



St. Edward's Parish

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4th Sunday of Lent

March 25th/26th, 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.
(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-

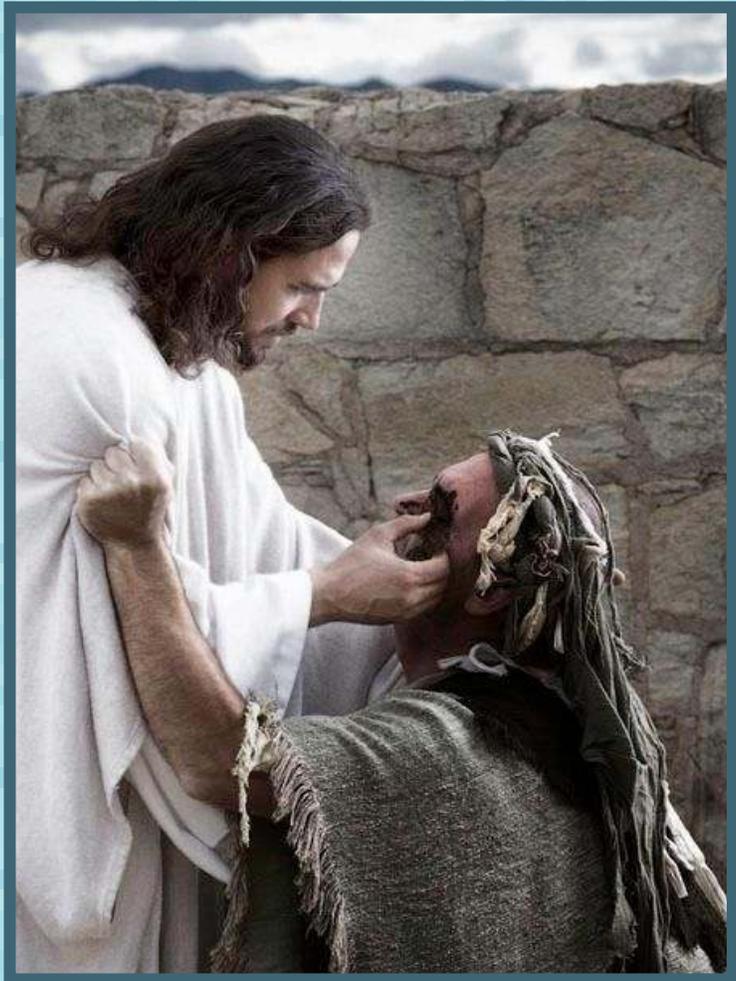
2359 Calais Road, Duncan

Tuesday to Friday
Mass 9:00 a.m.

-SUNRIDGE PLACE-

361 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.

"Observing how a blind person negotiates his or her way through life is inspiring. Observing blindness of heart, however, is troubling. Those who are blind to the truth often stumble through life because of obstacles they place in their own paths. When we seek the truth of the Gospel, we are like the blind man who came to believe in the Son of man."

Pray, Read, Discuss for This Week

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

“The blind man’s conversion of heart stands in stark contrast to the stubborn blindness of the Pharisees.”

FROM FR. LUYEN’S DESK

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

I pray that all of your Lents are going well so far, and that you’ve used this season to grow closer to the Lord. Up to this week, we have passed the midway point of Lent, and Easter is fast approaching.

Last Thursday, a group of parishioners from my previous parish in the U.S where I served before faceted me, and one of the questions they asked was how my lent has been? I told them that I’ve had to rededicate myself to my resolutions: beside the spiritual additional practices, I should make myself more available to love God and others. I hope that you could do the same: be more available to love God and others.

Pope Francis, On his 2015 visit to Cuba, said, “When God comes, he always calls us out of our house. We are visited so that we can visit others; we are encountered so as to encounter others; we receive love in order to give love.” God never ceases visiting us, coming into our hearts through grace, through our families, through the Eucharistic celebrations. The question then becomes, how will we respond? Anything we offer to God, He returns to us, with interest.

Besides, let us take time to reflect on the Word of God for His guidance. This Sunday’s first reading is a great lesson on seeing as God sees. Samuel thinks that God’s choice of a new King to succeed Saul is surely *not* the young and inexperienced David. But God says to Samuel “*Do not judge from appearances - - Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.*”

In our society today we so often judge by appearance. Often appearance and presentation are everything. We are told to “dress for success”. That may be the way of the world, but it is not God’s way. God is totally disinterested in appearances. His interest is in what resides in the heart. God saw that David had a good heart and chose him as King. As we all know, David was far from perfect. He committed adultery and then planned to have Uriah and others killed to cover up his sin. But God continued to believe in David because David repented of his sin.

History has proved that the way God sees is different from the world’s view. Albert Einstein did not speak until he was four and could not read until age seven. His teacher called him “mentally slow and adrift in foolish dreams.” He became a great physicist.

Or Ludwig van Beethoven, a music composer and the pianist, during his life, his teacher called him “hopeless” as a composer. Look at what he left for human beings through his musical gifts.

Or Winston Churchill, who became Prime Minister of England at 62, failed sixth grade. After a lifetime of defeats and setbacks, he began to achieve some success only as a senior citizen

Or Dr. Seuss’ first children’s book was rejected by 27 publishers. This list, of so-called “losers” who surprised their detractors with their stunning successes could go on and on.

God could use different people to work for His Kingdom. Each of us is witness to the love of God and how God has called us to make a difference in this world. When we make that difference other people react to it. We cannot do this without Jesus. Each day He is urging us to look to Him for help and inspiration and be willing to give this to others. The world today is in so much need of love and reconciliation and peace. We have an obligation to overcome hatred and bigotry which seem so apparent. Without Jesus this is not possible, and without our action it is not possible. Lent is an opportunity to see this.

As we enter the most intense part of our Lenten Journey, let us not be discouraged but be uplifting to others, and to reassess our own priorities. God is counting on you and me.

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
Scott Reiss	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

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 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 Mass at St. Edward's- Helen & Ignatius Dotto+ Children's Mass The Knights will be serving Pancake Breakfast in the Church Hall after Mass today.
Mon	Mar 27th		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tues	Mar 28th	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 Liturgy Meeting Adoration, Benediction & Rosary Mass at St Edward's—Ray Herle
Wed	Mar 29th	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Mass at St. Clare's Children's Faith Formation
Thurs	Mar 30th	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Mass at St. Clare's Choir Practice
Fri	Mar 31st	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 Mass at Sunridge—June Goode+ Adoration/Confession/Rosary/Evening Vigil Prayer Stations of the Cross
Sat	Apr 1st	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Novena of our Lady of Perpetual Help and the Holy Rosary Rosary before Mass at St Edward's Mass honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary Anointing of the Sick Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's Mass at St. Edward's—For all the people
Sun	Apr 2nd	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's Mass at St. Edward's—Trudy Stead+ CWL will serve refreshments in the Church Hall after Mass today.

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 deadline: April 3, 2017
Application forms and details are posted on

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



RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND FOR COUPLES

21 - 23 April 2017 Vancouver/Lower Mainland

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Marc & Candice @ 604-530-6710 or visit our website:

<http://www.retrouvaillevancouver.com/>

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 14th, 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, 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

Women's Breakfast

Guest speaker, Bernadette MacIsaac (MA, DSD) has been active as a Catholic spiritual director and retreat facilitator. A mother of three adult children, she lives with her husband in Victoria.

Topic: 'To Find God In All Things—A Prayer Journey'

Place: Horseshoe Club
620 Kenneth Street
Victoria, BC

Time: 8:00 a.m. **Cost:** \$12:00

To register: Click on the link to the **Women of Faith and Fellowship Breakfast** and complete the form.
<http://bit.do/Womens-Breakfast>

Registration deadline: May 2, 2017

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



St. Edward the Confessor Council 4253

Don Snelling, Grand Knight

It is once again our pancake breakfast time. We invite all to come downstairs after the 10 AM Mass for a hearty breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausages and pancakes with coffee and orange juice. Admission is by donation and we thank you in advance for your continued generosity. Most of the proceeds from these breakfasts continue to go to the St. Edward's Parish Youth Group who continue to help us under the kind direction of Camille and Mike Nunn. Thank you.

This week-end also is the start of our monthly colouring contest for children aged 4 to 11 including any from Queen of Angels School. The children are asked to draw and colour a picture that they think depicts Fr. Luyen's homily. Finished pictures are to be placed in an envelope on the K. of C. bulletin board at the Church entrance. Fr. Luyen will draw a few winners each following month and the Knights will provide small prizes.

2017 Bishop's Gala - May 6th, 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 6th) 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.





CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR

**Development
and Peace**

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 to enter or for more information. www.devp.org

See poster on bulletin in foyer.

Solidarity Way of the Cross *Women At The Heart of Change*

The Way of the Cross offers us the opportunity to accompany Jesus in his march toward death and his burial. This was not a defeat, however, as death had no power over him. Jesus the Christ is risen. He is living.

Like Jesus, every day, women are carrying the Cross in our world. Women of courage denounce the injustices, inequalities, violence, abuses and contempt that burden them. They look toward a better future and continue their march with hope. This Way of the Cross offers you an opportunity to show your solidarity with women and men who are working to build a world of dignity, respect, justice, peace, and equality.

Pray in solidarity with our sisters throughout the world for a world of justice and peace with our Way of the Cross. Copies are available at the back of the church.



ST EDWARDS PARISH NOMINATING COMMITTEE for DIOCESAN MEDALS

Please note the information in the bulletin regarding *Criteria For Awarding 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 *St Edward's Parish Committee* is **Palm Sunday, April 9th, 2017**.

Tony Parr, Committee Chair

AN EXAMPLE OF A NOMINATION FOR A DIOCESAN MEDAL

Jane Doe was born in 1955 to a Lutheran couple in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, having lived there all her life until moving to Duncan with her husband and two teen-aged children in 2007. While attending the Franciscan University of Steubenville, she converted to Catholicism. She and her husband John met there and married two years after graduation (1997). The family regularly attends St Edward's.

At Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Saskatoon, Jane led the Children's Faith Formation from 1998 until moving here in 2007. While at St Edward's she has continued in Children's and Adult Faith Formation, has served as Membership Director and President of our parish's CWL Council, and is currently a lector and altar server.

I nominate Jane Doe for the Diocesan Medal because she is a model mother and has been a devoted servant of the Church wherever she has lived as a Catholic.

Signed.....

Please print your name, phone number and email address (where applicable) on your submission. Thank you.



Diocesan Medals

The following information is from the *Diocesan Awards Nomination Committee* and outlines the **criteria for awarding Diocesan Medals**:

THEME: I come to serve...the mission, the church, the community and the world.

NOMINATION PROCESS:

We ask that you include only one paragraph for each part and no more than five sentences in each paragraph. Candidate must be 19 years old.

Paragraph one:

A short personal biography of the person you are nominating. Where they are from, how they are connected to our parish, the church, community, etc.

Specific examples of the nominee's personification of the mission of Christ—in the Catholic Church community, in the civic community, in the world or maybe all three.

The reason you are nominating this person:

Nominees are to be practising Catholics who have rendered long standing service to the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Victoria. The awards are meant for lay members of the faithful and hence it would be inappropriate to nominate clergy regardless of how deserving they might be. Those who receive a salary from a parish or the diocese are excluded from receiving an award as are those who are on contract to a parish or the diocese.

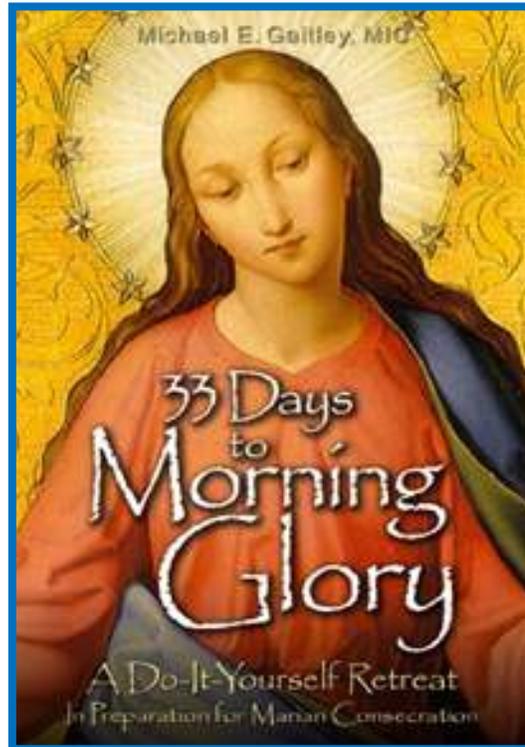
Note that all nominations will be considered, but that only those receiving awards will be contacted before the date(s) of presentation, which will be Sunday, July 9th, 2017 at the 11 am Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral. The decision of the awards committee will be final, and there is no appeal procedure suggested, due to the confidentiality of the process. At the time of presentation, a one paragraph bio will be required, to be placed on the 'citation certificate' and read aloud.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS

The last day on which nominations will be accepted by the *Diocesan Awards Committee* is **Friday, April 28, 2017**. Thus parish nominating committees and / or individuals presenting nominations must have their recommendations submitted to the diocesan office prior to the deadline.

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***Do you have the desire to deepen your relationship to Christ Jesus?
Would you like to understand more about Marian Consecration and how this
can help deepen our relationship to our Jesus our Lord and Saviour?***



In a program called *33 Days to Morning Glory* by Father Michael E. Gaitley M.I.C. a way is offered to prepare ourselves for Marian Consecration and to deepen our relationship with Christ Jesus. The program includes daily readings focused on the writings of 4 Saints known for their Marian spirituality plus weekly gatherings to view Father Gaitley's video and discuss the readings.

The 4 Saints we will explore are; St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and St. John Paul II. One Saint will be reviewed each week through daily readings and discussion and the final 5 days of daily readings will review each chapter and help us to put it all together. There are two possible days a week being considered for gatherings, Wednesday evening and Thursday mornings. To assess which day would be best or if both days are required you are asked to notify the office no later than April 7th if you would like to attend a session and which day is your preferred day. We will order the books based on numbers registered by April 7th to ensure arrival by the start of the sessions. The start date will be April 26th and/or 27th and go until May 31st 2017. Let us truly become Easter people this year by considering consecrating ourselves to Jesus through Mary.