



St. Edward's Parish

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Ascension of the Lord

May 27th/28th, 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.

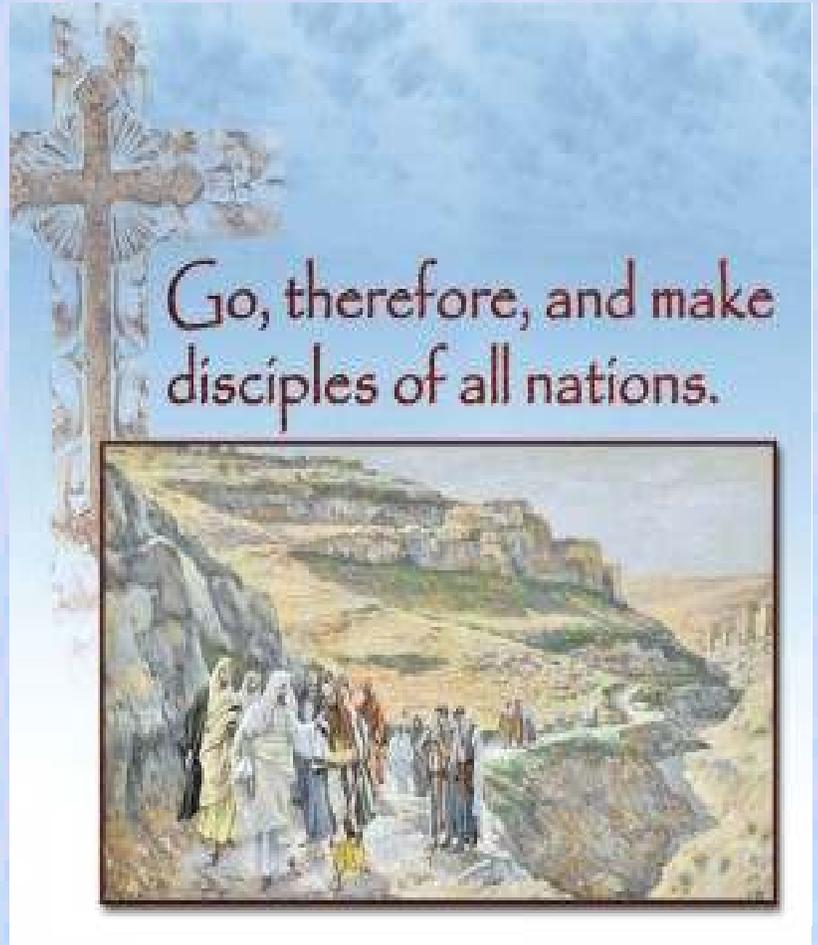
-SUNRIDGE PLACE-

361 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.



In preparing his disciples for when he will no longer be with them, Jesus encourages them by prayer. This is his hour of glorification, but it is equally their hour, too. While Jesus is ready to embrace the work of redemption, he knows his disciples will have their faith shaken. So his prayer reassures them that they will share his glory because they already belong to him by faith.

Pray, Read, Discuss for This Week

Acts 1.1-11; Ephesians 1.17-23; Matthew 28.16-20

“Jesus’ last thoughts and prayers are focused on his disciples as he prepares to face the cross.”

FROM FR. LUYEN’S DESK

Dear Parishioners:

We are half way through our retreat sessions before we celebrate our consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the last two weeks, we read, listened and reflected on the two great saints who taught us so much about Mary: St. Louis de Montfort and St. Maximilian Kolbe. We had a wonderful discussion last Wednesday evening on the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of Mary. Most of the people attending the session said it was so deep. This week, we turn to St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta who teaches us about the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I invite you to come if you have not had a chance to attend. It is every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. We have two more weeks to complete our retreat sessions.

This Sunday is the last Sunday of May which is the month of Mary, and one of the defining aspects of being Catholic is devotion to Mary. When I grew up, we usually celebrated May Crowning to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary as queen of heaven and earth.

Not only that, in the Marian year in 1987, the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship, issued a ritual for honouring images of Mary, Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary as follows: “The queen symbol was attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute ‘crown’ of creation. She is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King. Mary is the Mother of Christ, the Word Incarnate ... ‘He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; the Lord will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there will be no end.’ Elizabeth greeted the Blessed Virgin, pregnant with Jesus, as ‘the mother of my Lord.’ Mary is the perfect follower of Christ. The maid of Nazareth consented to God’s plan; she journeyed on the pilgrimage of faith; she listened to God’s Word and kept it in her heart; she remained steadfastly in close union with her Son, all the way to the foot of the Cross; she persevered in prayer with the Church. Thus, in an eminent way, she won the ‘crown of righteousness,’ ‘the crown of life,’ ‘the crown of glory’ that is promised to those who follow Christ.”

As we honour our Lady, we will have the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary after Mass this Sunday. We will gather around the Grotto to celebrate the crowning of Mary.

Also, this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven! Our Gospel reading for today gives the great commission to the Church – “Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Jesus parting words remind us that he has left the ministry of evangelization in the hands of his Church. And he promises to be with us! Indeed, through the gift of his Spirit, each member of his body will be the instruments he uses to draw others to himself. The Ascension is our hope – where he has gone, we hope to follow!

Ascension of the Lord is not a change in Jesus’ location but in his manner of relating to us. It might be more helpful to say, not that Jesus went up but that he went within.

Fr. Rev. Eamon Tobin, a priest from Diocese of Orlando, Florida, once says, “The ascension is the second stage of the incarnation.. In the first stage, Jesus came among us in a human body—he was like us in all things except sin. His influence was limited during his earthly life because, in his body just like ours, he was limited by time and space. His teaching carried as far as the sound of his voice; his reputation spread slowly through village gossip and along trade routes. He even suffered the ultimate indignity that time and space impose upon us: He died. But, as a result of the resurrection-ascension, Jesus is now incarnated in that human body we call the church. According to Jesus’ promises, the church is immune from the ravages of time and limits of space. The gates of hell will not prevail against it as it goes about the task of spreading Jesus’ message to the ends of the earth (which pretty much encompasses most of the space in which we are accustomed to move). In the third and final stage of the incarnation, at the end of history when Jesus comes again, time and space will collapse and he will be “all in all,” as our scriptures promise us.”

To celebrate the mystery of the Ascension properly, we have to put aside the categories of space and time. We must take up instead the language of love and the realities of relationships that are no less real for being invisible to the eye. The Ascension is about relationships—between Jesus and us, between Jesus and the church, between Jesus and the world.

In fact, the mystery of the Ascension is also about us because Jesus could not have gone up—or wherever!—without us. Whatever we say about the risen and glorified Lord has its complementary aspect in our lives.

Jesus died—and that was about us.

Jesus rose again— and that was about us.

Jesus ascended—and that, too, is about us.

Your brother priest
Fr. Luyen C.Ss.R.

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	Naomi Prodhahl
Dale Stelter	Maria Angelina Moniz	Maurice Foucher
Chris Barfield	Rick Zuback	Victoria Robinson
Nicole Forest-Klein	Ken McKinnon	Kay Walls
Evert Jones	Frank Laszczyk	Ray Marquis
Terry Wlodarczyk	Bob Goehring	Tess Nessman
Marie Patterson	Claude Marquis	Tom Drumond
Bob Rutledge	Robbie Hall	Germaine Wilson
Emiko Nicol	Hugh Bennett	Jim Kocurek
Ray Hurler	John McDonnell	Wanda Regan
Scott Reiss	Jerome Schumack	Brian Senger
Debbie Warren	Cienna Fernandez	Elliott Hunter
Riet Heemskerck	Danny Clements	Carl McCauley
	Martha Courchene	
For Our Dead	Fr. Bill Hill	

Dear God, Please embrace those who are sick and hurting today and let them feel the warmth of Your love. Amen Amen

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

Next Week In Our Parish

Sat	May 27th	4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edwards 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass at St Edward's- For all the people
Sun	May 28th	9:15 a.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at St Edward's—Chuck Gerwing+ K of C serving Pancake Breakfast after Mass
Mon	May 29th	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tues	May 30th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's - Fr. Bill Hill+ 9:00 a.m. Parent Drop-In—Church Hall 5:00 p.m. Adoration, Benediction & Rosary 6:30 p.m. Mass at St Edward's—Sonja Hissink
Wed	May 31st	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's— Doyle Holloway 7:00 p.m. 33 Days to Morning Glory (note change of time)
Thurs	June 1st	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Fr. Bill Hill+ 7:00 p.m. Choir Practise
Fri	June 2nd	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Brian Chadwick+ 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge 3:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession/Rosary/ Evening Vigil Prayer
Sat	June 3rd	9:30 a.m. Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the Holy Rosary 10:00 a.m. Mass honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary Anointing of the Sick 4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edwards 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass at St Edward's—For all the people
Sun	June 4th	9:15 a.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at St Edward's —Omer Carbonneau+ 2:00 p.m. Strawberry Tea and Fashion Show

AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20th in the Church Hall



We thank all of you for your donations of good used or new items for our Plant and Harvest Sale to be held on September 23rd this year.

Downsizing?? Spring Cleaning?? Moving??

We would appreciate it if you could arrange for drop offs to coincide with our Pricing sessions. The dates of these sessions will be announced in the bulletin or you may arrange a time that is convenient as to drop offs at the Church for you.

Please..... Office drop offs are discouraged.

Please phone

Lucille Kocurek concerning drop offs 250-746-7866

Ro deBree for information

250-748-5155

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

President
Leanne Forest
250-597-4450



Membership
Francine Tournier
250-748-9831



**CANADA 150
1867-2017**

**CWL Spring Tea and
Fashion Show**

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

Tea Tickets \$15.00 each and
Raffle Tickets: \$2.00 each.

These tickets will be available for sale this weekend.



Applications are now being accepted for the George Martin Bursary of \$500.00.

A candidate must:

- Be currently enrolled in an approved post-secondary institution of learning;
- Be a member in good standing of the parish of St. Edward the Confessor;
- Have contributed significantly of time and talent to this or another Catholic faith community; and
- Have submitted to the Committee an application form properly completed within the specific time period.

Applications forms are available at the parish office; further instruction are available on the forms.

Deadline for submissions:

Submissions by hand to parish office are due
12:00 noon, Friday May 26, 2017.

Submissions by mail (postmarked up to and
including May 26, 2017).

Submissions by mail to be sent to:

George Martin Bursary Committee
St. Edward's Parish
2085 Maple Bay Road
Duncan, B.C.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

St. Edward the Confessor Council 4253



Don Snelling, Grand Knight

A few of our recent activities include:

Donated \$475.00 to a "Culture of Life" program that includes:

- Purchase and install a pamphlet rack on K. of C. notice board in Church.
- Pamphlets on: K. of C. membership; Euthanasia; Abortion; Contraception; Hospice.
- Purchase and distribute the Euthanasia & Care for the Dying pamphlet.
- Donation to Cowichan Valley Hospice.
- Donation to Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.
- Keep Council Facebook pages up to date on life issues.

May 16th. cooked hamburgers at the Church for about 70 Catholic Gr. 6 students from Queen of Angels; St. Joseph's, Chemainus and John Paul II, Port Alberni who were attending a Diocesan "Holy Spirit Day". It was nice to see Fr. Alfie again.

Knights of Columbus Bursary.

(St. Edward the Confessor Council, Duncan)

Available to high school grads who are members of the parishes of St Ann's, St. Edward's, St. Louis de Montfort, (Lake Cowichan), St. Joseph's, (Chemainus), or Our Lady of Grace Parish, (Saltspring)

No other applications will be accepted.

Applicants will be asked how they are, or have been, involved in their parishes. (To be verified by the parish priest) Preference will be given to sons or daughters, (also grandchildren) of K. of C. members.

You must show proof of registering for first year courses at a post secondary institution if you are selected.

Application information,

contact Gerry Hof, <gmhof@shaw.ca>, 250- 715-8397

Deadline is July 31, 2017.

FAREWELL PARTY

for

FR. LUYEN

on

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2017

Potluck Dinner

at

5:00 P.M.

More details to follow in upcoming bulletins



Parent Drop-In

Get to know your fellow School and faith parents.

Join in to discuss topics relevant to you about parenting, faith, or anything else.

Tuesdays 9:00-10:00 a.m. (May 23rd to June 19th, 2017)
St. Edwards Parish –Meeting Hall (Lower Level)

Hosted by St. Edwards Parish with support from Affinity Life & Family Coaching
Kids' play area available, bring your own coffee

Contact: Florie Varga, 250-709-7063
or Florie@affinitycoaching.ca



FUNDRAISER

Burger & Beer Night

Whiskey Point
Grill, Mill Bay

Saturday, June 3, 2017



6:30pm-10:30pm

Tickets: \$20

Includes- burger, (beef, veggie or chicken)
fries & beverage

Silent Auction, 50/50 draw, toonie toss
Many more fun games!

*Must be 19 or older to attend

Raising funds to purchase and install water bottle refill stations
throughout the school!!

For tickets Contact School office:

The challenge is back! Queen of Angels students, with the help of their family and friends, are asked to collect as many carry out plastic shopping bags as they can. More than one billion plastic bags are handed out in Canada every year. They can all be reused and recycled so let's make sure they are. Last year with your help, we collected 6663 bags. Let's surpass this total.

We would truly appreciate our Parishioners support in this endeavour. If you have any plastic bags you wish to contribute, please drop them off at the school from Monday, May 29th to Friday, June 2nd from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Your anticipated support is greatly appreciated.....Thank you - Mèsi Anpil!!!!

Potluck Dinner Cancelled

**St. Edward's potluck dinner
on Saturday, June 3rd after the 5:00 p.m.
Mass has been cancelled.**

CERTIFICATE AWARDS

Following Mass this Sunday, the six nominees whose names were not drawn from the hat at the April 23rd Mass will be presented with certificates from the Parish in response to their outstandingly meritorious services to the life of our faith community. They are:

Phil Jennings
Frank Laszczyk
Ken McKinnon
Jack Pearce
Blanca Stead
Terry Teasdale

May God bless them, and all of us.

Tony Parr

In Memory of Fr. Bill Hill

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Fr. William (Bill) Hill who passed away this morning at the Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. Fr. Hill was born on October 19th, 1926 and ordained for the Diocese of Victoria on May 27th, 1961.

Prayers will be offered on Sunday, May 28th at 7 pm at St. Mary's Parish in Ladysmith and the Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 29th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish.

May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.

Many thanks and blessings,

Cynthia Bouchard, Chancellor
Diocese of Victoria

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,



May 4, 2017, Victoria, British Columbia—Today, Development and Peace—Caritas Canada is delighted to announce the receipt of a \$4 million donation from the Sisters of St. Ann of St. Joseph Province, which will be invested in a Solidarity Fund supporting the organization for many years to come. The donation is the single largest private contribution that Development and Peace has received to date.

“We are extremely grateful to the Sisters of St. Ann for their very generous contribution to the long term vision and mission of Development and Peace,” said Serge Langlois, Executive Director, “It is especially poignant to receive their support in our jubilee year, as we celebrate 50 years of solidarity with the people of the Global South and reaffirm our mission to helping the world’s most vulnerable.”

The announcement of the donation was made at St. Patrick’s Parish in Victoria, British Columbia, where the Sisters of St. Ann joined Serge Langlois and other supporters and members of Development and Peace and the Parish of St. Patrick’s for a small recognition ceremony.

With the interest generated from the capital in the Solidarity Fund, Development and Peace will support education, advocacy and international development projects: 75 per cent of the interest will be directed to projects focussing on four main goals: peace and reconciliation, equal rights for women and men, ecological justice and democracy and citizen participation; and 25 per cent will be allocated to international aid to mitigate humanitarian crises.

“From the beginning of our congregation The Sisters of Saint Ann have worked to alleviate poverty through education and health care both in Canada and elsewhere. From its beginning 50 years ago, Development and Peace has been a valued partner as our members became part of local, provincial and national initiatives. Today more than ever, the goals of Development and Peace need to be pursued and we are pleased to be able to provide a lead donation to the Solidarity Fund, ensuring its work continues into the future,” said Sister Marie Zarowny, Province Co-leader, Sisters of Saint Ann.

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