



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.

SUNRIDGE PLACE

361 Bundoek 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.

4th Sunday of Advent

December 17/18th, 2016



"God promised to send a Saviour to the world, and Jesus came among us. In return, we are called to serve Christ and proclaim Him to all. This is easily overlooked as we get caught up in our own pride, or focus on worldly matters. As we look to the Nativity of the Lord, let us shake off distractions and strive to serve Jesus and share Him with others."



Pray, Read, Discuss for This Week
Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-17; Matthew 1:18-24



***“God is with us,
and we are called to live in His presence and take that joy out into the world.”***

FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUYEN

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Advent Season. We have an entire 4th week of Advent this year and Christmas falls on the following Sunday! It's a priest's dream come true because we have the entire week after the 4th Sunday of Advent this year for Christmas preparation. Also, we're given some extra time to continue the Advent preparation, so I hope these extra days find us making the best preparation of all – welcoming Christ! Allow families some extra time to just be with each other, have dinner together, pray together, and just anticipate the Christmas Feast!

As I look forward to celebrating the Christmas Feast with you this coming weekend, let us take a moment of reflect on the scripture readings of this Sunday. In the Gospel, Matthew describes the story of Jesus' birth that cannot be understood logically or proven scientifically. This is because this Gospel story is *a story of faith in God*. Also, It is a story of *God's Love* for us and the *human response* to His Love by two persons – Mary and Joseph.

Joseph is introduced to us in today's Gospel as 'a just man', that is to say, a man who is committed to doing the will of God. This is the characteristic most accented in the Gospel, which concludes with his being obedient to the message that came to him from God in a dream. His reaction to God's inspiration is the same in the scene where he is told to go to Egypt and again when he is told to return home. As soon as he knows God's will he immediately does it even though by doing so he is risking everything and going out into the unknown. Such is his complete trust in God. More than anything he wants what God wants. In this he is an example to us of the most basic and important response that we, too, are called to have towards God.



If we reflect on our own faith experiences of God in our lives, how we have said “yes” to God's invitation to love Him and serve Him, as Joseph did. For some of us, our “yes” to God is prompt, courageous and selfless. To others, our “yes” is hesitant, conditional and non-committal. The *quality of our response* to God's invitation to love Him is evident in the way we live our daily lives and practise our faith.

Indeed it is of Joseph's goodness and selflessness of heart that God was able to work through him in faith. Let us all do the same.

May God Bless you all!

Your brother Priest,

Fr. Luyen Dau, CSSR



Dear Parishioners,

The Christmas turkey dinner at Queen of Angels has been a tradition for 26 years. Originally the intent of the dinner was to provide a special meal for students who did not have a Christmas dinner during the holidays. Our event has grown to include parishioners and other dignitaries associated with our school. Last year over 600 people joined in this celebration. Regrettably, we had to reduce the number of invitations significantly this year because we simply could not accommodate such huge numbers. We still have continued the tradition for the children. So, my apologies if you are usually invited, but were not this year.

Instead, the staff and students will be hosting a special tea for parishioners and dignitaries during Catholic Schools Week in early February. Please call the School if you are interested in attending so that we can send you an invitation. During the tea, we will have goodies and a few short performances by the students. It promises to be lots of fun and this way we can invite many more people. We look forward to sharing this special event with you.

In conclusion, the staff and students are very grateful for your support and we send all of you heartfelt wishes for a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Sincerely,
Kathy Korman
Principal



A Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Jesus, You are constantly coming to Your people,
even when we fail to see You.
In each and every moment that we are blessed
to recognize You here and now,
give us courage to leap with joy at Your coming.
Amen*

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.*

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 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

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, The Finance Committee

ADVENT GIVING TREE

This is the last weekend that the Giving tree will be displayed at the back of the Worship Area. The donations hung on the Giving Tree have been collected throughout Advent for the Food Bank. We thank everyone who participated in this program to help make a better Christmas and New Year for those in need.

At a later date, we will announce the amount which was raised for the Food Bank.

Thank you and a very Merry Christmas
Lee Smith, Cowichan Valley Food Bank Representative

**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 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
Mon	Dec 19th	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tues	Dec 20th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Bella Michaud+ 5:00 p.m. Adoration, Benediction & Rosary 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's— Lea Langkamer
Wed	Dec 21st	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Trudy McLaren
Thurs	Dec 22nd	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Ken McKinnon
Fri	Dec 23rd	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—The Doyle Family 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge Place—Don Multauf+ 3:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession/Rosary
Sat	Dec 24th	4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 4:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling 5:00 p.m. Nativity Pageant Mass at St. Edward's—For all the people 8:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling 9:00 p.m. Family Christmas Mass at St. Edward's
Sun	Dec 25th	9:15 a.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 9:30 a.m. Christmas Caroling 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's — For all the people

Please note that there will be a special Mass intention on the occasion of Frank and Agnes Laszczyk's 68th Wedding Anniversary. Fr. Joachim Ostermann, OFM will be presiding at this Mass on Monday, December 26th - 10:00 a.m. at the Poor Clare's Monastery.



**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

Check out the following website for upcoming youth events

Web: rcdvictoria.org
go to Youth Ministry for the newsletter.