



St. Edward's Parish

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February 24th/25th, 2018

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2nd 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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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-

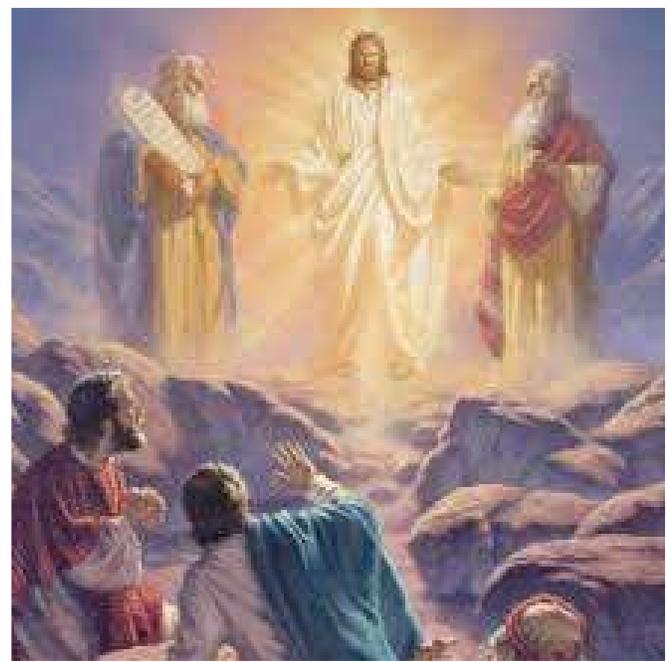
2359 Calais Road, Duncan

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.

Today, we hear the familiar passage from Saint Paul when he says, if God is for us, who can be against us? Since we have been called by name, by virtue of our baptism, we know that we are God's children we are His instrument in the world.

Pray, Read, Discuss for This Week

Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9: 2-10

“God’s love for us is limitless.”



St. Paul asks a fundamental question in today’s readings:

“Who will separate us from the love of Christ?”

St. Paul is hinting that the only possible answer is that *NOTHING ON CHRIST’S PART* will separate us from his love. Thus neither hardship nor distress, nor persecutions, nor famine, nor nakedness, nor peril, nor sword will make Christ’s love unavailable to us. Christ is with us through all of these experiences, and we can rely on the love of Christ no matter what our current circumstances are. This is of course great news, It is the truth of this great news that sustained so many of the Christian martyrs of the past.

St. Paul’s question can also be read, however, to elucidate what things and choices in our lives might separate us from the love of Christ in the sense of us ceasing to be aware of Christ's love and, even worse, ceasing to call upon and rely upon that love. In this case the list would be somewhat different. So here is the question reframed: Who (or what) will separate us from the love of Christ? Spouses, work, business, children, sports, tiredness, laziness, anger, lack of forgiveness, ignorance, judgmentalism, self-righteousness, fear, sin, easily world-views, political correctness, personal goals, boredom?

As a priest I encounter people, on an almost daily basis, who tell me they are just too busy to come to Sunday Mass. They are not too busy of course to go to work, hockey, dancing, soccer, music class, parties, holidays, etc. While this saddens me, it is not at all uncommon. When I hear and see individuals in these situations I am reminded of what George MacDonald wrote: “A beast does not know that he is a beast, and the nearer a man gets to being a beast the less he knows it.” We should fear this walking away from our baptismal gift, that is, the gift of entry into the family and presence of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.” When we walk out of the family of God WE separate ourselves from the love of Christ. He does not stop loving us, and he does not separate himself from us, BUT WE separate ourselves from him and from his family. What surprise can there be when someone, who has separated themselves from God for years, has lost the ability to see and hear and recognize Christ in their daily lives? The good news is that Christ by the power of his Spirit knocks at the heart of every person. From time to time, a door opens to admit Him. Let us pray for those who do not know Christ and let us, who do know Christ, to guard against the eternal temptation to become beasts, devoid of the knowledge of the love of God. Lent is a time for turning back to Christ and for renewing our baptismal calling.

Blessings,

Fr. Stephen

Training and Review Session

For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



On Sunday March 4th, 2018, immediately after Mass, there will be a training session for all new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This session will review all the changes we have made over the past year and to will review the distribution of gluten free hosts. All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may benefit from this session.

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

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
Debbie Warren	Laurence Vander Peet	Brian Senger
Don Plumber	Rick Zuback	Carl McCauley
Patsy Preshaw	Bob Kozijn	Lois Cossar
Cameron Bulger	Mary Russell	Alice Su
Ashley Pifko	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.

Some people have been taken off the sick list, this process will be happening every few months. If people, still require our prayers but have been taken off the list 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.

PPC Corner

Dear Parishioners,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Andrea O'Higgins as Part-time Assistant Secretary to help Sherriden in the Parish Office. Andrea will be starting on Tuesday, February 27th, and working eight hours a week. I would like to thank all the very qualified applicants who applied for this job posting.

With regard to the Parish Appeal, I would like to thank everyone for their support. We are now moving forward on this year's project, namely, to upgrade the Parish audio-visual systems. Egils Anderson will spearheading the audio-visual committee.

In preparation for Easter, the parish is getting the floors of the Church and Office professionally cleaned and we are getting the floor of the Church Hall polished.

Thank you and God bless,
Carol DeBruin, Chair

In Our Parish This Week

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
Mon	Feb 26th	OFFICE CLOSED
Tues	Feb 27th	9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's – Desmond Daly+ 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Keira Forest-Klein
Wed	Feb 28th	9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's— Joe Kuttai+ 6:15 p.m. Children's Faith Formation
Thurs	Mar 1st	9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Norma Sinnott+
Fri	Mar 2nd	9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's –Mary Daly 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge— 1:30 p.m. Exposition and Adoration 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Sat	Mar 3rd	8:30 a.m. 1st Saturday of the month Mass 9:00 a.m. Men's Group Meeting in the Church Hall 4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass in Conference Room 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edwards- For all the people
Sun	Mar 4th	9:00 a.m. Rosary before Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Joe & Maria Rocha+ CWL will be serving refreshments after Mass



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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

ST. EDWARD'S COUNCIL

President
Francine Tournier
250-748-9831



Membership
Betty Hoskins
250-743-4908

THE CWL ENDEAVOURS TO UNITE LADIES OF ST. EDWARD'S PARISH

At a recent planning meeting of the Catholic Women's League those in attendance requested we share a brief list of the goals of the League.

**The overall goal of the Catholic Women's League is to unite the Catholic women of Canada.
The League, at a local, provincial and national levels, seeks to:**

- achieve individual and collective spiritual development;**
- promote the teachings of the Catholic Church;**
- exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life;**
- protect the sanctity of life;**
- enhance the role of women in church and society;**
- recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere;**
- uphold and defend Christian education and values in our modern world; and,**
- contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom,
social justice, peace and harmony.**

**If you would like to know more about our League please join us for a meeting
on the
2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.
unless otherwise notified.**

Elizabeth Hoskins
President Elect/Organization Chair

Reminder.....

**Coffee Sunday
CWL will serve refreshments after Mass next Sunday, March 4, 2018.**

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.



Attention all men of the Parish

This Saturday, March 3rd, Fr. Stephen invites all men of the parish to gather with him in the Church hall at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and a meeting.