



St. Edward's Parish

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March 10th/11th, 2018

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4th 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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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.

FOR
GOD
SO
Loved the World
that
HE
Gave
His
ONLY
SON
John 3:16

"God does not love us conditionally, or despite, our sins, but rather because he created us, and he is love. His mercy and compassion are that of a loving Father."

Pray, Read, Discuss for This Week

2 Chronicles 36: 14-17a, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3: 14-21
"God's mercy and love, made clear in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus,
Overcame our sins and transgressions".



Pastor's
NOTES

In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells us that "everyone who believes in [Him, as the only-Begotten Son will] not perish but have eternal life." How can belief save a person or a community, a church. How can belief, not only matter, but be the crucial fact leading the way to eternal life. What does it mean to believe? Whatever it means it cannot simply be a belief in the truth of something or somebody. Elsewhere Jesus says, "It is not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven." Actually this passage for Matthew gives us the added feature that is necessary to constitute true belief, namely, to do the will of Jesus' Father in heaven. In other words we must first believe the truth of what Jesus is saying and then ACT on it, DEPEND on it, RELY on it, LIVE by it, DEFEND it, BE WILLING TO DIE for it, PREACH it. How is one to know that we believe in Jesus? When every aspect of our life is motivated by Jesus and done in reference to who Jesus is, the very Son of God comes to save us.

Mere intellectual belief will not be enough to save us. Mere assent to the doctrines of the faith will not be enough to save us. Knowing that Jesus is an historical figure will not be enough to save us. Rather we must believe in Jesus Himself and therefore take seriously His all-encompassing message. His person and His message, which are inseparable, demand our total commitment and our total being. We must be WITH JESUS, AND IN JESUS, AND FOR JESUS, such that our love and our mission becomes His love and His mission. We love who Jesus loves, namely, the Father and other people. We do what Jesus does, namely, the will of the Father. Only when this is true can we truly say that we believe, and only then will our belief bring us into the eternal life which Jesus lives.

Blessings,
Fr. Stephen



Welcome Back Fr. Frank

We welcome and are pleased to announce Fr. Frank Franz as the facilitator for our Mission from March 11th to 14th. An outline of the Mission has been electronically sent to all those receiving bulletins on line, we have also made copies available on the table in the foyer. Please see the insert in this bulletin for the dates and times of the Mission schedule. Thank you, Fr. Stephen

Pastoral Care Outreach Meeting
March 21st, 2018
at 2:30 p.m.
in the Conference Room

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

Dear parishioners of St. Edward's:

As many of you know, the Franciscan Friars have made the decision to move from Duncan and to sell their home/friary on Calais Road, opposite the Poor Clares' Monastery. The Friars are expecting to be gone by the end of April.

As pastor of St. Edward's Parish, I have been approached by Bishop Gary, and asked to consider the possible purchase of the property by this parish. Bishop Gary has kindly visited our parish twice and met with the members of both the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council of the Parish in order to explain his pastoral vision for the property, for St. Edward's and for ministry in the Cowichan Valley.

Were the property to be purchased by St. Edward's, Bishop Gary envisions the following uses for the property: 1) the home would become the rectory for both St. Edward's and St. Ann's; 2) the property would be used to house seminarians in their year of internship and possibly during the summer months; 3) the property would be used to house priests, particularly foreign priests, during a period of mentorship; and, 4) the property might be used to house retired clergy. In each case, the understanding is that those priests staying in the property would pay rent to the Parish. Were the pastor to move to the Friars' property, the current rectory would be used to house the Sisters currently serving St. Ann's.

The current property of the Friars is a wonderful opportunity to improve the housing for the pastor (me, currently), to consolidate priestly ministry in the Valley, save money for the Diocese by having rent paid to a Diocesan entity (the parish) rather than to a landlord, provide easy access to the Poor Clares for daily Mass (which will now become the responsibility of the Parish) and provide housing for various clergy. Given the building boom on the Island and the explosion of housing and housing costs in Victoria, it is anticipated that the value of the property will go up and give a rate of return in capital gains in excess of monies placed in savings and Diocesan investments. A purchase of the property would seem a sound financial investment considering only the value of the property itself.

At the moment the Diocese is gathering more information on the sale price and other factors, the Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee are doing the same, and the whole matter is up for discernment.

From a financial point of view, given the recent death of some very generous donors, and the aging of others, the Parish has been suffering shortfalls in income over expenses. We have had to dip into our Diocesan Savings Account (The "MIC" fund) to meet operational expenses. Whether or not the Parish purchases the Friars' property, continued shortfalls in operational income cannot continue indefinitely.

At the moment the financial circumstances of the Parish *would seem* to preclude purchase the property and forestall us taking advantage of a wonderful opportunity. Barring one or more generous donations, sufficient to offset the cost of borrowing on a mortgage (through the Diocese at favourable rates), the purchase of the property might be considered impossible or unwise. Again no decision has been made one way or the other and the discernment process is still underway.

What are we to do as a parish?

First, I would ask you all to enter into a time of prayerful discernment both as to the purchase and as to the nature and extent of your financial donations to the Parish. Whether or not we purchase the property we need to find ways of balancing our income and expenses. If we are to purchase the property, we would most likely need one or more generous donors to underwrite the purchase.

Secondly, I would ask you to curtail negative talk with respect to the issue. One may consider the purchase doable or not, wise or not, but negative emotional responses are not helpful. Angry and fearful responses are not helpful either. Rather prayer, careful consideration and thoughtful comments are what are called for. If you have any knowledge relevant to the discussion I would ask you to convey it to me in a written form at your earliest opportunity. A decision on this matter cannot be delayed. Also any information or concerns about the particular area of the city would also be appreciated, again in written form.

Thirdly, the Bishop has asked us to consider the purchase of the property with a view to future needs of the Valley and the Diocese and to do so with both prudence and trust in God. So really the question comes down to this: will the Parish reverse course and begin to grow because 1) of the witness of parishioners and the growth in young families, and, 2) of an increase in population caused by the Victoria housing market becoming too difficult to enter? The members of our Pastoral Council and Finance Council are for the most part older members of the community. Naturally, they have a preference not to enter into large, long-term debt. Are there sufficient young families that foresee a growth in the population of the parish and are willing to contribute to a consequent increase in revenues?

Again I ask you prayerfully consider this request of the Bishop and your pastor, to discuss it among yourself to identify the pros and cons, and then to let me know your thoughts. One last, but not inconsequential matter: do not approach me to give me your opinion on the matter. I will be unable to process such comments. They are most likely to "pass through" to no gain of mine or the Parish. Kindly put any useful thoughts in writing as soon as you are able.

Thank you on behalf of myself and Bishop Gary for considering this request.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Stephen

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	Rick Zuback	Brian Senger
Don Plumber	Bob Kozijn	Carl McCauley
Cameron Bulger	Mary Russell	Lois Cossar
Ashley Pifko	Bob Crane	Alice Su
Ed Stinnissen	Lawrence Marquis	Bill Cools
Jerry VanJaarsveld	Mary Daly	

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 the parish office.

Part-Time Bookkeeper Job Posting

St. Edward Parish is recruiting a part-time Bookkeeper. This position is for 5-8 hours per week, and additional hours during the months fiscal reconciliation and annual reporting are due.

The Parish administrative office coordinates the financial management of the Parish and provides support to the Bookkeeper in completing it's duties. The Bookkeeper undertakes the weekly and monthly reconciliation, book keeping, and report preparation for St. Edwards Parish. The bookkeeper is also responsible for the preparation of the Annual Parish Financial Report, CRA filing and reports, and yearly Parish budget preparation. Specific duties are outlined in the **Part-Time Bookkeeper Guidelines and Job Description**, available from the Parish office upon request.

This position reports to and works collaboratively under the general guidance of the Pastor/ Pastoral Team and the Parish Finance Committee. Interested applicants should contact St. Edward Parish for the **Part-Time Bookkeeper Guidelines and Job Description**.

Candidates should have: Complete knowledge & experience with Sage Accounting and Excel.

Resumes must be submitted to the Parish Office NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m., March 15th, 2018. The successful candidate must be available to start in the position no later than April 10th, 2018.

In Our Parish This Week

Sat	Mar 10th	4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass in Conference Room 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edwards- For all the people
Sun	Mar 11th	9:00 a.m. Rosary before Mass ~~~~ START OF THE LENTEN MISSION ~~~~ 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Beniamino Mansueti+ Introduction of Mission during Mass. The Holy Family Committee will be serving refreshments after Mass in the Church Hall. St. Edward's providing a Hamburger Luncheon for Warmland.
Mon	Mar 12th	OFFICE CLOSED TODAY 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Mission Talk 2:00 p.m. Private Confessions 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Mission Talk
Tues	Mar 13th	9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's – Rogelio Hipponia+ 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Mission Talk 2:00 p.m. Private Confession 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Mission Talk
Wed	Mar 14th	9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Verna Simard+ 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's—Mission Talk 7:00 p.m. Penitential Service—End of Mission
Thurs	Mar 15th	10:00 a.m. CWL meeting in the Church Hall 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's—Val & Daphne Corsul 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Fri	Mar 16th	9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clare's – Reg & Mary Rigby+ 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge—Ed Sweerts+ 1:30 p.m. Exposition and Adoration 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Sat	Mar 17th	1:00 p.m. Funeral Mass for the repose of the soul of Trudy Strouglor+ 4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass in Conference Room 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edwards- Cameron Bulger
Sun	Mar 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. Widows Meeting in the Church Hall

Morning Prayer at St. Clare's Monastery

The Sisters at St. Clare's Monastery will be on retreat from March 12th to 19th therefore there will be no morning prayers on those days. Please note that 9:00 a.m. Mass will take place as usual. Thank you.



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.

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

President
Francine Tournier
250-748-9831



Membership
Betty Hoskins
250-743-4908

Plant and Harvest Sale

Sharing God's Abundance

We are now accepting donations. The best time to bring donations is on pricing days. These dates will be in the bulletin during Spring and Summer.

For further information:
Jamie at 250-748-5023
Lucille at 250-746-7866

We are in great need of packing boxes of the approximate size of banana boxes.

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>

If online access is unavailable, couples may also complete the attached brochure and submit cash or cheque payments to:

Marriage Preparation Course, Pastoral Centre
4044 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria BC V8X 2A1

Registered couples for the course will receive some pre-course homework and reading ahead of the first day of the course, so please clearly state your mailing address and/or email.

For more information about the Marriage Preparation Course, please kindly contact Fr. Dean Henderson at catholic@uvic.ca

Save the Date.....

On Saturday, July 28th at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral we will celebrate the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of four candidates. Please mark your calendars so that you will be able to participate in this historic event. More details to follow in the near future.



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

The Knights of Columbus March General Meeting

has been moved to

Tuesday, March 20th. at 7:15 p.m.

at the Knight's Hall.

This is to avoid conflict with the Parish Mission.

From the Parish Office

Donation Receipts are ready for pick up this weekend. If your donation envelope is not in the box please call the parish office. Check the name and address let us know if it is incorrect.

Thank you.



Congratulations and Blessings

to

Denise Fraser

who turns 99 years young

this weekend.

ANNOUNCING AN UPCOMING RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND FOR COUPLES

13 - 15 April 2018

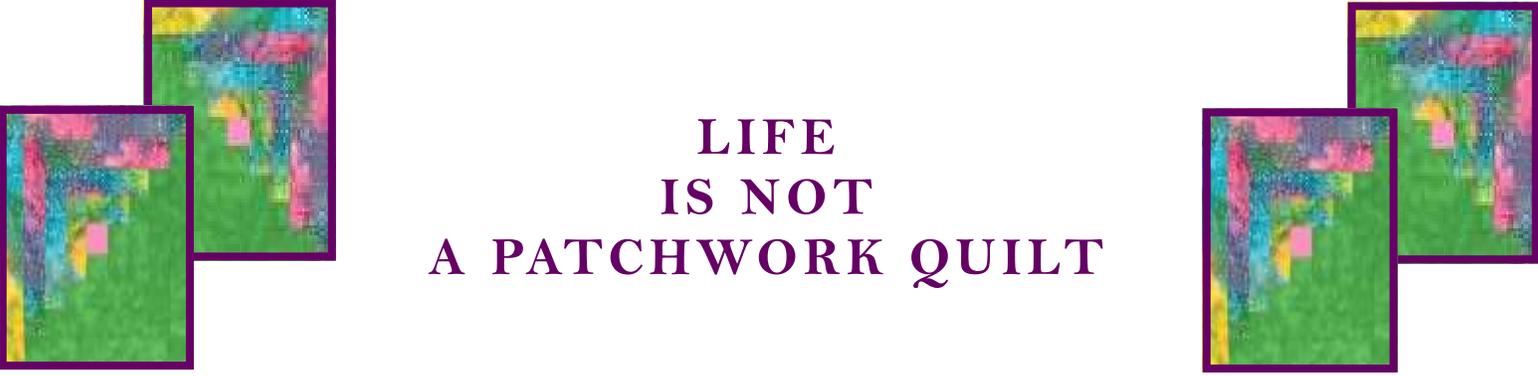
Barnabas Landing, Keats Island

Not willing to let go of your marriage?

Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is **hope**. Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages.

For more information, contact our registration team Marc and Candice at 604-530-6710 and leave a message to be called back or visit our websites:

www.retrouvaille.org and retrouvaillevancouver.com



LIFE IS NOT A PATCHWORK QUILT

Our lives can be measured in a series of days, some significant, some more routine, mundane and unremarkable. We are now in the days of our Lenten Season, so let us come and experience the gift of Lent and celebrate the holiness of reconciliation, remembrance and the forgiveness and love that is God.

Sunday, March 11th

Introduction of Mission during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Monday, March 12th

9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Edward's	talk
2:00 p.m.	Private Confession	
7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.	Mass at St. Edward's	talk

Tuesday, March 13th

9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Edward's	talk
2:00 p.m.	Private Confession	
7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.	Mass at St. Edward's	talk

Wednesday, March 14th

9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Edward's	talk
7:00 p.m.	Penitential Service	

The Lenten Season is a few precious days for us to fear not, falter not, worry not, dread not—but only to trust and pray, believe and hope. Perhaps our prayer might simply be this: “Day by day, day by day, O dear Lord, three things I pray: to see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, follow Thee more nearly, day by day!”

