



St. Edward's Parish

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2nd Sunday of Advent

December 3rd/4th, 2016

OFFICE HOURS

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

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Kathy Korman 250-746-5919

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.



"John the Baptist was called by God to prepare the way for Jesus. He did this by proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Similarly, each one of us is called by God to prepare the way for Jesus. We do this whenever we assist someone in need, visit someone who is sick or lend a listening ear."



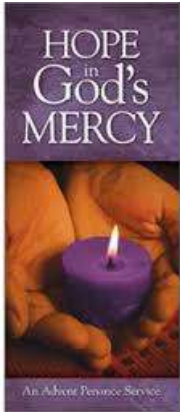
Pray, Read, Discuss for Next Week
Isaiah 11: 1-10; Romans 15: 4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

We are called to prepare the way for Jesus.



FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUYEN

My sisters and brothers in Christ,



We had a busy time at our parish last week:

- Tuesday evening, there was an Advent Reflection Night. It was a very profound reflection on the 8 "I AM" statements and promises. If you missed it, all the materials are on the parish website.
- Wednesday, we had the school reconciliation service, 5 priests came to help students with confession, where each of us spent almost 3 hours hearing confessions.
- Then on Thursday, our whole parish participated in an Advent Penitential Service.

St. Edward's is very fortunate when celebrating Penitential Services, we always have 6 or 7 priests helping us with confessions. However, other parishes on the Island have difficulties finding priests for their Penitential Services. I hope that we count this as a blessing and give thanks to God. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we help each other to pursue holiness. When we celebrate this Sacrament, it is not only a time to confess our sins, but also to receive God's grace and strength to be better, to make right decision, and to return to the right direction in life.

During the Second Sunday of Advent we have a focus of change and hope. Advent is a time for change in our spiritual life and living more closely to the image of Christ. There are many things about our lives that do need change. None of us can make these changes without a change of heart first.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we meet John the Baptist out of the desert where he is preparing large crowds for the coming of Jesus. His message is a call to repentance. The "repentance" John calls for does not concern attention to the externals of one's religion, but rather a total change of mind and heart which would manifest itself in "good fruits" like prayerfulness and justice in one's relationships with others. Such a change of heart and behavior would prepare people to welcome the Messiah and his message.

John the Baptist is calling his followers to prepare for the coming of the Messiah through repentance. We, too, need to adopt the same program as we examine our lives:

- firstly, in relation to God;
- secondly, our own inner self, and
- thirdly, our relationship with others.

We do all of this in the Sacrament of Reconciliation where our failures are forgiven by Christ, our weakness is strengthened by Christ, and our sense of hope grows as we contemplate the mystery of God's presence amongst people and make that known to others.

In the next upcoming weeks, there are two special feast days which will be celebrated at St. Edward's Parish:

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Thursday, December 8th, Mass celebrated at 6:30 p.m.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron of North America on Monday, December 12th. Mass celebrated at 11:00 a.m.

Last but not least, We need more children to participate in the Christmas pageant for the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, please sign up your child(ren) in the foyer at the back of the Church. Also, we need more people to join the Choirs at Christmas Masses.

May God Bless you all!

Your brother Priest,
Fr. Luyen Dau, CSSR

Hour of Reflection



Please note that the PowerPoint and Context paper presented at our Hour of Reflection is last Tuesday is now posted on the parish website.
In the love of and service to Christ Jesus.
Phil Jennings

Attention All Children



If you would like to be a part of the **Nativity Pageant** before 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 Marie Corish at 250-701-1500
or mtcorish@gmail.com

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.

Thanks, Lee Smith,

Preparing the Church For Christmas

Church Hall Transformation

Many thanks to the 5 angels who have transformed our Church Hall into a Christmas reality. It is truly amazing how each year we are given the opportunity to enjoy a new theme.

Silhouettes

As Advent moves on we can follow the story of Christmas in the Worship Area.

If you would like to be part of this team or can spare some time, please contact the Parish Office.

Thanks to everyone who makes this possible.

Exterior Christmas Lights

Thanks to the Knights for putting up the Nativity banner and the Christmas lights.

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 Linda Musto at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday or Jackie Brimacombe at the 10:00 a.m. on Sunday to pick up your membership card this weekend or at the Parish Office during office hours.

Thank you,
Finance Committee



QUEEN OF ANGELS
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL

A highlight this past week was our Advent Penitential service. Five priests joined us for a whole school prayer service and then between 60-70 students received the sacrament of Reconciliation. Lots of practicing in the school for

our upcoming Christmas concert performed by grades K to 6. Our theme this year is "Happy Birthday, Jesus".

Kathy Korman, Principal

**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 McMahan	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
Evert Jones	Ken McKinnon	Henk Slots

Our Dead:
Terry Barnett, brother-in-law of Harriet Duncan

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	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.
Mon	Dec 5th	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tues	Dec 6th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Chris Hourigan 5:00 p.m. Adoration, Benediction & Rosary 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's— Frank Pifko+
Wed	Dec 7th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Mary Luu+ 6:15 p.m. Children's Faith Formation at St. Edward's 6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Enrichment
Thurs	Dec 8th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Don Keith Feast of the Immaculate Conceptor Mass at St. Edward's-
Fri	Dec 9th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Tedd Genest+ 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge Place—Elizabeth Pickles+ 3:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession/Rosary
Sat	Dec 10th	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 11th	9:00 a.m. Reconciliation or by appointment 9:15 a.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's Youth Caroling Outside the Church 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's— Vincenzo & Maria Padovani+ Christmas pageant rehearsal



**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.....

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Will all of those with rolls in the church Christmas play please report to the kitchen after the service.

**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	\$ 38,370.00
Number of Pledges	119

Only \$11,630.00 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 Council 4253
Charity Appeal 2016-2017**

Our 10,000 Charity Appeal Tickets were all sold and
the 8 weeks were Magic!

The support we received from the 28 Knights selling the tickets was awesome and once again I thank them! Our 11 chosen Charity representatives came to the pancake breakfast and were thankful for their donations and all gave an overview of what their organizations do to help the various groups.

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



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners of St. Edward's Parish for their incredible generosity. They donated \$151.14 to the Knights vocations program "Pennies for Heaven." Thank you and God bless you all for your generosity.

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

**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.*



It is with deep gratitude that I thank everyone who bought Car Magnets and Christmas Cards from the Knights in the past few weeks. These items will ensure that the message "Keep Christ in Christmas" will resonate throughout the Christmas Season. Thank you, Jim Korman, K. of C. member

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

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.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

A special Mass will be celebrated

at St. Edward's

on Monday, December 12th at 11:00 a.m.

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.

NEW YEAR IS ALMOST HERE!

Perhaps you would like to consider switching your method of offerings from Envelopes to Direct Debit.

PAD for donations?

PAD stands for Pre-Authorized Debit. It works exactly like the pre-authorizations many people have for their mortgage or insurance payments, which are withdrawn automatically from their bank accounts. By using PAD, your donations are automatically withdrawn once a month from your chequing account.

Why should I use PAD?

PAD means that your donations are made regularly. It eliminates the worry of searching for cash, writing cheques, searching for envelopes or missing a week of donations when you are away. When you are on holidays or attend a different Church for a weekend, the lights and power still need to be on at St. Edward's. A regular financial commitment from our parishioners keeps our doors open and our Ministries active. PAD means that your commitment is always there.

When are withdrawals made?

Withdrawals from your bank account will occur according to your request.

Can I donate to our Charities with PAD?

Yes, all the Charities currently supported by our Parish through envelope donations can be made by PAD. One tax receipt will be issued for your donations but your gifts will be directed to the charities you choose when you set up your PAD.

What if I want to make changes?

If you move, change banks, wish to cancel the plan or for any other reason you need to change your PAD commitment, simply contact the parish office.

How do I sign up?

There are 2 simple forms to fill out at the Parish office. You will also need to attach a VOID cheque on the application form. The cheque must indicate your bank account information which will enable the parish to make your authorized withdrawals.

To date we have 56 parishioners using this carefree method of supporting St. Edward's Parish.