



St. Edward's Parish

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3rd Sunday of Advent

OFFICE HOURS

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

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December 10th/11th, 2016

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.



"As we wait for the coming of the Lord, we prepare our hearts and homes to receive Him. As Saint Paul instructs, we prepare with patience and a firm heart. We will know He has come into our hearts and homes when we model true discipleship and work to bring the Good News to those around us.



Pray, Read, Discuss for This Week
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11



“Rejoice in the Lord always; for indeed, the Lord is near.”

FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUYEN

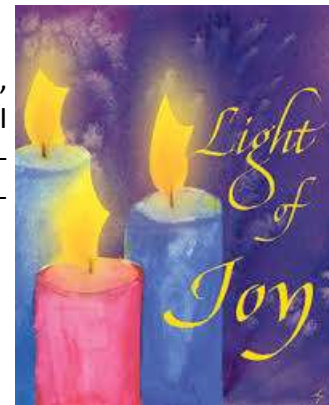
My sisters and brothers in Christ,

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday – from the Latin, which means Rejoice! Today we light the rose colored candle of the Advent Wreath, and I wear the rose colored vestment, we hear the call “to rejoice” throughout today’s Scriptures. It’s all about anticipatory Christmas Joy! And the liturgy this week is all about rejoicing.

What’s good in your life?

What gives you cause for Joy?

Rejoice and be Grateful!



Each of us is called to be a witness and minister of Christmas Joy. Make a real effort to be that Joy for your family, your friends, those with whom you work, those in need!

Knowing Jesus in our lives is to make a difference. Does my attitude reflect that Christ dwells in me?

This Sunday’s readings speak of the coming reign of God breaking into the world. Isaiah speaks of strengthening the hands of those who are weak and making firm their knees and says to those whose hearts are frightened to be strong and not to fear. That is the challenge that all of us have during this Advent time. How do we during a time of change, challenge and difficulty proclaim the coming of our Savior? How can we proclaim “eyes that are blind will be opened”.

Isaiah’s preaching took place during the time of trouble of exile for the Jewish people. They needed a lot of encouragement. We today need a lot of encouragement. We need to see everyday evidence of God’s presence in the world and among us. If the blind will see, the deaf hear, and the lame leap, and those without speech sing, it’s because of the healing power of God working through us.

Even John the Baptist, in prison, knows that Jesus is not too far away and Jesus sends a consoling message about those who are being healed. A part of healing, physical or spiritual, is first faith to believe that it can happen. With this we are ready to accept life’s most stressing situations. Although life sometimes seems like a mountain that is just too hard to climb, it is not because we never climb alone. Advent reminds us of that great journey called Hope. One where we can rely on one another to get us to the top and find that God is always there.

Today when you walk into the Church, you will see the image of the Divine Mercy. It is a needle work by two Religious Sisters from The Love of the Holy Cross in Vietnam. And the Frame was made by Victoria Custom Cabinets Ltd. in Victoria, BC.

On Monday December 12th is the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas. Mass at our Parish will be at 11:00 a.m.

Last but not least.....Have you made your pledge for our Diocesan/Parish Appeal?

123 of our St. Edward’s parishioner family have made a pledge. Thank you for your support! Our goal is \$50,000.00 and we have reached \$39,210.00. Just a reminder: in order to receive a donation receipt for 2016 income tax, donations must be received by December 31st, 2016. Thank you!

May God Bless you all!

Your brother Priest,

Fr. Luyen Dau, 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	Maggie Bell
Nicole Forest-Klein	Maria Angelina Moniz	Nick Nikel
James Arthurs	Rick Zuback	Victoria Robinson
Saige Brimacombe	Jeannine Vande Wiel	Nell Wright
Evert Jones	Nick Kinsella	Henk Slots
Ray Marquis	Ken McKinnon	Lea Langkamer

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 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+ 11:15 a.m. Children's Christmas pageant rehearsal
Mon	Dec 12th	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's— Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tues	Dec 13th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Pat Myhill-Jones 10:00 a.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting 5:00 p.m. Adoration, Benediction & Rosary 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's— Terry Barnett+
Wed	Dec 14th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Leslie Widynowski+
Thurs	Dec 15th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's— Kassidy Ruele & her intentions
Fri	Dec 16th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Anna Peach+ 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge Place— 3:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession/Rosary
Sat	Dec 17th	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 18th	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 — Afra Groot+ 11:15 a.m. Children's Christmas pageant rehearsal



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

Sunday Missals 2016-2017

Living with Christ

Sunday Missals will be available at the Parish Office during office hours. Don't wait since there are only a few copies left, the cost of each missal is \$5.00.

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

President
Leanne Forest
250-597-4450



Membership
Francine Tournier
250-748-9831

CWL are collecting membership dues (\$35.00)



- Diocesan Parish Appeal -

Only \$10,790.00 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.

St. Edward's Parish Goal	\$ 50,000.00
Total Pledged	\$ 39,210.00
Number of Pledges	123

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,

Hour of Reflection

Please note that the PowerPoint and Context paper presented at the Hour of Reflection on Tuesday, November 29th is now posted on the parish website.

In the love of and service to Christ Jesus.

Phil Jennings

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



St. Edward the Confessor Council 4253

Don Snelling, Grand Knight

**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 31st, 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.*

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.

You may pick up your membership card this at the Parish Office during office hours.

Thank you, Finance Committee

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 Signup 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

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.

Donation Envelopes

Donation Envelopes are ready to pick up in the foyer. If you find that you have not been issued envelopes but would like them, please call the Parish Office during office hours.

Please ensure that your address is incorrect on your box of envelopes since this will be the same address used for donation receipts in February.

Thank you.

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*GOD COMES
TO MAKE THE DESERTS
BLOOM
AND DISPEL FEARS.*



Direct Debit

Thank you to those parishioners who have signed up for Direct Debit since the Annual General Meeting in June 2016. Approximately one third of our monthly offerings received via Direct Debit. We now have 58 parishioners who are signed up for 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.

Christmas / New Year Schedule



St. Edward's Church

Saturday, December 24th

Family Mass at St. Edward's
Mass at St. Edward's

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. (Saturday Choir) (4:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling).
9:00 p.m. (Sunday Choir) (8:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling).

Sunday, Thursday, December 25th

Mass at St. Edward's

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. (9:30 a.m. Christmas Caroling).

Saturday, December 31st

Mass at St. Edward's

New Year's Eve

5:00 p.m. (Saturday Choir)



Sunday, January 1st, 2016

Mass at St. Edward's

New Year's Day (Holy Mary Mother of God) World Day of Peace

10:00 a.m. (Sunday Choir)

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed for Christmas holidays

from Friday, December 23rd, 2016 to Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017.

During that time you are welcome to leave a message on the answering machine as it will be monitored on a regular basis.

Thank you,

Fr. Luyen



May the blessings of the Christmas Season be with you and your family.