



St. Edward's Parish

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3rd Sunday of Advent

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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*

December 15th/16th, 2018

MASS TIMES

-ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH-

Saturday Reconciliation 3:30-4:30 p.m.
(or by appointment)

Mass 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Reconciliation 8:30-9:30 a.m.
(or by appointment)

Mass 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday to Friday
Mass 9:00 a.m.

-SUNRIDGE PLACE-

361 Bundoek 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.



***On this Gaudete Sunday, we rejoice
as we look forward to the return of Christ.***

***His coming in glory fills us
with confidence and prayer — all fear is removed
and our hearts sing for joy.***



Pray, Read, Discuss for This Week

Zephaniah 3: 14—18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3: 10-18

“The Lord is near, we rejoice and give thanks.”



Pastor’s Notes

The first message of this "Gaudete Sunday" of Advent:

“Who are you?” This is the question people were asking John. His answer to that question had two parts.

First: "I am not the Messiah", Second: "I am the voice crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the lord.'" John's response should be our response to the question asked of us, "Who are you?" Every great saint may, and every Christian should, be described as a "voice crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.' "

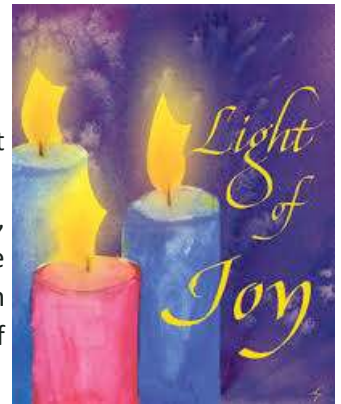
The second message:

Even as we cry out "Make straight the way of the Lord" to a world gone mad - to a world that has lost its way - we must do so in a spirit of utter joy and confidence. Paul says as much when he tells the Thessalonians to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, do not quench the Spirit, hold fast to what is good, and abstain from every form of evil! This "advice" from Paul sums up our life in Christ, the Christ who came to conquer sin and death and the Christ who succeeded in conquering sin and death through obedience to His Father in heaven. This good news is greater than all the evil in the world or in history. And this good news came to us as a little child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Exhortation and blessing:

Paul's final words in the second reading for this Third Sunday of Advent are both an exhortation and a rich blessing. May these words apply to us this day and this season and this year: “May the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our lord Jesus Christ.” To which I say, Amen, Amen!

Blessings,



Our Advent Giving Tree is set up at the back of the worship area. Donations will be given to the Cowichan Valley Basket Society, our local Food Bank. Envelopes for your donations are supplied under the tree. There is a change from previous practice regarding the giving tree. If you wish to donate, please take an envelope to place in the collection basket and hang one of the small ornaments (also supplied) on the tree. Please do not hang the envelopes on the tree. Cheques should be made 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.

Food Bank use continues to remain steady and the need for financial support is constant. The donations from the Advent Giving Tree will be tabulated and a cheque will be issued to the Food Bank for the full amount received. Help us to exceed \$10000 for total donations during the 2018 calendar year.

As always, your generous support is greatly appreciated and goes a long way to lessen food insecurity and hunger in the Cowichan Valley.

Lee Smith



Warmland is asking for new or gently used blankets. If you can help please bring your blankets to the Parish Office.

Thank you.

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

Annetta Anderson	David Russell	Paul Boray
Kirby Flegel	Kim Gunn	Carl McCauley
Cameron Bulger	Susan Ferguson	Lois Cossar
Ashley Pifko	Mary Russell	Alice Su
Shirley Foucher	Bob Crane	Bill Cools
Terry Thorpe	Betty Ronnigan	Maggie Bell
Jackie Brimacombe	Michael Paulik	Bernadette Doyle
Frank Laszczyk	Frankie Cicchitano	Roland Fontaine
Kathy Lassche	Oren Atteg	Gilles Boudreau
Paula Stocco	<u>Maureen Kenward</u>	

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 Marilyn Klizs.

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.

MISSALS

We have a few 2018-2019 Living with Christ Sunday Missal available at the Parish Office. We are still able to offer them to you at \$5.00 per copy.

CO-OP PENINSULA CO-OP

We thank of those who purchase their gas at Peninsula Co-op. This year the parish has received a rebate of \$219.64 from Peninsula Co-op.

If you are interested in participating in this program please contact the Parish Office for a card. Every little bit helps.



ST. EDWARD'S YOUTH GROUP Grades 6 to 12

Gatherings take place in the School Gym
on
Saturdays 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sat	Dec. 15th	4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass in the conference room 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's — Norm Powell + 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Party
Sun	Dec. 16th	8:30 a.m. Confessions 9:00 a.m. Rosary before Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's — Pro Populo The Holy Family Committee will be serving Refreshments after Mass
Mon	Dec. 17th	<i>Office Closed</i>
Tues	Dec. 18th	9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's— Catherine Boyle+ 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier
Wed	Dec. 19th	8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's— Lynn Cameron 11:00 a.m. Mass at Ts'l'ts'uwatul' Lelum Assisted Living
Thurs	Dec. 20th	9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's — Antoine Gagne+ 6:30 p.m. Children's Pageant Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Fri	Dec. 21st	9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's — Grace Corish 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge
Sat	Dec. 22nd	4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass in the Conference Room 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's — Madeline Bremner + 6:30 p.m. Full Dress Rehearsal for Pageant
Sun	Dec. 23rd	8:30 a.m. Confessions 9:00 a.m. Rosary before Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's — Pro Populo

4th Week of Advent

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PAGEANT



Just a friendly reminder that it is that time of year again....the ever anticipated Children's Nativity Pageant for Christmas 2018 is soon upon us. I am praying that your child(ren) will participate in this year's Nativity. We do have several families away for the Christmas season so please let me know either way if your child(ren) would like to participate in this year's Christmas Pageant. The Christmas Story is to be enacted on Monday, December 24th at the Family Mass at 5:00 p.m. just after the proclamation of the Gospel. Key roles of Narrator, Mary and Joseph will be considered for the older participating children.

We will be having two rehearsals dates:

Thursday, December 20th (Children only)
and Saturday December 22nd as a full dress rehearsal

I look forward to hearing from your children and working with them to "Spread the Good News" to all the land.

Debby Fernandez

Children's Faith Formation Co ordinator

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

President
Francine Tournier
250-748-9831



Membership
Betty Hoskins
250-743-4908

CWL COFFEE SUNDAY

The ladies who host CWL Coffee Sunday would like to thank parishioners who attend this monthly event.

Thanks to your generosity, in 2018 we have raised \$650.00 for the Esk Omi Missions in Canada's far north. These priest work in extreme conditions with a very small budget. Everything we can send them helps!

Thank you,
CWL Coffee Sunday Committee

WARMLAND FOOT CARE CLINIC

Thank you to everyone who donated cash, socks, and other requested items for gift bags to be given out at our December Foot Clinic. The clients thank you for warm feet!
Afra James and Joan Langtry are part of the ecumenical team.



Liturgy Matters Workshop

Save the date for a **Liturgy Matters Workshop** on Saturday, February 23 at Ascension Parish in Parksville and a **Credible Christian Course** starting January 23 for 6 evenings at the Pastoral Center. More information and registration on the Diocesan Website.

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/>

Contact gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org



**2018 APPEAL
"Serve One Another"**

Goal	\$50,000.00
December 12th, 2018	
Pledged	49,195.00
Total Paid	40,145.00
# of Families	595
# of Pledges	97
Average Pledge	507.16
% of Goal Pledged	98.39%
% of Goal Paid	80.29%

Only \$805.00 away from our goal of \$50,000.00!!!



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

General Meeting for December 2018 is Tuesday December 18th at 7:15 p.m. in the K. of C. Hall.

**Pilgrimage to Italy
May 5th—19th, 2019**



You are invited to join us on the prayerful pilgrimage which will start in Rome and go to Monte Cassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Loreto, Manoppello, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Padua, Venice and Milan.

For more information, contact Fr. Stephen at ed123a@shaw.ca or Priscilla L. Estrada, at Sampaguita Travel Bureau at tours@sampaguitatravel.com or (604) 874-9533.

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS IN VICTORIA

Please note that Fr. Ian Stuart, Hospital Chaplain, is currently on medical leave from his responsibilities. At the moment, eight different pastors in Victoria, in addition to their regular duties, will carry the hospital phone for **emergency calls only** (250-889-3761) on a weekly rotation basis.

Cynthia Bouchard, Chancellor
Diocese of Victoria

ADVENT SONG *by Mary Lou Walker*

Light the Advent candle three.
Now the waiting has begun.
We have started on our way.
Time to think of Christmas Day.

Refrain

Candle, candle burning bright,
Shining in the cold winter night.
Candle, candle burning bright,
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.





2018 –2019

St. Edward's Church

Monday, December 24th

Family Mass at St. Edward's
Mass at St. Edward's

- Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. (4:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling), Children's Pageant.
9:00 p.m. (8:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling).

Tuesday, December 25th

Mass at St. Edward's

- Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. (9:30 a.m. Christmas Caroling).

Monday, December 31st

Mass at St. Edward's

- New Years Eve

5:00 p.m.



Tuesday, January 1st, 2019

Mass at St. Edward's

- Holy Mary Mother of God (New Year's Day)

10:00 a.m.

*Please note that the Parish Office will be closed for Christmas holidays
from Saturday, December 22nd, 2018 to Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019.*

During that time you are welcome to leave a message on the answering machine as it will be monitored on a regular basis.

Thank you,
Fr. Stephen

Peace
On
Earth

May the blessings of the Christmas Season be with you and your family.



DECORATE the Church

**Come Join Us!!!
Bring in the Spirit of
Christmas**

We are Decorating the
Worship Area

on

Friday, December 21st
after the 9:00 a.m. Mass

and on

Sunday, December 23rd
after the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Your help would certainly be appreciated.

*If you cannot help with decorating please consider a
donation towards the flower.*

