can be done by making your wishes known in writing.

It is that simple. When the collection basket comes around each week, there will be no more scrambling to find your envelope. You can sit back with a smile, knowing that your offering is already in the bank!

If you haven't already done so, please consider switching to this method of supporting your Parish.

Thank you.

Parish Finance Committee

***Forms for Direct Debit are available at the Parish Office.***