



# St. Edward's Parish

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## 3rd Sunday of Lent

March 18th/19th, 2017

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### OFFICE HOURS

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

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Secretary: *Sherriden Clements*

Children's Faith Formation: *Gloria Ganter*

Bookkeeper: *Jackie Brimacombe*

Queen of Angels Roman Catholic School Principal:  
*Kathy Korman 250-746-5919*

### 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 Vigil Prayer  
3:00 p.m.

#### **-ST. CLARE'S MONASTERY-**

2359 Calais Road, Duncan

Tuesday to Friday  
Mass 9:00 a.m.

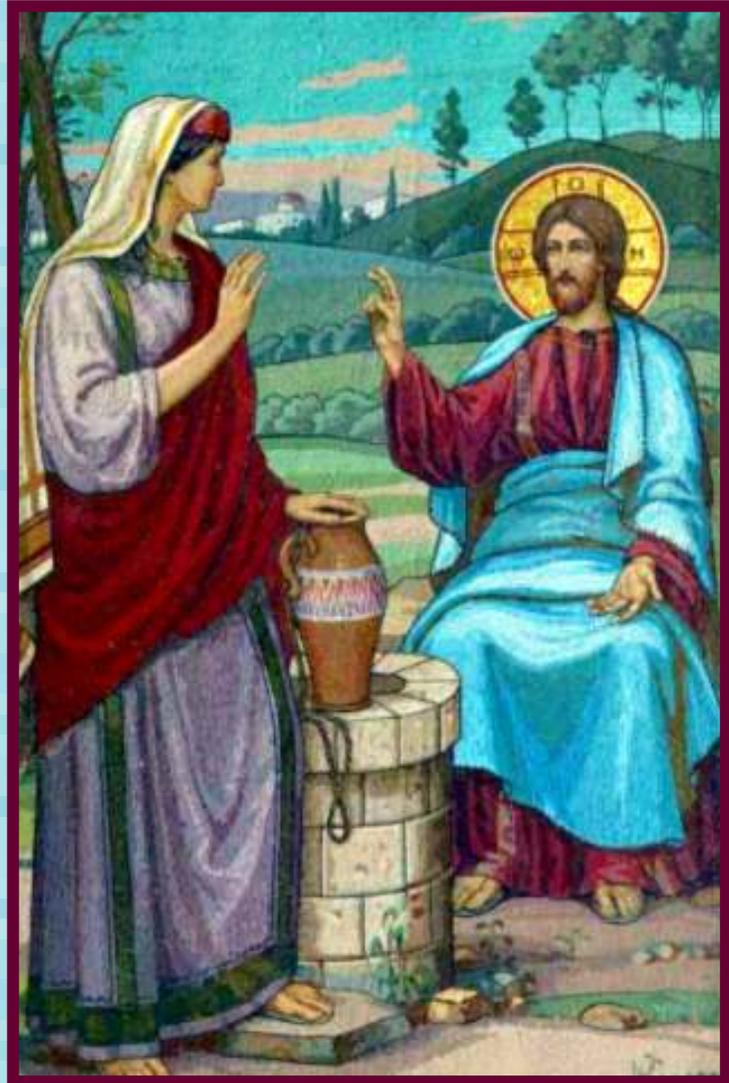
#### **-SUNRIDGE PLACE-**

361 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.*



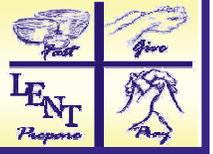
***"To those who thirst for truth in this world, our Christian faith offers the living waters of baptism and life in Christ. So many in our world are like the woman in the Gospel, isolated and afraid, often living on the fringes, looking for something or someone in whom to place their trust and faith. Let us pray they turn to Christ."***



## Pray, Read, Discuss for This Week

Exodus 17: 3-7; Romans 5: 1-21, 5-8; John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

*"Christ offers all people the living water of salvation."*



## A MESSAGE FROM FR. LUYEN

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

**"God is so good and wonderful!"**

That was what I said on the last evening of our Parish Lenten Mission when I saw the big crowd that came back for the Penitential Service and Reconciliation. Those of you who attended the Parish Lenten Mission last week with Deacon Paul Murphy, would agree with me that the Mission went very well and was extremely successful. The purpose of the Mission was to draw us back to God through conversion and that was what I saw and experienced. The talks were very moving and touching; that there were so many things that people would relate to in their lives. After each talk, people came to me and said, "he really won my heart; his talk about 'one more thing' from the Gospel of the rich man made me see my real life and I really want to go to confession right now; or I found a lot of consolation when he talked about building bridges of trust and hope through surrendering to God because I am in a situation where I did not know where to turn..."

There were so many people working behind the scenes to make the Mission go so well. I thank the choirs who provided the music each day, thanks to those who prepared the coffee and refreshments: the liturgy Committee; PPC; Martha and Ray Courchene; Madge and Casey Weber, Eileen Martell, Phyllis Pifko and many, many others. All of you who worked so hard to provide refreshments and lunch for everyone after the Tuesday morning mission. This enabled people to stay for the Holy Hour afterwards. A big thanks to Phil and Mary Claire Jennings for helping me to organize this Mission and being a back-up for whatever was needed.

Most of all, I thank all of you who prayed for and attended the Mission and then invited your neighbours to come. There were so many things I experienced during and after the Mission, for instance: there were people who shared with me how they had been away from this Parish for more 10 years, and their friends who attended the Mission had invited them to come today, and this had changed their lives. One thing they said that really struck me was, "I don't know why I stopped going to Church. I guess for a long time, I let people dictate about their negativities about this Parish and what they did not like at the Church and that really discouraged and upset me." They continued, "I want to come back. This is my Church. This is my family. I don't want those negativities discouraging me any more. That is not why I live my faith."

We don't know how God works through us. It may be your invitation that God uses to bring someone back to Him or the words in a song that we sing at Church that really touched their hearts.

Another incident this week, I received a phone call from a young man who was dealing with some illness and asked if I could come to visit him at his residence. When I came to see him, he told me that he wanted to be Baptized to become Catholic. I asked why he wanted to become Catholic, he said that when he was young, his friend was Catholic and sometimes on weekends he ate dinner with his friend's family. Before they ate they made the sign of the cross and prayed together. So he wanted to be like them, to have a religion, faith and especially a personal relationship with God, so that he will be saved.

**If you saw me smile the whole weekend, now, you know why.** 

Now that the Mission is over, let us begin to evangelize our brothers and sisters by inviting them and sharing the grace of joy and the blessings that we receive from God.

In Christ's love,

Your brother priest,  
Fr. Luyen, CSsR

**Please pray for the following who are in special need of God's healing and for their families and care givers.**

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	Kim Gunn	Ashley Pifko
Paulette Nelson	David McMahon	Margaret Fay
Jan Spencer	Susan Ferguson	Terry Thorpe
Tim Cech	Laurence Vander Peet	Jan Tokorcheck
Dale Stelter	Maria Angelina Moniz	Riet Heemskerk
Chris Barfield	Rick Zuback	Naomi Prodhahl
Nicole Forest-Klein	Ken McKinnon	Win Finnie
Evert Jones	Frank Laszczyk	Maurice Foucher
Terry Wlodarczyk	Bob Goehring	Nick Nickel
Marie Patterson	Claude Marquis	Victoria Robinson
Anne Hoek	Robbie Hall	Kay Walls
Bob Rutledge	Hugh Bennett	Ray Marquis
Emiko Nicol	John McDonnell	Tess Nessman
Ray Herle	Jerome & Mary Schumack	Tom Drumond
	Cienna Fernandez	Germaine Wilson

**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](mailto: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	Mar 18th	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	Mar 19th	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's Mass at St. Edward's— Dr. Roland Martine+ The Filipino Group will supply refreshments after Mass today.
Mon	Mar 20th		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Tues	Mar 21st	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Mass at St. Clare's — Riet Heemskerk Liturgy Meeting Adoration, Benediction & Rosary Mass—Ron Ganter+
Wed	Mar 22nd	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Mass at St. Clare's— Cienna Fernandez
Thurs	Mar 23rd	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Mass at St. Clare's— Van Kinsella+ Choir Practice
Fri	Mar 24th	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Mass at St. Clare's—Linda Kocurek Mass at Sunridge—Casper Zerr+ Adoration/Confession/Rosary/Evening Vigil Prayer Stations of the Cross led by Adult Faith Formation
Sat	Mar 25th	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	Mar 26th	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's Family Mass at St. Edward's — Helen & Ignatius Dotto+ The Knights will be serving Pancake Breakfast in the Church Hall after Mass today.



*I thank the Lord and all of you who prayed, helped and loved me through that difficult past year. I am declared "cancer free".  
Thank you,  
Riet Heemskerk*

## St. Andrew's High School

Accepting applications for Marketing Consultant  
23-35 hours per week  
From mid-April to the end of June  
with the possibility to extend.

Application forms and details are posted on

<http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

*Thanks Mary Carmichael,*





### Development and Peace, Caritas Canada

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the year this organization was founded, and to help celebrate we are running an Arts Contest in the Diocese of Victoria. Look for the poster in your parish for contest entry and contact information. The contest is open to all children and youth in Catholic schools and parishes in the Diocese of Victoria, from elementary school age up to youth age 19 to 35. There are many ways to enter – draw a poster, compose a song or poem, write a short essay, or record a short video (one entry only per person). This is an opportunity to do some research and find out about the incredible work this Catholic international aid organization has accomplished over the past 50 years. All entries should reflect the history of the organization, what countries it helps, or the type of assistance it provides. Entries must be received by April 22, 2017. Prizes will be awarded for the best entry in each category, in each age group, in each region.

email [rcdvdevelopmentandpeace@gmail.com](mailto:rcdvdevelopmentandpeace@gmail.com) to enter or for more information. [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)

**See poster on bulletin in foyer.**

### Thank You

Gerry and I just returned from our time in Cuba, where we were part of a group that brought humanitarian aid. Baracoa was hit very hard from the hurricane in October. We had been there a year earlier and the damage was unbelievable. We brought 15 extra full suitcases, including medical stuff for doctors in little villages that don't have much. It gives you great gratitude, hiking in a remote area with a backpack full of stuff and leaving it for families. Another great achievement for 6 of us was climbing the highest peak in Cuba, Pico Turquino, 1972 metres, you start this hike from sea level, it was a 9 hour tough hike but very enjoyable and rewarding. We enjoyed many other mountain climbs.

Thanks to St. Edwards parishioners who left items in the foyer when asked, and a special thanks to those who left financial help. I was able to give a full suitcase and the money to Fr. Matteo at the Catholic Church in Baracoa. He was so appreciative, while there I was able to see some of the programs they have in the parish, it was an active and busy parish.

Blessings

Mary and Gerry Hof

## DIOCESAN MEDALS

On the occasion of the Cathedral's 125th Anniversary year, the Diocese would like to honour various individuals from throughout the Diocese for service to the local and/or Diocesan Church, the community and world. Therefore, parishioners are invited to submit suggestions of recipients for such awards to our nominating committee no later than Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Suggestions should be accompanied by a personal bio of the nominee, indicating family, circumstance of origin and of connections to Mission/Church/Community as well as specific examples of the nominee's personification of the mission of Christ—in the Church Community, in the Civic Community and the World. There should also be one clear and concise reason why the nominator is advancing the name of the nominee. Award recipients must be 19 years of age or older, practicing Catholics who have rendered long standing service to the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Victoria, lay members of the faithful, and not on salary or having a contract position with a local parish or the Diocese.

### ST EDWARDS PARISH NOMINATING COMMITTEE for DIOCESAN MEDALS

Please note the above article "DIOCESAN MEDALS". Parishioners are asked to give serious thought to this project of honouring those who have made significant contributions to the Church in this Parish or elsewhere. A problem that we face is that there are so many people who have contributed so much for so long, yet the Parish is limited to two nominations going to the Diocesan Awards Committee. In view of this difficulty our Parish Committee has decided that the names of all legitimately nominated people will go into a "hat", and two will be drawn in the presence of the Pastor and will be forwarded to the Diocesan Awards Committee. That way, all who have been nominated will have an equal chance of being selected, and all will know they have been locally honoured, as their names will be subsequently published in the bulletin.

The deadline for submitting nominations to the Parish Committee is **Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

Tony Parr, Committee Chair

## 5th Annual Diocesan Family Conference

**August 24th-27th**

**on the shores of beautiful Nanoose Bay!**

This year our speakers are Josh and Denise Grimard all the way from Bishop Gary's old parish in Telegraph Creek, BC where they serve as missionaries.

Our theme:

Our Mission: In the family, in the community, and the world.  
in the community, and the world.

Special guest is Ryan Mitchell, our youth's favourite missionary from Face 2 Face Ministries!

Call Marnie Wynans 250-723-3263 for more info.



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

President  
Leanne Forest  
250-597-4450



Membership  
Francine Tournier  
250-748-9831

**CWL Spring Tea and Fashion Show**

will be held this year on Sunday, June 4th at the Church Hall.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS,  
MOUNT TZOUHALEM  
ON GOOD FRIDAY**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**



Please meet on the steps of St. Ann's church, 9:00 a.m., where we will gather and have our opening prayer and song before we journey to the top of the mountain. We will stop at the 14 stations for prayer and reflection. A children's version will also be read, so parents, encourage your kids to bring their loud voices. At the top we will have a prayer service with Veneration of the Cross. The journey is not an easy one, with logs over the old road and it is very steep in places. Please make sure you are in good physical condition.

Anyone is welcome to come for the opening song and prayer and journey to the first station and return, after that the climb get tougher. Please dress for the weather, bring water, and a light lunch if you want to stay and enjoy the view after, but this is a day of fasting and abstinence.

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOGS AT HOME**

For more info contact Mary Hof, [mhof126@gmail.com](mailto:mhof126@gmail.com), or 250-743-4074

This will be my 25th year of organizing this journey, it's being a real blessing for me to do this.

Mary Hof

**Children's Poster Draw**

Children ages 4-11

You are invited to participate in a poster draw. After listening to Sunday's Gospel and Fr. Luyen's homily at the Family Mass each month, children are encouraged to draw a poster of what they remember or have learned when they are back at home.

Poster size is 8.5" x 11" white paper. Include your name and phone number on the back of the poster. Completed posters place in an envelope marked "Children's poster Draw and return to the Church foyer. Once we have 5 posters, Fr. Luyen will randomly select one at the end of Family Mass. The Knights of Columbus will supply prizes for the winner.

This project starts at the end of March. It is to motivate all our children to listen to the Gospel message and encourage families to attend Mass.

Winning posters will be displayed for a month until the next poster is drawn.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**



St. Edward the Confessor Council 4253

Don Snelling, Grand Knight



This past Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. St. Patrick's Day, the Knights led the Stations of the Cross. This is appropriate as our order was founded some 135 years ago by an Irish immigrant Catholic Priest, Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney (August 12, 1852 – August 14, 1890) based in New Haven, Connecticut. He started the order at his local parish to serve as a mutual aid and fraternal insurance organization, particularly for immigrants and their families. It developed through the 20th century as the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization.

The cause for his canonization was started in the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut in 1996 then in March 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared Fr. McGivney "Venerable" in recognition of his "heroic virtue". If he is canonized, he would be the first American-born priest to receive this recognition.

**Clergy Appointments and  
Ordination to the Priesthood**

Fr. Karam Alraban will leave Ascension Parish in Parksville on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 to serve as the Assistant Priest at Holy Cross Parish beginning on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Fr. Bernard Injou Lee, retired from the Archdiocese of Toronto, will serve as the interim replacement priest and will arrive at Ascension Parish on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Michael Favero, on loan to the Diocese of Whitehorse for the last two years, will return to serve as Pastor of Ascension Parish, effective August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The Diocese of Victoria is pleased to announce that the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Michael Tran will be held on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria. A reception will follow at St. Patrick's Parish hall, located at 2060 Haultain Street in Oak Bay. Kindly please remember the intentions of Deacon Tran in your prayers as he prepares to celebrate this joyous occasion.

Your support and prayers for the ongoing pastoral needs of the Diocese of Victoria are greatly appreciated.

Bishop Gary Gordon

Cynthia Bouchard, Chancellor

**2017 Bishop's Gala - May 6<sup>th</sup>, 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<sup>th</sup>) 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](mailto:bcdeslippe@shaw.ca).



**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**  
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