



St. Edward's Parish

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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.
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SUNRIDGE PLACE

361 Bundoock Avenue, Duncan

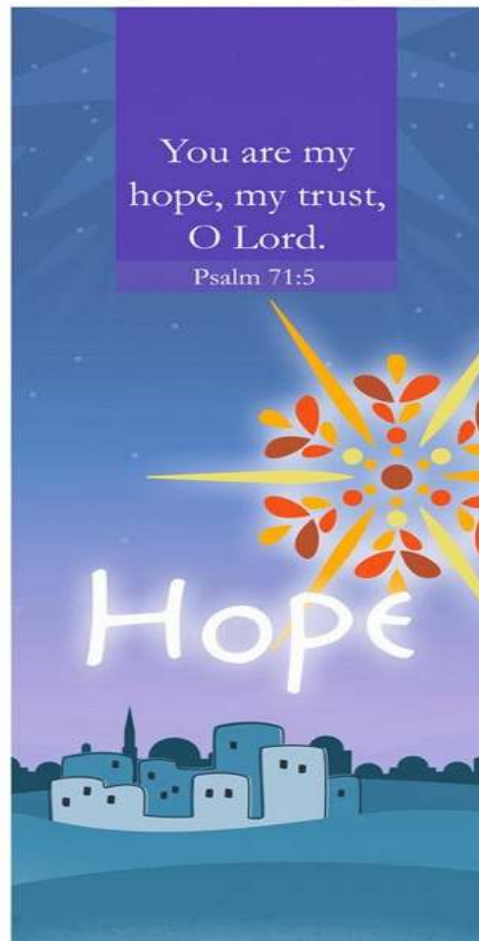
Friday	Mass	11:00 a.m.
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St. Edward's Parish Mission Statement

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.

1st Sunday of Advent

November 26th/27th, 2016



"The season of Advent begins today with a call to perseverance and vigilance, as we prepare, not just to celebrate the historical event of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, but also to celebrate our central belief that Christ will come again in glory to judge all humanity. Our readings are chosen to help us reflect on this great truth and to be prepared for the coming of Christ."



Pray, Read, Discuss for Next Week
Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13: 11-14; Matthew 24: 37-44



*The Jesus who is born in time and history
is also the Christ who will come in glory to judge all.*



FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUYEN

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

This Sunday we begin the Holy Season of Advent. It's a New Liturgical Year of the Church. Our Sunday readings will be taken from Cycle "A" of the lectionary, which uses Matthew as our primary Gospel this year.

The Season of Advent prepares us for Christmas and to wait with expectant longing for God to be born again into our lives, our families, our Church and our world. Saint Augustine summed up the mood of this season well when he prayed: "You have made us for yourself, O God, and our hearts are restless till they rest in You". Indeed, our hearts are made for God. Our souls long for communion with God. So during Advent we are meant to taste this restlessness and this longing, to take stock of our lives, to check our direction and to await with expectation the special grace that God promises to offer us at Christmas.

Advent not only reminds us of the past, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem at Christmas and revealed the wonder of God's love in this world, but also Advent directs our eyes to the future, to the coming of Jesus in glory to take each of us to Himself at the moment of our death and to transform the whole of the created universe into a place of communion with God. However, Advent is primarily about the present. The Church is pleading with us be vigilant of the many ways in which Jesus, through his Spirit, is coming into our lives now, filling our hearts with grace and inviting us to a closer union with God and to a more loving relationship with others. Jesus came with a mission to transform this world by revealing God's loving design and by inviting everyone to join Him in responding to the inspiration of God's Spirit to be instruments in this world of God's love. In fact, Advent invites us to examine the quality of our commitment to this mission.

Let me offer a few suggestions for keeping the season:

- * How about coming to daily Mass even once or twice a week during the Season as a way to welcome the Lord and get the day started in prayer?
- * Spend time before the Blessed Sacrament during the Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at our Church. This allows you the quiet time to personally welcome the Lord and talk over life with Him in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the Season.
- * The Scriptures of Advent are so rich. Many of our families have an Advent Wreath at home. They light the candles on their Advent Wreath and use the daily Scripture and prayer as part of their meal prayer. Our parish Advent Reflection Evening will be on Tuesday November 29th at 7:00 p.m.
- * Take the opportunity to go to confession to prepare your heart. Our parish reconciliation service will be Thursday December 1st at 7:00 p.m. There will be 7 priests available for confession.
- * In this Season of shopping and gifts, remember to do something for the poor and needy. At the back of the Worship Area, next to the confessional, we have the Christmas Giving Tree to support the Food Bank, please pick up an envelope from under the tree to place your donation on the tree to support this charitable ministry.

May this holy season of Advent help us to persist in keeping the true focus - open wide the doors of our life to welcome Christ and His ways anew!

Your brother priest,
Fr, Luyen, CSsR

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

Anne Welch	Glen Lowe	Scott Wright
Fred Kelly	Bob Benson	Paul Boray
Thomas Kay	Tschi Fellmann	Ann Waugh
Steve Barkanyi	Eileen Martin	Justin Moore
Annetta Anderson	Fr. Bob Kelly, omi	Arlene Laughren
Jenie Lauzon	David Russell	Tom Phillipson
Kirby Flegel	Terry Christofferson	Tony Aquino
Brenda Whelan	Steven Christofferson	Ashley Pifko
Paulette Nelson	Yvonne Gill	Margaret Fay
Jan Spencer	June Goode	Terry Thorpe
Bob Goehring	Baby Benjamin	Jan Tokorcheck
Tim Cech	Joan Getson	Riet Heemskerk
Steve Reiter	Kim Gunn	Naomi Prodhahl
Dale Stelter	David McMahon	Win Finnie
Chris Barfield	Susan Ferguson	Maurice Foucher
Anne Lee	Laurence Vander Peet	Jim Kocurek
Winnie Cools	Maria Angelina Moniz	Maggie Bell
Nicole Forest-Klein	Rick Zuback	Nick Nikel
James Arthurs	Jeannine Vande Wiel	Victoria Robinson
Saige Brimacombe	Nick Kinsella	Joy Swaile
Shelley Brimacombe	Ray Marquis	Nell Wright
	Ken McKinnon	

*Please pray in a special way for Evert Jones, son of Myra Charlie
who has been missing since February 10th, 2016.*

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	Nov 26th	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 all the people
Sun	Nov 27th	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—Joan Meyers+
Mon	Nov 28th	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tues	Nov 29th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Daniel Kelly+ 5:00 p.m. Adoration, Benediction & Rosary 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's— Fons Andringa+ 7:00 p.m. Advent Hour of Reflection
Wed	Nov 30th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Ken McKinnon 6:15 p.m. Children's Faith Formation at St. Edward's 6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Enrichment—Children Formation Room
Thurs	Dec 1st	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Georgette Stinson+ 7:00 p.m. Penitential Service
Fri	Dec 2nd	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Ken McKinnon 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge Place—June Tarry+ 3:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession/Rosary
Sat	Dec 3rd	9:30 a.m. Novena, Rosary 10:00 a.m. Mass—Anointing of the Sick 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 all the people
Sun	Dec 4th	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—Patrick Lowe+ CWL will serve refreshments after Mass today.



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

16th Annual Diocesan Youth Retreat

CAMP HOMEWOOD

on Quadra Island

-February 3rd-5th, 2017-

for Grades 7-12

Theme: Amazing Grace

Great Christmas gift for that special youth in your life.

Registration forms at the Parish Office.

Cost: \$150.00



The Chuckle Corner.....

(Henry, Age 10)

Dear God,
I think about you sometimes, even when
I'm not praying.

ADVENT Families needed



We are asking for families to participate in the lighting of the Advent Wreath at the beginning of each of the weekend Masses during the four weeks of Advent. If you and your family would like to serve, please sign the Advent Wreath

Sheet in the foyer indicating which Mass you would like to be involved in. If you have any questions, please contact Gloria at the Parish Office.

Thank you, Gloria

Much Gratitude

Thanks to all my friends from St. Edward's who prayed for me while I was in the hospital. A very special thanks to Fr. Luyen for his concern and visit in the hospital.

Love,
Winnie Cools



Peninsula Co-op Membership Card

We are happy to have registered a membership with the co-op. Dividends are received once a year, depending on the amount of purchases.

Please help raise money for our Church by giving the co-op membership # when you fill up.

See Jackie Brimacombe and pick up your membership card after the Masses next weekend or at the Parish Office during office hours.

Thank you,
Finance Committee

Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria

Job Posting: Executive Assistant

The Diocese of Victoria is seeking a full-time Executive Assistant to support the Bishop & the Chancellor. Must submit resume and cover letter by January 13th 2017.

Details can be pick up at the Parish Office or they are available on line at:

www.rcdvictoria.org/employment.php.

Only those shortlisted for an interview will be contacted.



Come Join Us!!!

We are decorating the Church Hall
on Tuesday, November 29th and
Wednesday, November 30th
from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you can help out
please drop by.

Reminder from Parish Office...

Sunday Missals 2016-2017

Living with Christ

Sunday Missals will be available for purchase before and after Mass today. The cost of each missal is \$5.00. They will also be available in the Parish Office during office hours.

Donation Envelopes

In December new donation envelopes will be issued. If you do not have envelopes or assigned direct debit and wish to, please call the parish office during office hours so that we can set you up for 2017.

If you have moved lately and not informed the Parish Office, please do so as soon as possible. This will ensure a proper address on your donation receipt at income tax time.

Thank you. *Sheriden*



Our report cards are done and interviews are over! Many student successes have been shared with parents, staff, and fellow students.

Our next big event is a Ready, Set, Learn evening. This is a early literacy event for 3 and 4 year olds. Children will tour the school with their families. We have many interactive stations led by community helpers (nutrition, vision, dental) and our staff. Children will receive handouts and a gift at the end of the evening. There will also be a free draw for a new uniform shirt. Please join us on Tuesday, November 29th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Sincerely,
Kathy Korman
Principal

November 29th Advent Hour of Reflection Invitation

Advent is a beautiful and spiritual time of waiting and preparing.

The Hebrew people were promised a Messiah, one who would come and save them from misery and oppression and one who would set them free. In the Old Testament, through the prophets, many promises of future redemption and salvation were made to help them cope with the reality of their generation. As children of God these promises were inherited by those who are followers of the Christ, who is the fulfillment of all those promises. It is a fulfillment not for one people at one time, but the ultimate fulfillment for all people and all times.



Join us at 7:00 p.m.

**November 29th after the Tuesday evening Mass,
for an Advent Hour of Reflection**

that will help us set the base for our time of waiting and preparation this year. It will also help us to open our hearts to prepare ourselves for the Reconciliation Service on Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. We will look at and reflect upon the eight "I AM" statements Jesus makes as recorded in the Gospel of John. These eight statements are John's way of showing those who trust and commit to Jesus Christ that all the promises made have been fulfilled through the gift of God's Son in the world. A gift that started with a birth of a baby to a lowly virgin in a stable over 2000 years ago and one we still benefit from today.

You are invited to join this Hour of Reflection to open us up to the great mystery we await and prepare for in Advent.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE AT ST. EDWARD'S PARISH

Thursday, December 1st, 2016

At 7:00 p.m.

In preparation for Christmas this celebration will include an opportunity for individual confession by guest priests.

Attention All Children



If you would like to be a part of the **Nativity Pageant** during the Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Family Mass, please have your parents place your name on the Sign-up Sheet in the Foyer. Rehearsals will take place in the Worship Area as follows:

**Sunday, December 11th and 18th
following the 10:00 a.m. Mass
and**

**Wednesday, December 21st at 6:15 p.m.
the Dress Rehearsal**

Please contact Gloria at the Parish Office if you have any questions.

Thank you.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our giving tree has been set up at the back of the Worship Area. Donations placed on the tree will be given to our local Food Bank. Envelopes for your donations are supplied under the tree.



Locally, there are many clients who are considered the working poor. The need is great. Food Bank use is up but donations are down.

As usual, these donations from the Advent Giving Tree will be tabulated and a cheque be issued to the Food Bank for the full amount received.

Please make your cheques payable to St. Edward's Parish with a notation `Food Bank` then St. Edward Parish will issue donation receipts in February, just in time for you to report on your income tax.

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

President
Leanne Forest
250-597-4450



Membership
Francine Tournier
250-748-9831

In the foyer today, remember to take a minute to sign the petition concerning the protection of palliative and hospice care facilities.

Coffee Sunday December 4th, 2016

CWL invites everyone downstairs to the Church hall for Christmas Tea/Coffee and homemade Christmas treats. These goodies are made with our loving care for your enjoyment.

All proceeds from this Christmas event will be sent To the Esk-OMI Missions in the Canadian Arctic

**The CWL Christmas Turkey Luncheon
Saturday, December 10th**



10:30 a.m. Fr. Luyen will celebrate Mass for CWL at St. Edward's Parish

(Please attend and celebrate the Eucharist with your 'sisters')

11:30 a.m. CWL will have lunch at the Ramada Inn, Duncan

Ticket sales to CWL members (\$20.00) have been underway for a couple of weeks. Tickets for guests are now available at \$25.00 each.

Both series of tickets are now available through Terry Teasdale (250-748-929-4250) or Sherriden at the office (250-746-6831).

Don't be disappointed. Get your tickets soon!

CWL are collecting membership dues (\$35.00)

- Diocesan Parish Appeal -

St. Edward's Parish Goal	\$ 50,000.00
Total Pledged	\$ 38,270.00
Number of Pledges	118

Only \$11,730.00 till we reach our Goal

Thank you to all who were able to support the Diocesan/Parish 2016 Appeal. There is still time to participate and all contributions will be very much appreciated. Additional pledge brochures are available at the back of the Church or from the parish office. You are reminded that donations received by December 31st will generate income tax receipts for 2016.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



St. Edward the Confessor Council 4253

Don Snelling, Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal 2016-2017

8 weeks have passed since starting the Ticket Sales and many thanks go out to Brother Knights and their wives for the dedication and the hours to make this Appeal a total success. Also thanks to Canadian Tire, Thrifty Foods, Island Ford and Island G.M. for their support in promoting our event. Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, November 27th and we have invited guests from each of our chosen Charities to accept their donation cheques.

God Bless,
Lorne Thickett, Chairman (C.A.)

**ST. EDWARD'S PARISH
NEW YEAR'S 2017 DINNER**

- Dance and Fun Night -



**People had such a great time at last year's
St. Edward's New Year Dinner, Dance and Fun Night,
that it's happening again this year.**

- ▶ Saturday, December 31, 2016 – St. Edward's Parish Hall
- ▶ Social at 6:00 p.m. (right after Mass), Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
- ▶ Prairie Midnight at 10:00 p.m.
(so you'll have time to celebrate twice)
- ▶ Food, Dancing, Door Prizes, Fun, and Noisemakers provided
- ▶ Dress formal or informal
- ▶ \$25 per person – advance sales only.
- ▶ Contact Mike for tickets:

mike.vandewiel@gmail.com; Tel: 250-701-9579

*Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 4253
and assisting parish groups.*



This weekend after Mass the K of C will be selling Christmas Cards and Nativity magnets for your car. These items remind us to "Keep Christ in Christmas".