



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 Bundock 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 in Ordinary Time

January 28th /29th, 2017



Today's readings make clear that God's ways are not the status quo. Each reading demonstrates God's glory in the most unlikely of people— the weak, the humble, the lowly. Conventional wisdom is rendered moot by God. These readings challenge us to reflect on our own biases as to who is worthy and who is to be admired. Whose ideals are we striving to live by?

Pray, Read, Discuss for This Week
Zephaniah 2.3: 3.12-13; 1 Corinthians 1.26-31; Matthew 5.1-12

“God’s ways are not our ways.”

A MESSAGE FROM FR. LUYEN

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

This weekend all Vietnamese people around the world are celebrating their Lunar New Year which is called “TẾT,” or “Chinese New Year” according to the Chinese calendar. It is the year of the rooster. Those who are born in the year of the rooster are considered as hardworking, resourceful, courageous, and talented people.

As Vietnamese, I was not born in the year of rooster and feel very lucky that I have two New Year celebrations each year. I always have two chances to look at my past year and to re-amend my New Year resolutions. If I have failed my New Year resolution on January 1st, I am given a second chance to re-comit at the Vietnamese Lunar New Year.

Last week I celebrated a New Year liturgy for our school students, one of the students asked me: “What is the difference between a resolution and a wish?” I don’t know what your explanation would be, but mine is: a wish identifies a goal one wants to reach, a resolution specifies the steps one will take to reach a goal.

A wish is what I want to happen, and a resolution is the steps I will take to make it happen. For example, the wishful person says, “I will live a life of union with God this year,” and the resolution person says, “I will set aside this time everyday to pray and hear God’s Word.” So the difference between a wish and a resolution is the question: are we prepared to do what it takes to make our dreams come true? Are we prepared to pay the price?

This Sunday in the Gospel we hear the Beatitudes, the 8 ways to have a blessed life. This Gospel is part of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount which gives us a real challenge in life. These challenges call us to put others before ourselves. The kind of life promoted by this Gospel passage is not often emphasized today. It calls us to go the extra mile for others and to make a difference in the world.

This year the Gospel of Matthew will be read every Sunday and we will see many stories where Jesus is seen as a fulfillment of the Messiah. Jesus’ role is teaching as He lives and He lives as He teaches. This year 2017 offers us many opportunities for good, especially as we continue to pursue what is right and decent and what is best for all of us. It is worth the effort. Jesus gives us a blueprint knowing that we will not always be able to live up to these precepts, but they are there to remind us that we can live a life in imitation of what He teaches us. We continue to pursue peace along with justice knowing that in the end we will be victorious.

In addition, Please join me in extending our sympathy to the family of Albin Falt who passed to eternal life last Monday. I was blessed to be there at the hospital to bless his body and to pray with his children who gathered around his bed. Albin was a long-time member of St. Edward’s and a member of the Knight of Columbus. His funeral Mass will be at 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 3th.

This Saturday the Diocesan Conference will be held at our church from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Bishop Gary and Dr. Gwen Point will be here to present the topic: Crossing the Road; Finding My Neighbour. If you have not registered for this Conference, please do this week.

Last but not least, next Sunday we will celebrate Catholic Schools week, all the children and staff from Queen of Angels School will be serving at this Mass. Please invite your family and neighbours who are the alumni of our school to come to celebrate the Eucharist with us.

In Christ’s love.

Your brother priest,

Fr. Luyen, CSSR

Next Week In Our Parish

Sat	Jan 28th	4:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's Mass at St. Edward's—For all the people
Sun	Jan 29th	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's Mass at St. Edward's—Regina Janssen-Steenberg+ Children's Mass K of C serving Pancake Breakfast after Mass
Mon	Jan 30th		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tues	Jan 31st	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Mass at St. Clare's—Inge Hennings+ Adoration, Benediction & Rosary Mass at St. Edward's — Tony Aquino
Wed	Feb 1st	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Mass at St. Clare's— Marie Patterson Children's Faith Formation Adult Faith Formation
Thurs	Feb 2nd	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Mass at St. Clare's - Michael Bundon+ Choir Practice
Fri	Feb 3rd	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Mass at St. Clare's Mass at Sunridge Place— Funeral Mass for Albin Falt Adoration/Confession/Rosary/Evening Vigil Prayer
Sat	Feb 4th	8:45 a.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Annual Diocesan Conference in our Church Hall. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's Mass at St. Edward's—Rose Brassard+
Sun	Feb 5th	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's Mass at St. Edward's— For all the people CWL serving coffee after Mass

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

Anne Welch	Bob Benson	Scott Wright
Fred Kelly	Tschi Fellmann	Paul Boray
Thomas Kay	Eileen Martin	Ann Waugh
Steve Barkanyi	Fr. Bob Kelly, omi	Justin Moore
Annetta Anderson	David Russell	Arlene Laughren
Janine Lauzon	Terry Christofferson	Tom Phillipson
Kirby Flegel	Steven Christofferson	Tony Aquino
Brenda Whelan	Yvonne Gill	Ashley Pifko
Paulette Nelson	Baby Benjamin	Margaret Fay
Jan Spencer	Joan Getson	Terry Thorpe
Bob Goehring	Kim Gunn	Jan Tokorcheck
Tim Cech	David McMahon	Riet Heemskerk
Dale Stelter	Susan Ferguson	Naomi Prodhahl
Chris Barfield	Laurence Vander Peet	Win Finnie
Nicole Forest-Klein	Maria Angelina Moniz	Maurice Foucher
Evert Jones	Rick Zuback	Nick Nikel
Terry Wlodarczyk	Ken McKinnon	Victoria Robinson
Marie Patterson	Frank Lasczyk	Lea Langkamer
Anne Hoek	Bob Goehring	Kay Walls
Dan Clements	Bill Benedict	Ray Marquis

Our Dead:

Gerry Burg brother of Fr. Joe Burg
Albin Falt father of Theresa Bodger and Camille Wright

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.

Preparation for Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is fast approaching so we need your palms which are left over from last year. The Children's Faith Formation Group will burn the palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. If you have palms for this project please leave them in the basket available in the foyer or turn them into the Parish Office by February 22nd, 2017. Thank you, *Gloria Ganter*,
Interim Children's Religious Education Coordinator

Dear Parishioners:

For the last 5 years Gerry and I have gone to different parts of Cuba and part of our time spent is distributing Humanitarian needs. At the end of February, I am taking a group there and again we will do this. It's wonderful and so appreciated by the people who live way up in the mountain areas, who seldom get into the villages, to see us bringing items for their families. When hiking along the rivers we see fishermen, and offer them some lines or hooks. We try to visit the sisters at the Catholic Church as we know they go to distribute to the poorest of the poor. If anyone of you would like to help out by donating gentle used clothing, soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, gloves for farmers, fishing stuff, school supplies, or any other items of use. Cash can also be given to purchase food for families there. I will have a box in the foyer from Jan 28 to Feb 5th that you can place items in. I can be contacted by emailing mhof126@gmail.com or calling 250-715-6297. Thanks so much, blessings to all Mary Hof.

**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)



CWL will be serving refreshments
in the Church hall after the 10:00 a.m. Mass
next Sunday, February 5th
All are welcome!

Next CWL Meeting

Will be held in the Church hall on
Wednesday, February 8th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.



QUEEN OF ANGELS
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL

The countdown is on!

Next Sunday Queen of Angels will be joining approximately 80 other Catholic Schools in B.C. and 5 other schools in our Diocese as we begin observance of Catholic Schools Week. The students will be helping with several parts of the Mass next Sunday. We will have a handout for you at the end of Mass. We especially invite all members of our parish to join us for our Open House (1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.) and our Tea (1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.). Refreshments will be served in the library with student performances at approximately 1:30 p.m.. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kathy Korman, Principal

Kindergarten Information Evening
Monday, February 6th ~ 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

A special presentation for parents to meet our Kindergarten teachers and learn about our Kindergarten program will start in the Q of A library at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 6th immediately after our Open House.

Queen of Angels Tea

Details and information for our Queen of Angels Tea to follow in the next bulletin.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



St. Edward the Confessor Council 4253

Don Snelling, Grand Knight

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's charitable, fraternal and patriotic service organization. The K. of C. was founded in 1882 at New Haven, CT. by Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney an Irish Catholic priest. It quickly spread throughout North America and today counts almost two million members in over 16,000 parishes.

Looking back at our formation, it is no surprise that our first and foremost service is to support our priests and our Church. Our main principles are: Charity, Fraternity, Service and Patriotism and our service programs are aimed at supporting our priests, our Church, our youth, our parishioners, the community as a whole, and our members.

We always are looking for new members to enjoy and help with our many and varied projects. For information about joining the Knights,
please ask any member or call Jim at 250-746-4840.

Please join us this Sunday morning for our monthly pancake breakfast. Admission by donation.

Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry

BELOVED DISCIPLES

Spirituality for the "Autumn of Life". A five episode DVD mini-course for the over 60's.

Starting Tuesday, February 21st from 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
at Holy Cross Parish. Come and be nourished.

Contact Fr. William at fatherwilliam@shaw.ca to register.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Glen Palahicky

Director, Office of Religious Education—Diocese of Victoria

Annual Diocesan Conference

Greetings, you are invited to our Annual Diocesan Conference on Saturday, February 4th at St. Edwards Parish in Duncan. Bishop Gary and Dr. Gwen Point will share on *Crossing the Road, Finding my Neighbour*. Registration is required. Search for 'Diocesan Conference' on Eventbrite: www.Eventbrite.ca. (\$20 dollars before January 15th; \$25 after- includes lunch)
Contact Office of Religious Education for more information.
jeoreilly@rcdvictoria.org or
gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org

Please come and join us at this special Diocesan event!

Blessings, with thanks, *Jim O'Reilly*.

Want to attend the Diocesan Conference here next Saturday, but are having difficulty registering and paying online at Eventbrite.com? You may register and pay the \$25.00 fee (Registration and Lunch) after Mass this weekend or at the Office during Office hours on Tuesday – Thursday of next week.