



# St. Edward's Parish

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October 21st/22nd, 2017

**Pastor: FATHER STEPHEN PAINE**  
**Emergency: 250-746-6831**

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Parish Pastoral Council Chair.: Carol deBruin  
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Secretary: Sherriden Clements  
Bookkeeper: Jackie Brimacombe  
Queen of Angels Roman Catholic School:  
250-746-5919 Kathy Korman, Principal

**MASS TIMES**  
**-ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH-**  
Saturday Reconciliation 4:00-4:30 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 Mass 6:30 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.

## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### 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 the second reading, Saint Paul gives thanks to God for the assembly of Christians at Thessalonica, who were proving to be faithful disciples. The Gospel Paul preached to them, and the Gospel we hear today, is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit; let our lives bear witness to its truth and power."**

*Pray, Read, Discuss for This Week*

Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b; Matthew 22: 15-21

*“Let us strive to be people of faith, hope and love.”*

***PASTOR'S NOTES....***

We can describe our lives in many ways. Ordinary human ways of describing ourselves include: I am married, I am a student, I like music, I play sports, and, I am an accountant. This is good and this is fine, but none of these descriptions compare to the description Paul gives of the Church in Thessalonika: “Our message of the Gospel came to you... with full conviction.” Have you ever described yourself this way, “I am a person who has received the Gospel with full conviction”? If not, why not? Generally speaking we have absolutely no difficulty describing ourselves. Our self-description is clear and confident. Yet, when it comes to the most crucial part of who we claim to be (and, hopefully, who we want to be), namely, followers of Christ and the Gospel, we are filled with uncertainty and ambiguity. The way out of this painful personality conflict is demonstrated a little by Jesus in the Gospel. Jesus was so committed to His Father, that when questioned about paying taxes, Jesus simply reiterated His whole life’s core belief: “Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” So the best way to overcome this personal conflict, to overcome this uncertainty and confusion, is to give to God what is God’s, namely, everything that is not Caesar’s. The best way to overcome this personal conflict is to live with integrity and to give to God one’s total self, to live, in the words of St. Paul, “with full conviction” in God’s kingship and Jesus’ Lordship. Unless, and until we give ourselves completely to God, and then live that gift with full conviction, we will continue to waver and to struggle with our true and best identity. Simple rule:

**NOTHING AND NOBODY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN GOD HIMSELF, FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT!**

Blessings,  
Fr. Stephen

**EDUCATION AND PROMOTION WEEKEND**

The 2017 Appeal theme, Grateful to God... Generous to neighbour, invites us to unite in the mission to serve the Lord through acts of charity and love as a way of giving back for the blessings we have received from God. The Appeal provides a practical means to offer help, and to support projects that allow us to serve people more fully. Your pledge to the Appeal will assist us to reach our parish goal of \$50,000.00, which will truly benefit our parish by Audio Visual Upgrades and the Youth Ministry, and also the initiatives and programs throughout Vancouver Island and our surrounding islands. By now all households should have received information and a request for support of the Appeal. When you have made your decision, please return your gift to the parish or mail it directly to the Diocese. Please give prayerful consideration towards our Appeal and know that you can truly make a difference.

**Diocesan Mass of Remembrance**

A Diocesan Mass, with Bishop Gary Gordon presiding, will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon for all deceased priests, bishops and religious of the diocese. A reception will follow. Kindly remember in your prayers those who have laboured for the Church in the Diocese of Victoria and pray that the Lord will send dedicated men and women to continue their work.

This year we will be remembering:

*Fr. William Hill*  
*Fr. Michael Birch*  
*Sr. Rose-Marie Regina Soguely*  
*Sr. Cecilia Ann Christian*  
*Sr. Margaret Canwell*  
*Sr. Margaret Gromley*  
*Sr. Margaret Pauline Neider*

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

Anne Welch	David Russell	Paul Boray
Fred Kelly	Yvonne Gill	Justin Moore
Thomas Kay	Kim Gunn	Arlene Laughren
Steve Barkanyi	David McMahon	Tom Phillipson
Annetta Anderson	Susan Ferguson	Tony Aquino
Janine Lauzon	Laurence Vander Peet	Ashley Pifko
Kirby Flegel	Rick Zuback	Margaret Fay
Brenda Whelan	Frank Laszczyk	Terry Thorpe
Paulette Nelson	Bob Goehring	Naomi Prodahl
Jan Spencer	Hugh Bennett	Kay Walls
Tim Cech	Jerome Schumack	Tess Nessman
Evert Jones	Myra Charlie	Tom Drummond
Terry Wlodarczyk	Riet Heemskerk	Germaine Wilson
Marie Patterson	Jesse Xavier	Jim Kocurek
Emiko Nicol	Bob Kozijn	Wanda Regan
Scott Reiss	Verna Simard	Brian Senger
Debbie Warren	Theresa	Elliott Hunter
Sonja Van Horne	Mary Russell	Carl McCauley
Bob Crane	Verna Simard	Lois Cossar
	Madeline Bremner and family	Norm Yano

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

Through the Waters of Baptism we welcome Louise Belleza Dela Cruz, daughter of Noel and Ricelda Dela Cruz, to our faith community of St. Edward's Parish. May Jesus always be at her side as she journeys through life.



**Infant Baptism Preparation** Fr. Stephen Paine offers Baptism Preparation Classes for parents/guardians by appointment please arrange to meet Fr. Stephen way before the Baptism..

#### 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. Stephen Paine 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. Stephen Paine or an Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office to leave a message for Leslie Mathews.

**RCIA**—If you wish to become Catholic St. Edward's will offer a series of meetings called Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. If you are interested in this program please contact Fr. Stephen at 250-746-6831.

#### CPPC

##### Companions in Prayer for Persecuted Christians (and others)

*Please continue to pray daily the Companions' Prayer, the Salve Regina and one decade of the rosary for those being persecuted and martyred in many parts of the world.*  
Thank you, Tony Parr



#### Next Week In Our Parish

Sat	Oct 21st	4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edwards 5:00 p.m. Mass at St Edward's - For all the people
Sun	Oct 22nd	9:15 a.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 10:00 a.m. Mass at St Edward's - Beniamino, Ernesto and Domenica Mansueti+
Mon	Oct 23rd	<b>Office Closed</b>
Tues	Oct 24th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Tom Keane+ 6:30 p.m. Mass at St Edward's—Maurice Foucher+
Wed	Oct 25th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Fr. John Cardo, OMI + 6:15 p.m. Children's Faith Formation 6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation in the Church Hall
Thurs	Oct 26th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Nellie Daly+ 7:00 p.m. Choir Practise
Fri	Oct 27th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Norm Yano 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge - 1:30 p.m. Adoration/Confession/Rosary
Sat	Oct 28th	4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edwards 5:00 p.m. Mass at St Edward's - For all the people
Sun	Oct 29th	9:15 a.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 10:00 a.m. Mass at St Edward's - Ron Martell+



#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

We invite you to participate in the 2017 "Operation Christmas Child Boxes" Program. Throughout the last 22 years St. Edward's Parish and Queen of Angels School have collected 4,422 boxes to give to needy children around the world.

This weekend Operation Christmas Child Boxes will be available in the foyer of the Church. Think of all the lovely things you can give a child in one or more of these boxes.

Please look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

Thanks for caring,  
Eileen Martell  
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#### Vocation Live-In

##### Weekend of November 3rd—5th

There will a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life at the seminary of Christ the King, Mission, B.C. For more information call 604-826-8715.



#### 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

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

President  
Leanne Forest  
250-597-4450



Membership  
Francine Tournier  
250-748-9831

**CWL membership dues of \$35.00  
are now being accepted.**

**Part-time Secretary for St. Edward's Parish Office**

This position is for 8 hours per week. Days and hours of work will be determined by the successful candidate and the Administrative Secretary.

Payment range: \$18.00 to \$24.00 per hour. Salary will be determined based on the candidate's experience and skills at hiring.

The candidate must have strong communication and personal relationship skills, must have general knowledge of bookkeeping, record keeping and general office administration. The candidate should be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and Microsoft Publisher. There will be training for the new database program "Parish Soft".

**Living With Christ Sunday Missals**

Starting the weekend of November 4th/5th Sunday Missals will be available for purchase at \$5.00 per copy. Missals will also be available at the Parish Office.

**Men's Group**

The Parish Men's Group met for the first time on Saturday, September 30th to great success. After a wonderful breakfast we began reading and reflecting on Bishop Thomas Olmstead's pastoral letter on men, *Into the Breach*. We will continue reading and reflecting on this letter on Saturday, 28th of October, 2017, in the basement of the Church. Fr. Stephen will provide breakfast before the reflection begins. All men and young men (with their fathers or male sponsors) are invited to come and participate. God bless.

**TOUR OF ITALY**

Fr. Stephen, our Pastor, would like to organize a group tour to Italy to occur sometime between Easter and Pentecost 2019 (April 21<sup>st</sup>—June 9<sup>th</sup>). Father would like to get a preliminary idea of who is interested in making this trip with him so that he can start making firm plans.

If you are interested in participating in this tour please call the parish office and leave your name, e-mail address and/or phone number.

**Call the office to start planning your trip!**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

St. Edward the Confessor Council 4253

*Don Snelling, Grand Knight*

Do you need to rent a hall? The K. of C. Hall is available. Please call Bernie Langkammer for more information.  
250-748-9333

Please note that the K. of C. executive and general meetings will be held in the basement of the Church.

***Knights of Columbus Council 4253  
...Charity Appeal 2017-2018...***

Ticket Sales are late getting started this year but with the help of our Brother Knights we should have positive results.

\$2.00 per ticket ..... \$20.00 per book

Our locations again are Thrifty Foods with a Ford Mustang and Canadian Tire with a GM Sierra on display.

Our thanks for their support helping the Knights have a successful Charity Appeal.

Thank You, God Bless.

Lorne Thickett, Chairman (C.A.)

**A Special invitation to all Grandmothers  
of St. Edward's Parish**

We have mothers from St. Edward's Parish with children ages 3-5 who would like to form a Mom's and tot group. They would like to meet twice a month in the Church Hall.

Grandmothers, if you have some spare time and love children then please sign your name on the sign up sheet provided in the foyer. Your support of this group would help our immensely.



**Attention Saturday Night Greeters**

The schedule for October and November is posted at the back of the Church beside the other schedules. There is a schedule for each person greeting in October and November, also a copy for all greeters containing names and phone numbers over to the left of the foyer or in the pigeon holes under Greeters. Please pick up your copy today.

We could use more volunteers to greet at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. Before we can start a schedule for the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays, we need many, many more volunteers. If you are interested please phone the Parish Office.

Thank you, Martha Courchene  
Coordinator for Greeters

## ***Rediscovering the Art of Dying: The Challenge for Christians***

Celebrated author and speaker, Sr. Nuala Kenny S.C., will speak about ***Rediscovering the Art of Dying: The Challenge for Christians***, exploring attitudes and practical health decisions from a Christian perspective that are of central and critical concern in serious illness, care at the end of life, and dying.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00 p.m.

- Church of the Ascension, Parksville

**Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00 p.m.

- St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Victoria

(see poster at back of church)

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### **Special Collection today for EVANGELIZATION OF THE NATIONS**

Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday!

We are called to offer our prayers and generous financial support, through the Society for the propagation of the Faith, for the worldwide mission of Christ. We are asked to reach out to the peripheries, people in remote villages, towns and cities by using the witness and work of missionaries and local priests. Please keep all missionaries in your daily prayers.

### **The Propagation of the Faith**

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith was founded in Lyons, France in 1822 by Pauline Jaricot.

Inspired by stories she heard about missionary work in China, she felt called by the Lord to help the Catholic Church's worldwide missionary work.

Young dioceses in the United States were some of the first to benefit from Pauline's vision.



### **2017 Annual Diocesan Conference**

*Faith, Science and the Wonders of Creation*

**Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ Vatican Astronomer  
and Director of the Vatican Observatory**

**Saturday, November 25th, 2017,  
at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, Duncan.**

Explore the nature of the relationship between Faith and Science, and how that has changed from the time of Galileo.

Bishop Gary will celebrate Mass at 8:45 am.

To register, and for more information, please visit the Diocesan website: <http://www.rcdvictoria.org>.

## **Island Catholic Schools**

One full-time Early Childhood Educator is needed at the Early Learning Centre at St. Joseph's School in Victoria. Details and application forms are available on the website: [cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php](http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php)

Many thanks,

*Cathy Cavin*

Assistant to the Superintendent

Island Catholic Schools

1 – 4044 Nelthorpe St.

Victoria BC V8X 2A1

250-727-6893 ext. 240

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### **Franciscan Missionary Union**

Dear Parishioners:

I pray this finds you all at peace and that many blessings of God as we enter the Fall.

I just returned from our Franciscan annual retreat which was held in Cochrane. It was a beautiful setting and is the place where I first entered the Franciscans. It is always good to be with the brothers as most of us only see each other once a year. The retreat preacher was Dan Horan from the U.S.A. He was great and only in his 30's. At this time we are getting ready to become one Franciscan Province of Canada. Right now we have the West as the English and the East as the French. We have been working a few years at this and hope by late next Fall to have it done. It is an exciting time as something new and change. We are blessed to have four men enter during the retreat to look at our life for a year and then after that, enter a year of noviciate. Please pray for them, that they persevere.

Thanks ever so much for the package of stamps, it was such a good assortment. They are always in great demand for stamp dealers and in some ways much harder to get being fewer people are collecting. How long can this go on... well we shall keep it going as stamps come and they can be sold. We made \$500.00 this year and I find it very relaxing getting the stamps ready for sale.

Do take care and God bless each of you and your loved ones.

Brother Dominic

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### **A Chuckle for the Week**

The Sunday School teacher asked, "Now Thomas, tell me frankly, do you say grace before eating?"

"No, sir," Thomas replied, "I don't have to. My mom is a good cook."

# Stewardship of Treasure

-January 1st to August 31st, 2017-

Collections	\$145,302.00	
Miscellaneous Reimbursements	<u>\$ 14,127.00</u>	
Total Operating Income		\$159,429.00
Less Expenses	- \$171,176.00	

**SHORTFALL to August 31st** **-\$ 11,747.00**

Monthly Budget Needed to Cover Expenses \$21,075.00

Year to Date Budget Needed \$168,600.00

Year to Date Budget Collected \$159,429.00

**2017 Year to Date Budget Shortfall** **-\$ 9,171.00**

## Parishioners Using Direct Debit.....

It has been brought to our attention that some parishioners who use direct debit to make their donations to the Church feel a bit embarrassed when the collection is taken up each weekend and they have nothing to place in the basket.

Please note that cards have been created for those using Direct Debit. Each weekend you may pick up one of these cards from the foyer to place in the basket when the collection is taken up by the ushers during Mass.

Let us know how this procedure works out for you.

Many thanks for your continued support.

*Parish Pastoral Council  
and the Finance Committee*

## Stewardship of Treasure 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 our monthly offerings received via Direct Debit. We now have 58 parishioners who are signed up for 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

***Forms for Direct Debit are available at the Parish Office.***