



St. Edward's Parish

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March 17th/18th, 2018

Pastor: FATHER STEPHEN PAINE
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5th Sunday of Lent

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Secretary: 250-746-6831 *Sherriden Clements*
Bookkeeper: *Jackie Brimacombe*
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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 Bundoek Avenue, Duncan

Friday Mass 11:00 a.m.

Jesus said, "Lazarus, come out!"



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 Lord reaches out once again to His people. God, ever faithful, extends His hand to those who break the covenant. No longer depending on prophets to communicate, under the new covenant each individual will know God's law, His love, His mercy. God's personal invitation calls for a personal response. Will we receive it?"

Pray, Read, Discuss for This Week

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5: 7-9; John 12:20-33

“Everyone, great and small, will have God’s law written on their hearts and their sins forgiven”.



Pastor's **NOTES**

Our reading from the Letter to the Hebrews this Sunday is short but full of important meaning. First we hear that Jesus offered up "prayers and supplications." This should not surprise us as we know that Jesus was a man of prayer, a man whose life, heart, and soul were constantly in conversation with God the Father. Ah, but did we know that Jesus' prayers and supplications were "with loud cries and tears"? How horrible to think of the Son of God crying out to God His Father and then doing so in tears! How many people who have lost husbands or wives, sons or daughters, mothers or fathers, have not prayed to God "with loud cries and tears", with cries and tears which comes from the depths of their whole being. To imagine Jesus crying out like this is to know more deeply the Son of God in his incarnation and to wonder at His undergoing all of this to be one with us in our suffering and dying.

Then the letter tells us what these prayers and supplication were to "the one was able to save Him [Jesus] from death". How did God the Father save Jesus from death? —certainly not by preventing Jesus' death. In other words, the Father did not prevent Jesus from having to die! Rather, the Father, in His great love for us, and with Jesus' complete cooperation and assent, allowed Jesus to experience dying as we will experience dying. The Father's salvation lay not in saving Jesus from dying, but in saving Jesus FROM DEATH, meaning, in saving Jesus by pulling Him up out of death, back from the grave, through the grave to new life. We too will have to die, but now we need not worry about the reason for our existence or the ultimate purpose of our lives. In Jesus' resurrection, in the Father's saving Jesus from death, we see God's loving plan to bring us to the Resurrection and the Resurrection to us.

Finally, the writer of the letter to the Hebrews tells us that Jesus "learned obedience through what He suffered." This mirrors the insight of the pre-Christian Greek dramatist, Aeschylus, who wrote: "He who learns must suffer. And even in our sleep pain, which cannot forget, falls drop by drop upon the heart, until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God." [Awful here means "awe-inspiring."] Jesus suffered terribly, and for this we tremble, but do not despair. Why? The writer of the letter to the Hebrews explains: "He learned obedience through what He suffered, and having been made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him." If, in this Lenten season, and through our lives, we unite our sufferings to those of Christ, and unite His obedience to our obedience, we too will be made perfect and share in the eternal salvation won for us by Christ!

Blessings,

Fr. Stephen

"Thank you Fr. Frank"

It was great seeing you back at your old stomping grounds!

We are very grateful to Fr. Frank for facilitating our Mission last week. His topic, "Do what you can and then pray that God will give you the power, the grace to do what you cannot." was very thought provoking. The handout of the outline of the Mission was very helpful. The Mission gave us a lot of food for thought.

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

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**.

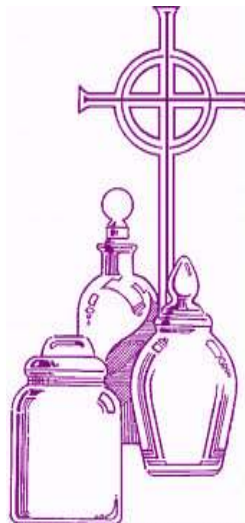
Candidates should have: Complete knowledge & experience with Sage Accounting and Excel.

Resumes must be submitted to the Parish Office. The successful candidate must be available to start in the position no later than April 10th, 2018.

In Our Parish This Week

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
Mon	Mar 19th		OFFICE CLOSED TODAY Floors are being cleaned in the Worship Area and Church Hall all day
Tues	Mar 20th	9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Clare's – Ron & Barb Ganter+
			Floors are being cleaned in the Worship Area and Church Hall all day
			Mass at St. Edward's—Daniel Trapler+
Wed	Mar 21st	9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Clare's— Pat Myhill-Jones
		2:30 p.m.	Parish Pastoral Outreach Meeting In the Conference Room
Thurs	Mar 22nd	10:00 a.m.	CWL meeting in the Church Hall
		9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Clare's— Nellie Oosterbaan+
		7:00 p.m.	Chrism Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral
Fri	Mar 23rd	9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Clare's – Gertrude Strouglor+
		11:00 a.m.	Mass at Sunridge—Henry Wlodarczyk+
		1:30 p.m.	Exposition and Adoration
		7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat	Mar 24th	4:15 p.m.	Rosary before Mass in Conference Room
		5:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Edwards— For all the people
Sun	Mar 25th	9:00 a.m.	Rosary before Mass
		10:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Edward's—S Sharon Kocurek+

Chrism Mass



On Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. we gather around Bishop Gary for the blessing and consecration of the oils that will be used in all our parishes in the coming year. May our presence at the Chrism Mass be a sign of our support and gratitude for the ministry of our priests—and a reminder that baptism calls all of us to lives of service.

All are invited to attend.

A collection will be gathered and the proceeds used to offset costs and to assist the poor.

A reception will follow.



Diocesan Youth Conference

Young people from the Diocese of Victoria, grades 8-12!

Are you looking to make lasting friendships, be inspired by amazing talks and testimonies, and grow deeper in your faith? Then register now for the 2018 Diocesan Youth Conference!

When: May 25th-27th, 2018
at St. Andrew's Regional High School.

Cost: Early Bird Price (February 4th - April 19th)
\$75/person + \$65/additional sibling
or regular price (April 19th - May 20th)
\$90/person.

How to register:

Online - Go to the Eventbrite website:
type in DYC 2018 - The Diocese of Victoria 15th
Annual Youth Conference and click "register."

On Paper - Paper

registration forms can be obtained by emailing
teamdyc@gmail.com

*The Diocesan Youth Conference is for all youth;
register now for the weekend of a lifetime!*

Franciscan Missionary Union

Dear St. Edward's Parishioners:

I pray that this note finds you all well and in peace. I was away visiting family and friends on the Prairies during January and February. It was just a little cool... like -30 which I enjoyed. When I came home Jacques told me, "you got lots of mail in your room" and there was! I was just so delighted especially with yours which were all separated and so easy to sort. Thank you to the person who donated them. Many of them were old postcards which we get at least \$1.00 per card. It was great fun going through them as I always find it relaxing getting them ready to send to Russ in Winnipeg.

I want to thank you again for taking the time in getting the packages ready to send and also the postage. It is 32 years that I have been sorting stamps and getting money to help those less fortunate.

Take care and God bless you and your loved ones.
Brother Dominic

NO GOD NO PEACE
KNOW GOD KNOW PEACE
Closing Lenten thoughts



Dear parishioners

We have returned from Cuba after a very successful trip. Because of the great support of parishioners, we were able to take 20 very full suitcases of a variety of items, and distribute cash to a ration house, and the Sisters of Immaculate Mary. I also distributed some cash to families who I knew had very little. To see the faces of those receiving was very touching. We carried items in our backpacks up mountain trails to hand out, people who don't often see anyone coming their way. We heard over and over from our guides that what we were doing was a gift from God and they could not thank us enough. I will remember always when we handed three young boys some items, they were so happy. Later they met us to give us each a flower, how special and loving. So many rely on the ration house to get rice and beans and other food items, we were able to give them financial help so those coming could get free supplies. They were also going to put a little party on for the children of the village with some money that we donated.

We were able to bring supplies to a rural school, where the kids did a theatre production for us, and we played a game of ball with them. We were able to bring two rural doctors, two suitcases full of medical supplies.

We gave farmers rope, duct tape, gloves and even horse halters that were given to us.

You name it we took it, and it was all received with the biggest thanks and hugs.

I can't wait to go back and do more. I am planning a cycling trip to Cuba next March.

We will have a slide show of our trip on Sunday May 6th at the Christian Reform Church in Duncan. More details later. I have also left some little prayer cards in the foyer, these were given by the sisters, they are in Spanish, please feel free to take one.

Yours in Christ
Mary Hof

*Pat and Lee Smith, as well as Gerry Hof,
from the parish were on this trip.*



**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

2018 CWL Bursaries

St. Edward's CWL Council - \$500.00

- ◆ Eligible student graduating from Secondary school and proceeding to advanced training
- ◆ Applications due to Counselling Departments of Secondary School by April 15th, 2018

Diocesan CWL Freda Smith - \$750

- ◆ Catholic student graduating from Secondary school or home schooling program within the Diocese of Victoria pursuing further education at a post secondary institution.
- ◆ Application deadline April 15th, 2018 – form on www.cwldov.org

CWL BC & Yukon Provincial Council Life Members' Fine Arts & Culture Award - \$500

- ◆ High School graduating from Secondary school and involved in and entering into further education in an accredited school in the field of Fine Arts & Culture; a practicing Catholic and daughter/granddaughter, son or grandson of a Catholic Women's League Member or a League member in good standing.
- ◆ Application deadline March 31st, 2018 – form on www.bcyukoncwl.com

CWL Bursary in memory of Honorary Life Member, Molly Boucher Bursary - \$500

- ◆ Applicant must be a practising Catholic and an active member of the Catholic Women's League of Canada for a minimum of two (2) years.
- ◆ Application deadline March 31st, 2018 – from on www.bcyukoncwl.com

Plant and Harvest Sale



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.

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 that have not been picked up were mailed this past week. If you have not received a donation receipt but should have, please call the parish office at 250-746-6831.

Thank you.



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
Development and Peace

SHARE LENT

Please note that the collection this weekend will include donations to Development and Peace for Share Lent.

**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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS MT. TZOUHALEM GOOD FRIDAY



FRIDAY, March 30, 9:00 a.m.

Please meet on the steps of St. Ann's church, 9:00 a.m., where we will gather and have our opening prayer and song before we journey to the top of the mountain. We will stop at the 14 stations for prayer and reflection. A children's version will also be read, so parents, encourage your kids to bring their loud voices. At the top we will have a prayer service with Veneration of the Cross. The journey is not an easy one, with logs over the old road and is very steep in places. Please make sure you are in good physical condition.

Everyone is welcome to come for the opening song and prayer and journey to the first station and return, after that the climb get tougher. Please dress for the weather, bring water, and a light lunch if you want to stay and enjoy the view after, but this is a day of fasting and abstinence.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOGS AT HOME.

For more info contact Mary Hof:
mhof126@gmail.com,
or 250 743 4074

LECTORS

We have 3 extra 2018 Workbooks for Lectors. If you would like your own copy please call the parish office and Sherriden or Andrea will be happy to sell you one. Thank you.

Be the first thought that enters our head

In our waking and arising,

be the first thought that enters our head.

In our eating and drinking,

be the first thought that enters our head.

In our walking and journeying,

be the first thought that enters our head.

In our working and serving,

be the first thought that enters our head.

In our sowing and harvesting,

be the first thought that enters our head.

In our rejoicing and sorrowing,

be the first thought that enters our head.

In our resting and sleeping,

be the first thought that enters our head.
