



St. Edward's Parish

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1st Sunday of Lent

March 4th/5th, 2017

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OFFICE HOURS

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

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MASS TIMES

-ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH-

Saturday	Reconciliation	3:30-4:30 p.m. <i>(or by appointment)</i>
	Mass	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Reconciliation	9:00-9:30 a.m. <i>(or by appointment)</i>
	Mass	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Adoration, Benediction, Rosary	5:00 p.m.
	Mass	6:30 p.m.
Friday	Adoration/Rosary/Evening Vigil Prayer	3:00 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.

It can be difficult to be obedient. Temptations, deceptions and lack of will can contribute to our failures. When we focus on what love asks us to do, however, we can overcome the obstacles to our desired choices and behaviours. Jesus serves as the model of love and obedience, and relying on Him in prayer gives us strength to make the right choices.

Pray, Read, Discuss for This Week

Genesis 2: 7-9, 16-18,25, 3:1-7; Romans 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11

“Jesus is the model of love and obedience.”

A MESSAGE FROM FR. LUYEN

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

Some years ago when I was still serving a parish in Philadelphia, a lady came and shared with me the following story. Let's call her Bea.

This is what she shared:

“When I got married, my mother-in-law somehow did not only dislike me, but hated me. I never knew why. Even though I asked her many times, what have I done wrong, she simply remained silent. I tried to love her as much as I could but nothing seemed to work.

Every night I would light a votive candle before the statues of Our Lady and Jesus in my bedroom and cry. I would tell Jesus . . . ‘Jesus, tell me what wrong have I done to my mother-in-law to make her hate me . . .?’ Although I sensed Jesus’ presence and felt His strength . . . He somehow also remained silent to my pleas and cries. I knew that there was no way I could make my mother-in-law love me . . . this went on every day for twenty five years until she got very sick and was bedridden

I continued to bathe, feed and nurse her with as much love and care as I possibly could, but there was still no change in her attitude towards me . . . So, every night, I continued to light my votive candle and cry to Jesus and Our Lady . . . there were many times I wanted to give up . . . and walk out of the house and my marriage . . . however, I couldn't bring myself to do this as I had a good and loving husband who also could not do much to change his mother's hatred for me . . . all this went on for another 7 years. Just before my mother-in-law died she said to me, ‘Bea, I have never loved you all these years, why do you continue to love me?’ Bea answered, ‘Because my Jesus wants me to love you.’

At this, Bea's mother-in-law wept bitterly and said, ‘I want your Jesus too.’ ” Bea's mother-in-law received brief instructions about the Catholic faith, and was baptized just before she died.

This Sunday's first reading from the book of Genesis reminds us of the reality when God created us, He created us in His image and likeness. This means that God has created each of us with the power and potential to make the seemingly impossible to possible, if we rely on God's strength to go beyond our hurts and pain and live the life that God wants us to live.

The Gospel today, shows us a human aspect of Jesus, he was not exempt from temptations, but we notice that each time Jesus was tempted He turned to His Father in prayer. Maybe we should ask ourselves what to do in time of temptation. Jesus turned to His Father and also He never turns away from us.

When we distance ourselves from Him and each other, Jesus calls us back day after day. So this is our chance to cling to His life, to cling to His word, and change directions. We have a new opportunity to say **"no"** to evil, bigotry, and hate, and **"yes"** to love and affirmation of our neighbors. When we change our relationship with God it will automatically change our relationship with each other.

This Sunday is the First Sunday of lent. Let's make the most of this Lenten time for more prayer, more self sacrifice, more forgiving and accepting of God's Grace in our life.

May you all have a blessed and peace-filled Lenten Season.

Your brother priest,
Fr. Luyen, CSSR

Next Week In Our Parish

Sat	Mar 4th	9:30 a.m.	Novena of our Lady of Perpetual Help and the Holy Rosary
		10:00 a.m.	Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 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
Mon	Mar 6th	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
Tues	Mar 7th	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 — Albin Falt+
Wed	Mar 8th	8:10 a.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's
		9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Clare's— Souls of Purgatory
		6:15 p.m.	Children's Faith Formation—1st Reconciliation
Thurs	Mar 9th	8:10 a.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's
		9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Clare's - Deceased members of the Bremner Family
		7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Fri	Mar 10th	8:10 a.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's
		9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Clare's—Donald Lucien Vangois+
		11:00 a.m.	Mass at Sunridge
		3:00 p.m.	Adoration/Confession/Rosary/Evening Vigil Prayer
		7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross—Led by CWL
Sat	Mar 11th	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 12th	9:15 a.m.	Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's
		10:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Edward's— Frank Seifert+ The Holy Family Committee will serve coffee after Mass today.
		3:00 p.m.	Parish Mission

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

Refugees, Immigration and Citizenship

There is a volunteer training session being held at the Cowichan Intercultural Society office on Thursday, March 2nd, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Titled: How To Connect With Syrians in a Diverse Cowichan.

This an Encore Session of the successful December Workshop. The Society is welcoming back Omar Beshar, CIS Interpreter, and special guests.

During this Workshop, we will learn about: Arabic greetings and phrases; Customs about food, etiquette and social customs; Origins of some of the customs and symbolism; How to share Canadian traditions and customs in a welcoming way. This training will provide one with skills to help build a welcoming and inclusive community. To reserve a seat: relationships@cis-wic.org or call 250-748-3112. The CIS office is located at 205-394 Duncan Street. Seating is limited.

**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 Prodhahl
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	Hugh Bennett	Tess Nessman

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



Let us enjoy Coffee Sunday together

We will be serving Coffee/Tea and wonderful treats after this Sunday's Mass. Come and enjoy some **green treats** in recognition of St. Patrick!

Support our CWL while enjoying great refreshments.

All proceeds will be sent to the Esk-OMI Mission in the Canadian Arctic. Thank you,

Up Coming Events:

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.

RITE OF WELCOME



Please pray for the following candidates. Next Sunday during Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Welcome with them.

Sandra Evelyn Alldritt
Linda Mary DeWitt
James Douglas Charles Shaw
Michael Victor Nunn

These people are seeking reception into full communion of the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Easter Vigil.

Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry

March 18th — St. Patrick's (Victoria)

Pastoral Care Outreach Training Session 2:

Listening and Communication and Mental Health

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



St. Edward the Confessor Council 4253

Don Snelling, Grand Knight

- Thank you to everyone who supported our monthly Pancake Breakfast last week-end. On Shrove Tuesday we served over 1000 sausages and 1200 pancakes to the Queen of Angels School, Staff, Students, and helpers in about two hours. Thanks to all for the support and help.
- **The General Council Meeting for March has been moved to 7:30 PM Wednesday, March 15th.** so as not to conflict with the Parish Mission.
- The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners of St. Edward's Parish for their generosity in supporting our seminarian program "Pennies for Heaven." The Knights collected \$164.25 for the program.
Thank you and may God bless you all.
Bob Powell, St. Edward the Confessor Council, 4253, "Pennies for Heaven" chairman

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.

Island Catholic Schools

will be accepting applications for the following position:

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

One Part-time (0.4) Temporary Band Teacher (Grades 5-8) at Queen of Angels School, Duncan BC

Application forms and details are posted on
<http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

Mary Carmichael
Executive Assistant
Island Catholic Schools

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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



Jesu Ashram

*A charitable Health Care Centre
at the service of the destitute and the poor*

“Jesus came into this world that they may have life and have it in abundance. (John 10:10)

These words are true for Lazarus. Lazarus came to Jesu Ashram some forty three years back as a leprosy patient in a very critical condition. He had huge ulcers with maggots and had lost almost all his fingers from the feet and from the hands as well. Due to leprosy he has completely lost one of his eyes and the other eye is also permanently damaged. The treatment was long and went on for many years. Now he is rid of leprosy but handicapped left with one eye with partial vision and a couple of amputated fingers. Due to the social stigma he could not go back to his home and so Jesu Ashram became his home. Lazarus is a grateful soul and does not shy away saying that he is alive today because of Jesu Ashram and that Jesus has given him new life.

Lazarus is not only alive but rather fully alive. He is an ambassador of life, beauty and joy. He is a self-appointed gardener having great passion for gardening. There seems to be magic in his amputated fingers. Whatever seeds, plants or trees he touches come alive and blossoms with varieties of flowers and fruits. He spends his own little pocket money to buy seeds and plants which he uses parental care looking after them. When at Jesu Ashram, you can easily identify Lazarus with a cap on his head and soiled hands caring for plants. He spends his entire day in the garden from early morning till late evening. When you meet him he greets you gracefully with joy and cheerfulness. In the midst of ecological crises where the greed of human beings is degrading the environment and earth endangering life on earth, people like Lazarus are working day and night to give life and make our planet beautiful and liveable. Do we dare or care to give a helping hand to Lazarus.
Jesu Ashram Centre

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

Donation Receipts from St. Edward's Parish

This will be the last weekend that the donation receipts will be available in the foyer of the Church. This coming week the receipts be mailed out to those who have not already picked them up.

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. Parish Finance Committee

**St. Edward's Parish Mission
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**



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR

Development and Peace

2017 Solidarity Calendar Share Lent

**Those who receive their bulletin on-line
please pick up your calendar in the foyer of the Church today.**

Women at the Heart of Change

Supporting women is a priority for Development and Peace—Caritas Canada. For this year’s Share Lent campaign, we invite you to listen to the voices of women who are working to build the world of tomorrow—Women at the heart of change. You will find testimonials from the four corners of the globe inside the Mini-magazine to be distributed in the Church next week. Don’t forget your copy!

Our first testimonial is from Marta and Silvia, two women from Paraguay who are members of an indigenous women’s farming association supported by Development and Peace-Caritas Canada. “I wish that there was land for everyone, that women were free and that they had the freedom to organize and defend their rights,” Silvia tells us

Women have always been at the heart of our organization! Did you know that in 1979, Development and Peace led a campaign to support the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo, in Argentina, whose children and grand-children disappeared under the military dictatorship?