



# St. Edward's Parish

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December 2nd/3rd, 2017

## First Sunday of Advent

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

### OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
Secretary: 250-746-6831 *Sherriden Clements*  
Bookkeeper: *Jackie Brimacombe*  
Children's Faith Formation Coordinator: *Debbie Fernandez*  
Parish Pastoral Council Chair: *Carol deBruin*  
250-746-4019/Email: *cdebruin@shaw.ca*

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.

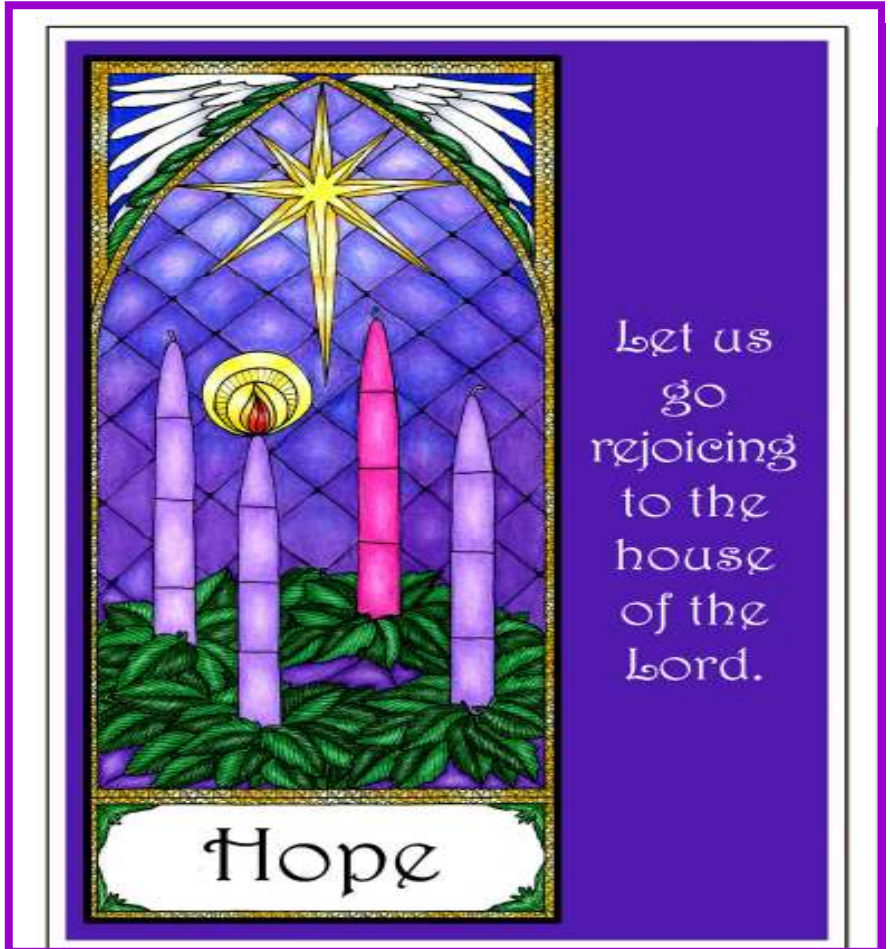
Tuesday Mass 6:30 p.m.

#### -ST. CLARE'S MONASTERY- 2359 Calais Road, Duncan

Tuesday to Friday  
Mass 9:00 a.m.

#### -SUNRIDGE PLACE- 361 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.*

*"The ancient spiritual tradition of *memento mori* is one of calling to mind our own eventual death in order to focus on eternity and live and live a better life. How easy it is to be lulled into the sleep of the world and to forget that there is limit to our earthly time. Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for Christ's return in glory. When the Lord comes, will he find us awake?"*

Pray, Read, Discuss for This Week

Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b, 64: 2-7; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 33-37

*“Stay awake and watch for the Lord.”*

**PASTOR’S NOTES....**

When St. Paul writes “I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in Him, in speech and knowledge of every kind,” St. Paul is expressing one of the central mysteries of our faith, namely, the continued presence of the Lord Jesus in our lives.

Because Jesus is truly alive, and because He promised to be with us until the end of time, we know that Jesus is at our side always. He is continually present to us, and we to Him. This allows for an intimate relationship between us. In the joys and sorrows of our lives, we know that we can turn to Him. We know that we can look into His eyes both in our heart and in the faces of our neighbours. We can speak heart to heart with Him about the big and small things of our lives. We can receive Jesus' love and love Him in return. We can learn from Him when there is something we need to know. He is always beside us and in us to speak the necessary truth just as a parent seeks always to speak the necessary truth to his or her child in the teachable moment. These are the spiritual gifts, spoken of by St. Paul, that come from a real relationship with Jesus. These are the spiritual gifts that make life really worth living. These are the spiritual gifts that bring joy to our hearts in the most trying of circumstances.

So my prayer for you this Advent season is that you intentionally allow yourself to draw close to the living God in Jesus. Welcome Him in and go out to Him. True relationship consists of a constant giving and receiving, a constant sharing in blessings and sorrows. Allow Jesus to truly enrich you in speech and in knowledge of every kind this Advent season.

Blessings,

Fr. Stephen



*Please mark your calendars.....*

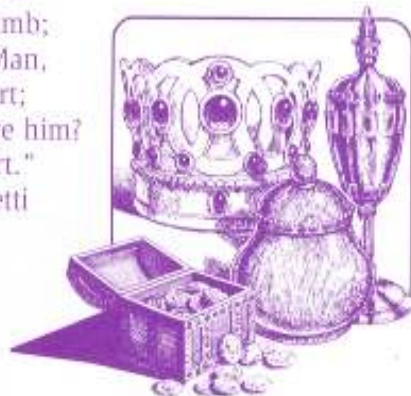
**Penitential Service at St. Edward’s**

**Thursday, December 14th**

**at 7:00 p.m.**

***About Gifts***

“What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man,  
I would do my part;  
Yet what can I give him?  
Give Him my heart.”  
— Christina Rossetti



***Warmland’s Foot Care Clinic***

We are looking for items to put in gift bags for our clients at the December Foot Care Clinic.

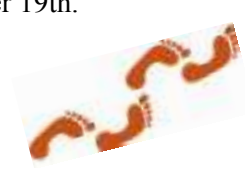
Suggestions:

- Nail clippers / files
- Nail brushes
- Chocolate bars
- Funky socks
- Hair brushes and combs

*We have an excess of small hotel soaps and shampoos. There will be a box at the back of the Church. The December Clinic is being held December 19th.*

Thank you,

*Afra James and Joan Langtry*



***Request To All Parishioners.....***

Warmland urgently needs adult sized new socks, and new or gently used slippers and flip flops.

Please deposit your donation(s) in the box in the Church foyer below the C.W.L. bulletin board.

Thank you,

*Leanne Forest and Francine Tournier*

**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	Germaine Wilson
Terry Wlodarczyk	Jesse Xavier	Jim Kocurek
Marie Patterson	Bob Kozijn	Wanda Regan
Emiko Nicol	Verna Simard	Brian Senger
Scott Reiss	Theresa	Elliott Hunter
Debbie Warren	Mary Russell	Carl McCauley
Norm Yano	Bob Crane	John Meade
Lorne Campbell	Madeline Bremner & family	Lois Cossar

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

**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.

**CO-OP PENINSULA CO-OP**

As you may remember, in January 2017, we introduced a fundraiser program which a few of our parishioners have participated in.

By filling up at one of the Co-Op Peninsula Gas Stations while using St. Edward's Co-Op membership card, we receive a rebate cheque at the end of the year. Gas purchased this was \$3,289.53 our rebate cheque was \$77.00.

If you would like to participate in this fundraiser but do not have a membership card, you may pick up one from the Parish Office. Only requirement is that you use the number on the card when gassing up. Thank you

**Next Week In Our Parish**

Sat	Dec 2nd	8:30 a.m. Mass honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00 a.m. Men's Group Meeting in the Church Hall 4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edwards 5:00 p.m. Mass at St Edward's - Norm Yano
Sun	Dec 3rd	9:15 a.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 10:00 a.m. Mass at St Edward's - For all the people CWL will be serving refreshments after Mass
Mon	Dec 4th	<b>Office Closed</b>
Tues	Dec 5th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Tom Drummond+ 6:30 p.m. Mass at St Edward's—Patrick Lowe+
Wed	Dec 6th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Ann Neenen+ 6:15 p.m. Children's Faith Formation 6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation in Church Hall
Thurs	Dec 7th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Mary Luu+ 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Fri	Dec 8th	8:10 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Clare's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Ellen Hannon+ 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge - Bella Michaud+ 1:30 p.m. Adoration/Confession/Rosary
Sat	Dec 9th	1:30 p.m. Encore Women's Choir 4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edwards 5:00 p.m. Mass at St Edward's - Chis Barfield+
Sun	Dec 10th	9:15 a.m. Rosary before Mass at St. Edward's 10:00 a.m. Mass at St Edward's - For all the people Holy Family will be serving a Brunch <b>Potluck</b>

**Mark your calendars!**

The Holy Family committee invites all parishioners to attend a Breakfast Brunch Potluck to be held on **Sunday, December 10th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.**

There will be singing and activities for all members of the family. Come spend some time during the upcoming season of Advent to "Prepare Him room" in our hearts and lives.

Cheers and blessings,  
Holy Family Committee



**ATTENTION ALL GREETERS**

- ◆ In the foyer there is a list of all the greeters. Each greeter is to pick up one of these lists so that they have contact information should the be unable to be at Church on their scheduled day.
- ◆ The greeters` schedule for December to January is also ready for pick up.

Thank you,  
Martha Courchene

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

President  
Leanne Forest  
250-597-4450



Membership  
Francine Tournier  
250-748-9831



**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

**CWL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**



The CWL Christmas Luncheon will be held on  
**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Ramada.**

A traditional Christmas meal, with decorations, music and fun.

There are a limited number of tickets, \$20.00 per person.

Tickets will be sold at the Church entrance on the weekend of  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>  
Cut-off date is December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

*Please mark you calendars.....*

**Penitential Service at St. Edward's  
Thursday, December 14th  
at 7:00 p.m.**

**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 Parish office to start planning your trip!**

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

**OUR GOAL HAS BEEN REACHED!!**

1,000 Books—10,000 Tickets have been sold.

Thanks for the effort by my Brother Knights we have reached our plateau for a 3rd year. This would not have happened without the support of Sherriden and our wives. Thanks also for the support of Canadian Tire and Thrifty Foods providing the space to sell our tickets. Also our appreciation to Island GM and Island Ford for the vehicles provided to enhance our sales.

Our Charity recipients were overwhelmed with the cheques they received and also enjoyed the presentation given at the Pancake Breakfast on November 26th.

God Bless.

*Lorne Thickett*

Chairman (C.A.)



Through the generosity of the parishioners of St. Edwards Parish, the Knights of Columbus collected \$210.50. The Knights would to thank all of the parishioners for their support. The money goes to support the seminarians in the diocese. Thank you all and may God bless you.

Bob Powell, chairman of the St. Edward the Confessor Council 4253 "Pennies for Heaven" program.

**Encore! Christmas!**

with **Encore! Women's Choir**  
Christine Dandy, Director  
Rykie Avenant, Accompanist

**Saturday, December 9th, 2017 @ 1:30 p.m.**  
**St. Edward's Church**

**\$20.00 Adults, \$5.00 for children under 12**  
**\$15.00 in advance from choir members,**  
**Call Christine @ 250-715-1568**

**Online [www.encorewomenschoir.com](http://www.encorewomenschoir.com)**  
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**ST. EDWARD'S PARISH  
YOUTH GROUP MEETING**

**“Awaiting the Fulfilment of the Heart”**

Our Youth Advent Retreat is coming up on December 9th at the Poor Clare 's Monastery from 10:45 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. The theme of the Advent Retreat is “Awaiting the Fulfilment of the Heart”.

There is no cost. The kids must bring their own lunch.  
Fr Alfredo will be the leader.

Thanks!  
Camille and Mike Nunn



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**Thursday, December 14, 10 am - 5 pm**

**Friday, December 15, 10 am - 5 pm**

**Saturday, December 16, 10 am - 5 pm**

\* **5855 York Road, Duncan B.C.**



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to place any special orders that could be picked up at the location of your choice.

**Mark your calendar and reserve a seat today.....**

You are invited to join us at the performance of “Therese The Story of a Soul”, an original one-women live drama performed by actress Audrey Ahem of Saint Luke productions. This professional production will be presented at

**St. Mary's Church Hall in Ladysmith on  
Saturday, December 9th, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.**

It is because of generous donors, for whom we are extremely grateful, that we are able to bring this production to Ladysmith (1135 Fourth Avenue). Admission free-will offerings, at the door, will be donated to St. Josephs Elementary School, Chemainus.

Fr. Mel Bayron  
St. Mary's Parish Office  
250-245-3414

**ADVENT GIVING TREE**



Our giving tree has been set up at the back of the Worship Area. Donations placed on the tree will be given to the Cowichan Valley Basket Society, our local Food Bank. Envelopes for your donations are supplied under the tree.

Locally, there are many clients who are considered the working poor. Food Bank use continues to grow and the need is great. As usual, these donations from the Advent Giving Tree will be tabulated and a cheque be issued to the Food Bank for the full amount received. Help us to exceed the total of \$9000 which was donated by St. Edwards Parish in 2016.

Please make your cheques payable to St. Edward's Parish with a notation “Food Bank”. St. Edward's Parish will issue donation receipts in February, just in time for you to report on your income tax.

Lee Smith,  
St. Edward's Food Bank Representative

**2017 Parish Appeal  
Up to date Report**

Our Goal	\$50,000.00
Total pledged to date	\$37,165.00 or 74.33% of our goal.

Our 2 very worthwhile parish projects this year are:  
audio visual upgrades and for the youth ministry

As we head into December remember if you would like to have a 2017 tax receipt for your Appeal donation, it must be received by December 31st, 2017.

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO PARTICIPATE!!**

## Island Catholic Schools

will be accepting applications for the following position:

Teachers on Call for all schools

Application forms and details are posted at:

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

Many thanks!

Mary Carmichael

Executive Assistant

Island Catholic Schools

[mcarmichael@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:mcarmichael@cisdv.bc.ca)

250-727-6893

250-727-6879 (fax)

### Relics of St. Francis Xavier

These relics will be visiting St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon and continuing until the evening. Details of the spiritual program will be announced in the near future.



### Retrouaille

#### - A lifeline for trouble marriages -

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring - your relationship grown cold, distant - thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but (both of you) wish to try again - then Retrouaille Program may help you.

**RETROUVAILLE** (Rediscovery), supported by the Life, Marriage and Family Office of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six to seven follow-up sessions on the Sundays following the weekend.

The next program is scheduled to start on the weekend of April, 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. To register please visit [www.retrouvaillevanancouver.com](http://www.retrouvaillevanancouver.com). For more details send us an email at [vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org](mailto:vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org) or phone Marc and Candice 604-530-6710 and leave a message. All inquiries are confidential.

## Blessings on the Occasion of John and Georgina Vandine's



## Ministry Opportunities



Attention all youth, assisting the presiding priest on the altar is a wonderful way for you to learn about and participate in the Mass. All servers receive appropriate training and are scheduled for the various Masses. If you are interested in volunteering in this ministry please contact

**Anna Kinsella 250-715-5671**

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



These volunteers receive training to assist the presiding priest with offering the Eucharist at St. Edward's Parish.

If you are interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister please contact

**Phil Jennings 250-715-1589**

### Lighting the Advent Wreath



### 'Advent Ring'

'CHRISTMAS IS COMING'  
The Church is glad to sing  
and let the Advent Candles  
Brightly Burn in a Ring

The first is for God's promise  
To put the wrong things right,  
And bring to earth's darkness  
The hope of love and light.



After Sunday School Nathan  
asked his mom,  
"Why would Jesus want  
12 opossums?"