



St. Edward's Parish

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February 17th/18th, 2018

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1st Sunday of Lent

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Secretary: 250-746-6831 *Sherriden Clements*
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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.

Repent and believe in the Gospel. These sound like simple words from our short Gospel today. But it is fitting that Jesus begins His earthly ministry with this powerful message after the Spirit descended upon Him at His Baptism. He asks to believe in the Gospel and embrace its message of humble service and discipleship.



There is a divine promise in the first reading today: "the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh."

In times of great distress, turmoil and change, the natural tendency of people is to become very anxious and worried about the future. This anxiety and worry has enormous effects on mental and spiritual health as well as on the economies of families, cities, provinces and countries. We are living in such a time. To give but one example, two well-beloved professors were forced out of their jobs and deprived of their incomes. Their "crime"? One of them was told to stay home from work because of his skin colour. The day at the university had been set aside for non-whites. He refused. His refusal to participate in an act of segregation cost the couple their jobs, their influence and their livelihoods. The biblically-based belief that all people are children of God regardless of their skin colour is losing ground to tribalism and division.

Over the past year a tremendous discussion has begun on what will become of the West and, indeed, the world, if the West abandons its Judeo-Christian underpinnings and if the West abandons its legal system based on those Judeo-Christian underpinnings. We appear to be at a great crossroads with no real sense of how we are to proceed. One commentator says that his whole effort is now aimed at finding a way of "communal sense-making at a semi-reliable level" before our world descends into epistemological chaos, a state where nobody understands anybody else and it becomes "dog eat dog" or "my gang (identity group) against your gang (identity group)." The world needs at least a minimal slate of shared values in order to maintain mutual understanding and peace between people(s). The alternative is nihilism and chaos or totalitarianism. People like Jordan Peterson, David Rubin, Bret and Eric Weinstein, Joe Rogan, and Dennis Prager, through their lengthy and thoughtful podcasts or radio programs, are trying to tease out hope and reawaken a knowledge and sense of the particulars and importance of the West's great Judeo-Christian heritage. Our schools, governments and institutions are seeking to label that tradition and heritage as "oppressive", making it unworthy to defend. Ultimately the aim is to kill that tradition all together.

Our hope today is in God. Only He can prevent another "cataclysm" like that of the flood in Noah's time. Only He can keep His promise never again to allow "the waters to become a flood to destroy all flesh." In the meantime, we are called to live our faith to the full, in peace and hope and joy, in the knowledge that Jesus is victorious over the powers of chaos and evil. As Paul says: "Christ suffered for sins once for all. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit. All 'Angels, Authorities, and Powers [have been] made subject to Him.'" So peace be to you for our God reigns, our God reigns!

Blessings,
Fr. Stephen

2018 Bishop's Gala - May 5th



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, and similar items.

Volunteers to assist with the Silent Auction on the night of the Gala (Saturday, May 5th, 2018) are also needed. If you are able to help, or would like to make a donation to the Silent Auction, please email rcdvictoriagala@gmail.com, or phone (250) 479-1331.

STATIONS *of the* CROSS

Each Friday during Lent we have special devotions to mark the season and to assist us in our spiritual growth.

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Exposition and Adoration

(This week only, Exposition and Adoration will be held on Thursday, February 22nd.)

7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

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

Annetta Anderson	David Russell	Paul Boray
Kirby Flegel	Kim Gunn	Terry Thorpe
Tim Cech	Susan Ferguson	Jim Kocurek
Marie Patterson	Laurence Vander Peet	Brian Senger
Debbie Warren	Rick Zuback	Carl McCauley
Don Plumber	Bob Kozijn	Lois Cossar
Patsy Preshaw	Mary Russell	Alice Su
Cameron Bulger	Bob Crane	Bill Cools
	Lawrence Marquis	

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

PRAYER LIST

At times our prayer list becomes very long and out dated. For instance it has been known at times that people die who are on the sick list but the Parish Office is not notified, so they remain on the list till we are informed.

Last week, some people have been taken off the sick list, this will be happening every few months. If these people still require our prayers please call the Parish Office.

Thank you

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. The more of us who participate the larger the rebate.

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

In Our Parish This Week

Sat	Feb 17th	4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass in Conference Room 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edwards— Peter Tran+
Sun	Feb 18th	9:00 a.m. Rosary before Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's—for all the people 2:00 p.m. Widow's Group Meeting in the Church Hall
Mon	Feb 19th	OFFICE CLOSED
Tues	Feb 20th	9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's — Paul Boray 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Mark Paine+
Wed	Feb 21st	9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's— Christopher Hourigan 6:15 p.m. Children's Faith Formation
Thurs	Feb 22nd	9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Chris Clements+ 1:30 p.m. Exposition & Adoration 3:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation
Fri	Feb 23rd	9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's —Trudy McLaren 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge— 1:30 p.m. Exposition and Adoration cancelled All Day Diocesan Catholic Schools Meeting in Church & Hall 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Sat	Feb 24th	4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass in Conference Room 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edwards— for all the people
Sun	Feb 25th	9:00 a.m. Rosary before Mass 10:00 a.m. Children's Mass at St. Edward's —Noella McNair+ K of C will be serving pancake breakfast in the Church Hall

Cowichan Valley Basket Society

I recently had the pleasure of presenting the Cowichan Valley Basket Society (CVBS) with a cheque for \$5,637.82 from St. Edwards Parish. This donation reflects the very generous contributions made by parishioners throughout the Fall and particularly during the Advent and Christmas periods. This brings our total for 2017 to \$9,842.39. Many thanks to everyone who donated.

You can be rest assured that the CVBS is extremely grateful for this support and that it will be put to very good use. Shelves are very well stocked at the moment but the demand for food never ceases and this situation will not last for long. Please keep the Food Bank in your thoughts and prayers during Lent when we are often called to think of those less fortunate.

As always, monetary donations may be made through St. Edwards Parish and donations of food may be brought to Mass and placed in the Cart for the Food Bank or dropped off directly at the CVBS, 5810 Garden Street in Duncan. A list of the most needed items can be found at the CVBS website (www.cvbs.ca).



Lee Smith,
St. Edward's Representative

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

President
Francine Tournier
250-748-9831



Membership
Betty Hoskins
250-743-4908



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

New Candle Holders

Fr. Stephen would like 7 new wooden candle holders made for the altar. John Blore has offered to make the candle holders but requires either **Maple, Gary Oak or Cherry** wood measuring 5" thick. If you have any of these woods and would like to donate them please call John at 250-748-5076. Thank you.

Pennies for Heaven

The Knights would like to sincerely thank parishioners for their ongoing support of our Pennies for Heaven collections. This money is collected to support vocations and we are pleased to announce that from money collected, we are donating \$1,000.00 each to the two seminarians in our Diocese, Guillermo Carcamo and Joseph Yuson for a total of \$2,000.00.

Your continued generosity has made this possible. God bless you and thanks,
Jim LaBossiere

Please mark your calendar.....

PARISH LENTEN MISSION AT ST. EDWARD'S March 11th to 14th, 2018

Theme:

"Do what you can, and then pray that God will give you the power, the grace to do what you cannot."

Fr. Frank Franz will be the facilitator.

From the Parish Office

Donation Receipts will be ready for pick up next weekend. If your name or address is incorrect, please call the office so that we can change this information in our new program. Many thanks.

Diocese of Victoria Job Posting

Appeal Campaign Coordinator

See the bulletin board and diocesan website for a full description. Please note that only those shortlisted for an interview will be contacted. Deadline for applications is March 23rd, 2018.

Sincerely,
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Registration for Marriage Preparation

The Pastoral Centre of the Diocese of Victoria has taken on the administration of receiving Marriage Preparation Course registrations.

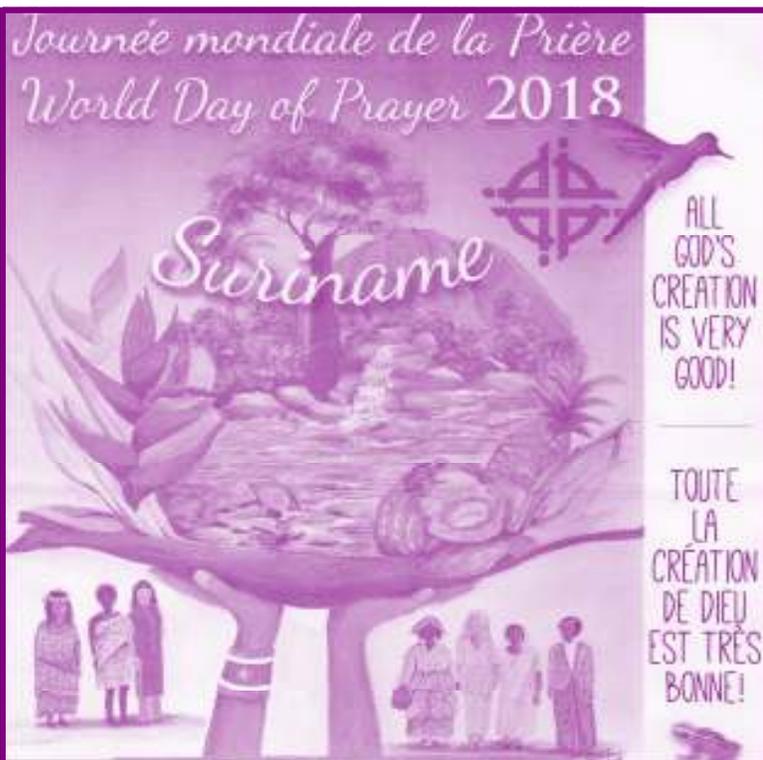
As such, the preferred mode of registration for the course is now online through Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-roman-catholic-diocese-of-victoria-marriage-preparation-course-tickets-40693546493>

The cost of the course remains at \$150 per couple.

This includes the Saturday lunch, weekend refreshments, and course materials.

The link is also available on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.rcdvictoria.org/marriage-preparation.php>



NEW LIFE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
1839 Tzouhalem Road
1:30 p.m. March 2nd, 2018