



St. Edward's Parish

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 25th / 26th, 2017

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OFFICE HOURS

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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	Adoration, Benediction, Rosary	5:00 p.m.
	Mass	6:30 p.m.
Friday	Adoration/Rosary/Evening Prayer	3:00 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.



Today's Gospel reminds us that we cannot serve both God and Mammon. This means we must choose either to serve our own selfish desires, or choose to serve God and strive to love Him above all things. Only one of these choices provides an inexhaustible treasure in heaven. Given this, let us seek in prayer the grace needed to choose wisely.

Pray, Read, Discuss for This Week
Isaiah 49: 14-15; 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5; Matthew 6: 24-34
“No one can serve two masters.”

A MESSAGE FROM FR. LUYEN

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

The Holy Season of Lent begins this Wednesday, March 1st. As we begin our 40 day journey of Lent, I invite you to come and be marked with ashes during the celebration of the Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Remember that Ash Wednesday is a Solemn day so we fast and abstain.

Fasting: All Catholics in good health, ages 18 to 59 are to fast, taking only one meal, and two smaller meals if needed to maintain strength on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No snacking in between!

Abstinence: All Catholics in good health, ages 14 and older, are to abstain *from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and All Fridays of Lent.*

No Catholic should excuse him/herself from the fast and abstinence of Lent!

Have you thought about what you will do for Lent?

Over the next couple of days, think about the Disciplines of Lent (Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving) and let these be your guide. What will I give up? What good works of charity will I do? How will I make prayer more of a focus? It's all about making a connection with the Season and deepening our relationship with the Lord. Who among us couldn't gain from that? There are so many opportunities right within our grasp - Daily Eucharist, Adoration Chapel Time, Friday Stations of the Cross and Benediction, come early before Mass to pray the Rosary or come celebrate Mass with the residents at one of our nursing homes during Lent. Some families choose to pray the daily reflection as part of their family meal prayer – great idea!

Fast with an intention in mind, such as– for the sick, for peace in the world – an end to war and violence, protection of human life from conception to natural death, for the preservation of religious liberty and conscience rights, for the missionary efforts of the Church throughout the world, for the poor, the homeless and unemployed, those in prison, for our parish and school, for our family members, for the intentions of the Holy Father, for civil leaders, for vocations to priesthood and religious life, for good marriages and families, for the folks in the RCIA as they prepare for the Easter Sacraments of Initiation, etc...

During the Lenten Season, Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 7:00 p.m. I will be available for confessions from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. every Friday.

To end my message this week, I would like to share a homily given by Padre Jorge as something for us to reflect as we enter into the Holy Season of Lent:

I Don't Believe in Priests by Padre Jorge

Some weeks ago I paid a visit to the Car Wash. They received my car, gave me a ticket, and invited me to sit down in a small waiting room area. I found a seat in the waiting room, which was empty apart from a man and a woman sitting together; I pulled out my cellphone, to start posting something on my blog. I was wearing my roman priest collar, and I noticed that the couple seemed to be staring at me from across the room. I ignored them and went back to my cellphone to open up on Facebook and Twitter. I looked up again and they were still looking at me. I tried to angle my body away from them so that I couldn't see them, but then they whispered something to each other, stood up, made their way towards me, and took a seat right next to me.

“Are you a Christian or Catholic?” The first thing I thought about was today's Reading, in which it is asked, *Are you of Paul or of Apollos?* I told them, “I'm both.” They were taken aback, “What do you mean? Are you Christian or Catholic?”—“Well,” I told them “There's no such thing as a non-Christian Catholic, so I'm Christian; and the fullness of the Christian faith is universal, world-wide. In fact, that's what the word Catholic means, universal; and so I'm both!” They gave me a strange look, “Wait a minute, so are you a Priest or not?” — “I try to be!” I said, jokingly, “Why do you ask?”

— “Well,” said the man, “I used to be Catholic...” (I always know it's going to be an interesting conversation when it starts off like that!) “But when I used to go to Mass I would see Father so-and-so arriving with his big car, not saying hello to the parishioners, and generally being completely unwelcoming. Then I found out that he liked his martinis every once in awhile! I lost my faith. I don't believe in priests, and that's why I left the Church.” Then the wife piped up and said, “You want to know why I left? The choir! Nobody sang, and if they did they were off key. Mass was boring and useless to me, especially the homilies. I could barely hear them because the PA system was so bad. I was falling asleep anyway.”

After all this I think they must have picked up something in my expression, because they stopped all of a sudden and asked me, “Well, what do you think?” I said to them, “Well, it sounds like you didn't have a Christian faith to begin with.” They were surprised, “Why do you say that?” “Well,” I said to the husband, “I don't believe in priests either. If you place your faith in a human

A message from Fr. Luyen continued.....

being, the moment you discover that that human being is not perfect, that he has flaws, then your faith will crumble and fall. It sounds like what you had was not a Christian faith, but a *priestly* faith” Then I turned to the wife, “And you? It sounds like you placed your faith not in a human being, but in an experience. You placed your faith in the experience of an emotional high, singing and dancing and *feeling* God. That doesn’t sound to be a Christian faith either, that sounds like a *choiry* faith. True faith is founded on Jesus Christ and not on people or even emotions. It is He who calls us and fills us with life, not Priests, not the Choir, or the PA systems, or exciting homilies. That is the message of today’s Gospel, “Come and follow me!” This is Jesus’ message to each and every one of us, “Follow me” (Mt 4:19).

If we place our faith only in a human being, be it our spouse, our boss, our best friend, or our priest, we will always be disappointed. People disappoint; we’re not perfect. The most that any religious leaders can do is to point to Christ and try to be a selfless instrument for His work, especially through the Sacraments. With our fallen human nature, and bearing our own sins, we try to point to Him who is life, to Him who continues to seek us out. Day after day, He calls out to us, “Will you follow me, today?” and day after day we decide what our answer will be. Day after day, we see Christ also seeking us in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, seeking union, communion, with us, “Follow me.” In Jesus Christ is the glue that binds all of our relationships together; He is the life, the way, and the truth. He is love made flesh, so it is only through Him that we can find true love for our spouses, our neighbours, ourselves, and even our enemies. Beyond our emotions, beyond our flawed human nature and our sins, Christ binds us together in love. You may ask, but how can I love myself, when I am both sinful and redeemed? These two opposing realities can be reconciled by the love of Christ.

Our love is in Christ; our gaze is on *Him*. Let us ask the first disciple of Christ, the first to respond with “Yes! I will follow you,” and, “Yes, I will do *your* will,” to help us in our prayers. We ask the Blessed Virgin Mary that through her will and her Fiat, she will help us to hear the voice of Jesus Christ, and to follow him with authenticity, decisiveness, and courage.

Christ our Redeemer,

Your brother priest,
Fr. Luyen, CSSR

Ritual for the Burning of Blessed Palms and the Sacred Oils to Make Ashes for Ash Wednesday

Thank you to all who contributed palms for last Wednesday’s Ritual. We began in the Church and processed behind the Pas-

cal Candle singing “Alleluia” (which will be omitted during Lent) bringing one of the baskets of palms to the Foyer of the

Church where the Sacred Oils were displayed. The children learned what each of the Sacred Oils ...Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of Chrism and the Oil of the Sick...were used for and where they came from. Some of each Sacred Oil was drizzled on one of three plates of cotton balls. The Procession then continued outside where Father Luyen prayed that the dried palms be transformed into a useful thing...the ashes we will use on Ash Wednesday to remind us of our fragile life that always needs God’s protection. He then lit a candle from the Pascal Candle

and ignited the palms in the barbeque. The children then placed individual palms, woven and shaped into many different

forms by you, onto the fire together with another two basketfuls of palm pieces and the cotton balls drizzled with the Sacred Oils. We all watched as the fire consumed the palms and the oiled cotton balls. The Ritual concluded with a Prayer and Blessing asking the Lord God to help us to let the fire of His Love consume us so that we may be changed into new people and to remember that Christ’s light should always be seen in our actions and attitudes each day.



Next Week In Our Parish

Sat	Feb 25th	11:00 a.m. Funeral Service for the repose of the soul of Bill Benedek+
		4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's
		5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—For all the people
Sun	Feb 26th	9:15 a.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's
		10:00 a.m. Children's Mass at St. Edward's— Beniamino Mansueti+
		The Knights will service Pancake Breakfast
		5:00 p.m. Youth Fundraiser Dinner
Mon	Feb 27th	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tues	Feb 28th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's
		9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's — Eleanor Santos
		5:00 p.m. Adoration, Benediction & Rosary
		6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's — Bob LaFource+
Wed	Mar 1st	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's
		9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's— Albin Falt+
		11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's & Distribution of Ashes
		1:00 p.m. Q of A—Distribution of Ashes
		6:15 p.m. Children's Faith Formation
		6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
		7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's & Distribution of Ashes
Thurs	Mar 2nd	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's
		9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's - Casper Zerr+
		Deceased members of the Bremner Family
		7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Fri	Mar 3rd	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's
		9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Thyra Hyjeertas
		11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge Place—
		1:30 p.m. World Day of Prayer at St. John's Anglican Church
		3:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession/Rosary/Evening Vigil Prayer
		7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross—Liturgy & PPC
Sat	Mar 4th	9:30 a.m. Novena of our Lady of Perpetual Help and the Holy Rosary
		Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's
		10:00 a.m. Mass honouring the Blessed Virgin Anointing of the sick
		4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's
		5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—For all the people
Sun	Mar 5th	9:15 a.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's
		10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's— Rose Brassard+ CWL will serve refreshments after Mass

Mark your calendar.....

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

St. Edward's Parish, 2085 Maple Bay Road, Duncan, B.C.

*Come and See, Come and Listen, Come and Accept
The Bountiful Mercy of Jesus*

Sunday, March 12th to Tuesday, March 14th



Nick was competitive in everything he did. While the other kids were content to make snow angels, he would hold a toy sword in one hand and make snow archangels.

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	David Russell	Justin Moore
Annetta Anderson	Terry Christofferson	Arlene Laughren
Janine Lauzon	Steven Christofferson	Tom Phillipson
Kirby Flegel	Yvonne Gill	Tony Aquino
Brenda Whelan	Baby Benjamin	Ashley Pifko
Paulette Nelson	Kim Gunn	Margaret Fay
Jan Spencer	David McMahon	Terry Thorpe
Tim Cech	Susan Ferguson	Jan Tokorcheck
Dale Stelter	Laurence Vander Peet	Riet Heemskerk
Chris Barfield	Maria Angelina Moniz	Naomi Prodlahl
Nicole Forest-Klein	Rick Zuback	Win Finnie
Evert Jones	Ken McKinnon	Maurice Foucher
Terry Wlodarczyk	Frank Laszczyk	Nick Nikel
Marie Patterson	Bob Goehring	Victoria Robinson
Anne Hoek	Claude Marquis	Kay Walls
Bob Rutledge	Robbie Hall	Ray Marquis
Emiko Nicol		Tess Nessman
		Hugh Bennett

Our Dead:

Bill Benedek

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.

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)

Mark Your Calendars.....

CWL Diocesan Interim Spring Meeting, will take place on **Monday, March 6th at St. Peter's in Nanaimo**. Please check your calendar and let's take a few carloads of CWL sisters to this meeting.

CWL Spring Tea and Fashion Show will be held this year on Sunday, June 4th at the church hall.

Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry

March 18th — St. Patrick's (Victoria)

Pastoral Care Outreach Training Session 2:

Listening and Communication and Mental Health

Vocations Road Trip

For young men, aged 18 – 30 curious about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Depart from the Cathedral on March 3rd after the noon Mass and return on March 4th.

To register or for more information email

Fr. Dean Henderson, Vocations Awareness Director at:

catholic@uvic.ca

Women's Vocation Live-In Retreat

For single Catholic women ages 18 – 35, March 3rd – 5th, at St. Patrick's, 2060 Haultain Street, Victoria.

Hosts: Sr. Mary Sabina and Sr. Angela Marie.

For more information email Fr. Dean Henderson at:

catholic@uvic.ca.



The SIX HABITS of CATHOLIC INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP Practicing Your "Catholic I.D."



1. Talk to Your Friend Jesus Every Day
2. Learn About Jesus in the Bible Every Day
3. Be with Jesus at Mass
4. Tell Jesus You're Sorry When You Mess Up
5. Serve Jesus by Helping Others
6. Help Jesus and His Family at Your Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



St. Edward the Confessor Council 4253

Don Snelling, Grand Knight

The Knights are cooking pancakes and sausages for three straight days this week. This Sunday morning is our regular breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausages, plus a beverage. Please come down and let us treat you to a hearty breakfast. **Admission is by donation.** Some of the proceeds go to the St. Edward's Youth Group who have been helping us since last fall. Monday we will start to prepare for the huge task of feeding all of Queen of Angels School students and staff pancakes and sausages on Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras.

We are also collecting Pennies for Heaven after both this week-end's Masses. These proceeds go to support the three seminarians from Vancouver Island. Thank you for your on-going support.

**The March K. of C. General Council Meeting
has been moved to**

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15th

so as not to conflict with the Parish Mission.

2017 Bishop's Gala - May 6, 2017

The Bishop's Gala Team is seeking donations of goods and services for the Silent Auction such as gift certificates for restaurants, travel, accommodation, spas, golf courses, themed gift baskets, or the like.

Volunteers to assist with the Silent Auction on the night of the Gala (Saturday, May 6) are also needed. If you are able to help, or would like to make a donation to the Silent Auction, please contact Char Deslippe at (250) 381-5839 or email bcdeslippe@shaw.ca.

Imagine the possibilities ...

Get your tickets today

Come and enjoy an evening Fun!

Island Catholic Schools

will be accepting applications for the following position:

**0.2 FTE Temporary Administrative Assistant
at Queen of Angels School, Duncan**

Mary Carmichael
Executive Assistant
Island Catholic Schools

mcarmichael@cisdv.bc.ca

250-727-6893

250-727-6879 (fax)

Thank You

A bouquet of thanks to all those groups of our Parish who supply refreshments for Coffee Sundays. These occasions are enjoyed by many of our parishioners.

Thank you, Fr. Luyen





VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
FOR THIS YEAR'S
CELEBRATION OF HOLY WEEK AND THE TRIDUUM

MANY OF OUR FAITHFUL PARISHIONERS HAVE NEEDED TO STEP DOWN FROM ACTIVELY VOLUNTEERING HELPING TO MAKE THESE OCCASIONS HONOURED AND SPECIAL. IT IS TIME FOR NEW FOLKS TO TAKE ON SOME OF THESE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

THIS IS OUR PARISH AND WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

I AM PARTICULARLY HOPING THAT SOME OF OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS WILL STEP UP TO THE CHALLENGE.

THERE WILL BE EXPERIENCED PEOPLE TO HELP YOU LEARN WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

SO PLEASE SERIOUSLY CONSIDER TAKING ON ONE OR MORE OF THESE ROLES:

Creative Environment

This includes preparing the Church, Sanctuary and Altar of Repose for each of the special services.

Enacting the Living Word of God

This will take place during the Easter Vigil

Leaders of Procession

This is for Psalm Sunday weekend Masses

Adult Altar Servers

Training will be provided

Musician and Singers

Even if you can only help at this time of year, you are most needed

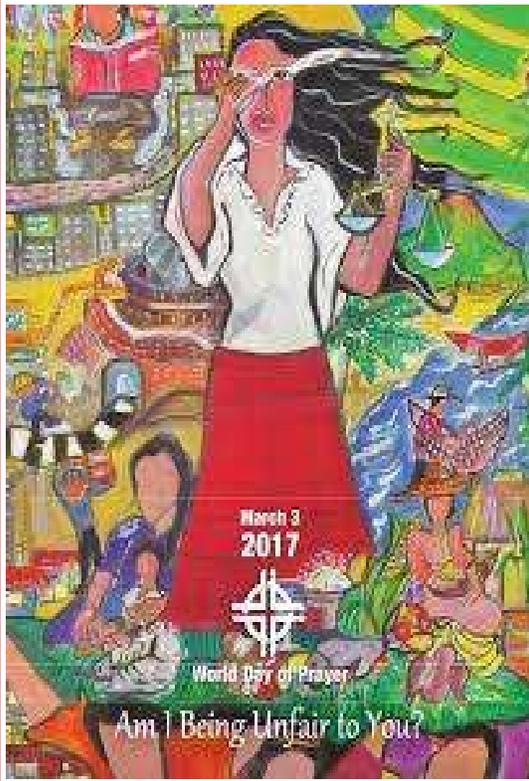
Behind the Scenes

Numerous roles from costuming to helping with lighting

If you have helped in the past and are willing to do so again this year, please don't assume we know that. I would very much appreciate it if ALL persons willing to consider helping would contact me at your very earliest convenience. I thank you in advance for considering this call to enhance your parish's celebrations at this our most Holy time of the year.

Sincerely,
Cassandra Barfield
250-715-6229
barfield@shaw.ca





WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

*Written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of
The Philippines*

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together on the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer. Through World Day of Prayer, we affirm our faith in Jesus Christ and engage with the whole world, are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures, share the burdens of other people by praying with them and use our own talents in the service of God's world. Prayer and actions are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world.

We will join our neighbours in celebrating World Day of Prayer

at St. John's Anglican Church

486 Jubilee Street, Duncan

Friday March 3rd, 2017

at 1:30 p.m.

Refreshments following the Ecumenical Prayer Service.

PLEASE JOIN US!

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 # **86054** when you fill up.

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

Thanks, The Finance Committee

Needs of the Food Bank

If you have extra plastic shopping bags please bring them to the Church next Sunday for the Food Bank or you may drop them off at the Food Bank.

Thank you, Eleanore Hall

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 the monthly offerings are received via 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.

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2085 Maple Bay Road, Duncan, British Columbia**

Parish Mission

**Come and See; Come and Hear;
Come and Accept the Bountiful Mercy of Jesus**



March 12th – 3:00 p.m. “Forgiveness and Mercy”

March 13th – 7:00 p.m. “Building Bridges to Mercy”

March 14th – 11:00 a.m. Mass and Mission

“Releasing to Mercy”

2:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Reflection

**6:30 p.m. Reconciliation Service and Individual
Opportunities to receive the Sacrament of
Reconciliation**