



St. Edward's Parish

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time November 2nd/3rd, 2019

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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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MASS TIMES

-ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH-

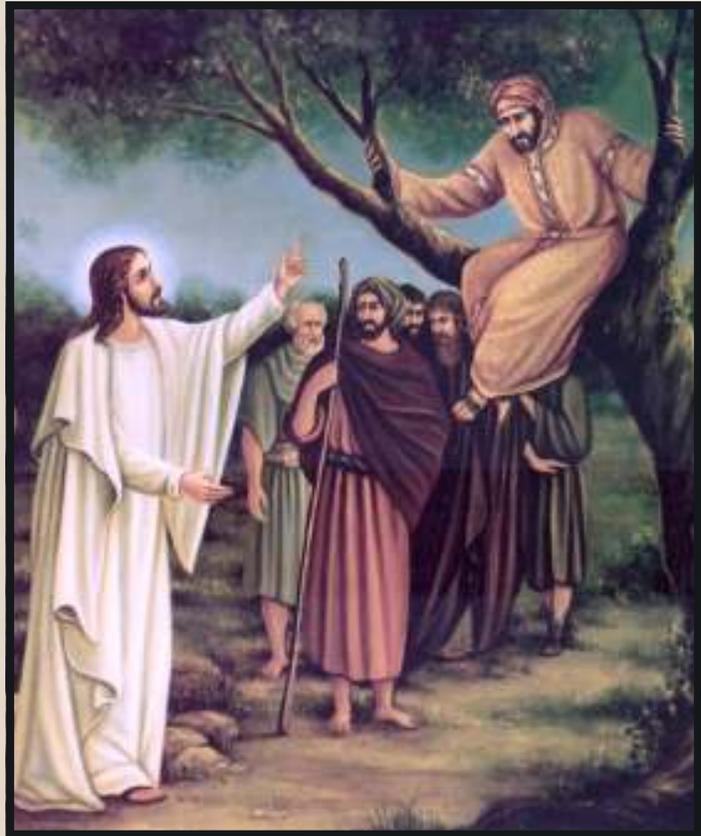
Saturday Reconciliation 4:00 p.m.
(or by appointment)
Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Reconciliation 9:00 a.m.
(or by appointment)
Mass 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday to Friday
Mass see "this week in our Parish"

-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.

In love, God created the world and all things in it. His love for all souls moves him to forgive sins so all can repent and know his love. Jesus Christ is the embodiment of his love, and comes to invite and empower each of us, especially the lost, to turn back to God and know the joy of his mercy.



Pray, Read, Discuss for This Week

2 Macc. 7:1-2,7,9-14; 2 Thess. 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38

"Perseverance in prayer and fidelity to God's ways lead us to the kingdom."



Pastor's Notes:

There is a very real difference between Catholic teaching on our stewardship of creation and modern environmentalism and we are bound as Catholics to know the difference.

We were made to live in peace in the garden made by God. That world is long past due to the sin of Adam. Now we struggle to survive in a hostile natural world. This fact was a daily reality to almost all people in human history. In the 17th century, David Hume described the state of nature as one of "war" and he described human life as "solitary, poor, brutish, and short." If this description does not resonate with you, count yourself as blessed indeed, if not by God, then by a functioning economic and political system based on sound principles. Those principles have allowed human population to double from 3.5 billion in 1968 to 7.6 billion people in 2018, while reducing number of people living in extreme poverty worldwide by 80 percent from 1970 to 2006. According to Josh Hammer, poverty worldwide included 94 percent of the world's population in 1820 and only 17 percent in 2011. This is Christian stewardship at its best, allowing more people to live while at the same time allowing more of those people to live without experiencing poverty.

Modern environmentalism is not Christian stewardship but its opposite. A form of secular apocalyptic thinking, modern environmentalism, like all its previous incarnations, is based on fear of the future and wild imaginings. Rather than seeking practical solutions to problems it demands radical transformations of society at enormous cost to the poor. In fact the poor are the targeted and most numerous victims of environmentalism.

Environmentalism sees poor people as the problem and their elimination or prevention, through abortion, contraception and famine, as the solution. The destruction of "functioning economic and political systems" is the means. If you want to understand the constant upheaval in the West, understand that there is a war on the poor, not by the rich as a class but by specific misguided individuals. The primary victims of the ban on DDT were the poor of Africa.

A personal story: In 1968, I was a paperboy delivering to the richest neighbourhood in Victoria. One day, one of my customers, who lived alone in a mansion, started ranting about the irresponsibility of the poor particularly the irresponsibility of the poor having children. My response to her (remember I was only 13 at the time): "I am number 10 of 11 children and I am very glad that my mother chose to have me rather than to have a mansion like yours!" No doubt, my customer was responding to the predictions of people like Paul Ehrlich who, in 1968, predicted the "end of the world" through uncontrolled population growth, and a shortage of food." Paul Ehrlich's dire predictions were summed up as "too many people, too little food, a dying planet" (Does that sound familiar today?)

Others, at the same time as Ehrlich, predicted a depletion of the world's oil. As noted above, 50 years later, the population of the world has more than doubled and famine is a thing of the past (excluding shortages of food caused by governments interfering in the economic life of its citizens, e.g. Cuba, Venezuela), and, oil is more abundant than any time in the past. These outcomes were not according to the prescriptions of the "doomsday sayers" calling for a radical reduction in the world's population and consumption by killing off the poor and the vulnerable and by nationalizing industry. These outcomes occurred by permitting the functioning economic and political systems to find practical solutions to practical problems.

As I said above, "there is a very real difference between Catholic teaching on our stewardship of creation and modern environmentalism and we are bound as Catholics to know the difference." If we continue down the path of modern environmentalism instead of Catholic stewardship, we will be bringing death to our loved ones, our church, our society and our world; by supporting a worldview that sees human beings, including children--particularly poor ones--as parasites, to be disposed of at will, we will be aiding and abetting the devil's work. For proof of this, look again to Paul Ehrlich, who 50 years later, is still pushing abortion and contraception as the solution to economic and social "problems" of the world. For Catholics poverty is not a vice but a set of circumstances to be overcome by true knowledge, sound economics and good stewardship.

I leave you with the exhortation of St. Paul in today's second reading, words which are equally valid for the Ehrlich-like claim we hear today that "we have 12 more years to save the planet": "As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, . . . , not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here."

Blessings, Fr. Stephen

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	Michael Paulik	Lois Cossar
Cameron Bulger	Frankie Cicchitano	Alice Su
Terry Thorpe	Oren Atteg	Bill Cools
Geraldine Burbee	Debby Warren	Roland Fontaine
Rick Zuback	Paul Dicken	Arleen Laughren
Jan Spencer	Gina Sutton	Bill Bellvau
Hugh Murray	Patricia Pattenden	Veronica Walsh
Guilherme Da Ponte	Wade Damron	Glenora Somer
Ray Courchene	Laurent Boudreau	Ian Weibe
Monique	Charleigh Pollock	Theresa
Jim Korman	Tanya's baby	Gordon Hall
Theresa Thompson	Eugene St. Pierre	

In Remembrance of Mary Milino, mother of Tina Campagne, Diana Mould and family.

Temporary Full-Time Secretary for St. Edward's Parish Office

This position is for 32-40 hours per week for three months. Days and hours of work will be determined by the successful candidate and the Pastor. This position is a temporary one with the possibility of becoming a continuing position following a successful performance review. Hourly wage to be determined based on skills and experience.

The candidate must have strong communication and personal relationship skills and must have a general knowledge of bookkeeping, record keeping and general office administration. The candidate should be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and Publisher. There will be training for the new database programs, "ParishSoft", and "Vega" and "Armatus".

Please address all applications to the Personnel Committee of St. Edward's at ed123a@shaw.ca or fax at 250-748-5363.

**Closing Date for applications is 5:00 p.m.,
Tuesday, November 12th, 2019.**

Going into the Hospital?

If you are planning to enter the hospital for surgery, it is spiritually advantageous to contact your parish office to arrange for Fr. Stephen to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing prior to being admitted to the hospital. At the very least, do tell someone in our parish office that you are going into the hospital. We have no other way of knowing this information, as privacy legislation restricts the information that can be given to us by the facility.

Richard Rohr Prayer Group

Meets every second Tuesday 2:00 p.m.
at St. Edward's Parish

for more information call *Madge Weber 746-7475*

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sat	Nov. 2nd	ALL-SOULS DAY 10:30 a.m. Remembrance Mass at St. Edward's 4:00 p.m. Confession 4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's - Pro Populo
Sun	Nov. 3rd	9:00 a.m. Confession 9:00 a.m. Rosary before Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's - Bolek Palasz+ 2:00 p.m. Funeral Mass - Mary Milano+ with reception to follow in the Church Hall
Mon	Nov. 4th	Office Closed
Tues	Nov. 5th	9:00 a.m. Queen of Angels Remembrance Day play 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's - CANCELLED
Wed	Nov. 6th	8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's - CANCELLED 9:30 a.m. CWL Executive Meeting 6:15 p.m. Children's Faith Formation
Thurs	Nov. 7th	9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's - CANCELLED 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Fri	Nov. 8th	9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's - CANCELLED 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge - Lay-led service
Sat	Nov. 9th	4:00 p.m. Confession 4:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass in the Conference Room 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's - Jim Kocurek + 6:00 p.m. Youth Group - following mass
Sun	Nov. 10th	9:00 a.m. Confession 9:00 a.m. Rosary before Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's - Pro Populo <i>CWL serves refreshments in the Church Hall after Mass</i>



MEN'S GROUP

Attention all men of the Parish

The regular meeting for Saturday November 2nd has been postponed till **9:00 a.m. November 16th** See you then!

Bazaar Time!

Do you enjoy a bazaar? Then here a 2 Christmas Bazaar for you!
Ladysmith's St. Mary's
Saturday, **November 2nd**
11 am to 2 pm.

Admission free. Lunch: Soup & Sandwich & Sweet—\$8

St. Louis de Montfort's Bazaar

60 Fern Rd, Lake Cowichan
Saturday, December 7th
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Come on out to Lake Cowichan for a silent auction, bake sale, mystery parcels and a luncheon.

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

President
Francine Tournier
250-748-9831



Membership
Betty Hoskins
250-743-4908

Notice to members:

There will be **no refreshments** this Sunday as we help out with Mary's funeral. We will be serving again NEXT weekend.

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Membership Fees are now due for 2020

Cost: \$35.00 per year - if paid by Nov. 30/19

(\$40.00 after November 30th)

Fees can be paid at: November General Meeting,

OR:

You may leave your cheque payable to St. Edwards C.W.L.
in the CWL box at the back of the church

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We invite all parish ladies to join us at our General Meetings held the 2nd Wednesday each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

"Come and see what CWL is all about "
Faith, Fun & Friendship

**St Edward's Youth Group invites you to an
ADVENT RETREAT**

Saturday, November 30th, 2019
St. Edward's Parish Hall

Together with St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Victoria and Trinity Parish, Nanaimo, Fr. Alfredo will lead us to discover, "What is Advent and how does it apply to my life?" All students in grades 6 to 12 are welcome! Bring your lunch and there is no cost.

Island Catholic Schools is accepting applications for the following positions:

- Full-time Intermediate Teacher at St. Joseph's School, Victoria
- Full-time Temporary Intermediate Teacher at St. Patrick's School, Victoria
- On-call Educational Assistants for various schools
- After School Care Subs for various schools
- Casual Bus Drivers for various schools

Application forms and details are posted at:
<http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>



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

Knights of Columbus News.....

58th Annual Charity Appeal

Brother Knights, we are on a roll with one location left to sell tickets. We would like to thank Thrifty Foods Duncan as we have finished selling tickets their. Ticket sales at Canadian Tire is still going and over 500 books have been sold to date, and we are only in the first week of November! Keep up the good work Brothers as we still have 200 books left to sell! The Cowichan Valley is a generous community and it is a pleasure serving our chosen Charities for another year.

Thank you, God Bless

Lorne Thickett and Mike Vande Wiel

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners of St. Edward's Parish for their generosity. The "Pennies for Heaven," for this past weekend was \$157.00. Thank you and God bless you all.

Bob Powell, "Pennies for Heaven" chairman
St. Edward the Confessor Council 4253.

Diocesan Mass of Remembrance

A Diocesan Mass, with Bishop Gary Gordon presiding, will be celebrated at Church of the Ascension in French Creek on Tuesday, November 5th, at 5:00 p.m. for all deceased priests, bishops and religious of the diocese. This Mass is being held during the Clergy Study Days in Parksville. Kindly remember in your prayers those who have laboured for the Church in the Diocese of Victoria and pray that the Lord will send dedicated men and women to continue their work.



A parishioner from Cobble Hill is looking for a ride to Sunday Mass. If you can help out please call
250-746-8750.



This is the 24th year in which St. Edward's Parish has participated in Operation Christmas Child Boxes. We have filled a total of 4,666 boxes which have been presented to children from all over the world who are less fortunate.

On the weekend of November 2nd/3rd, we encourage you to pick up your box(es) from the table in the Church foyer and return them by November 16th/17th for shipment.

Pack up your shoe box(es) with your children or grandchildren, it can be such a great learning experience for them.

Eileen Martell 250-748-0176
Ro deBree 250-748-5115



The Widows Group extend an invitation to all widows or single ladies who would like to join them. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

Guest speakers, activities, luncheons and card games. Lots of fun and laughter.

Come join us.

2019 Appeal

The 2019 Appeal invites us to unite in the mission to serve the Lord through acts of charity and love as a way of giving back for the blessings we have received from God. Your pledge to the Appeal will assist us to reach our parish goal of \$ 50,000, which will truly benefit our parish. Please give prayerful consideration towards our Appeal and know that you can truly make a difference.

What did my 2018 Appeal donation support?
 \$235,000 directly to parish projects
 \$325,00 for Island Catholic Schools
 \$170,000 for Home Missions
 \$120,000 for Retired Clergy
 \$50,000 for Religious Education & Faith Formation.

Thank you, *The 2019 Appeal Team*

HUMANITARIAN AID

Gerry and I are involved in leading a hiking tour to Honduras In November. As part of our Humanitarian aid, while hiking we will be distributing items that can be used by people in the mountains. We will also be taking aid to an elementary school, as well as a medical clinic.

Honduras is a poor country with great opportunity, by us taking a keen group there we are helping them to support and build on their tourism. This makes jobs, if people have jobs they will not leave.

If you care to help by maybe donating some school items, toothbrushes, soap, slightly used clothing for any member of the family, farm items, like gloves, rope, duct tape.

Monetary funds are also excepted they will be used to buy food for school programs, or given to villages that are very poor. My hope is to go to a Catholic church in the mountain area and be able to leave some assistance for them. No amount is to small.

I will have a bin in the foyer which says Honduras on it. It will be there October 19th to November 5th Thank for considering this, also asking for prayers that the tour may go well, that the people of Honduras continue to work hard to make the country a better place to live.

Blessings,

Mary Hof
mhof126@gmail.com
 250-715-6297

Responsible Ministry

As part of the Diocese of Victoria's deep commitment to ensure the safety of children, youth and vulnerable adults entrusted to our care, the Diocese has contracted Praesidium Inc. to provide abuse prevention training through an online program entitled "Armatus: Learn to Protect". All members of the clergy, religious, employees and volunteers will now be required to complete this online training to ensure the safety of one and all.

Over the course of the next few weeks volunteers will receive an introductory email from the Parish Office, followed shortly thereafter by an email from "Armatus Administrator" which will include a link to access the online program. ALL volunteers will be contacted. For those without a computer, arrangements will be made to have the online training completed at the parish office.

We wear a poppy
 On Remembrance Day,
 And at eleven
 We stand and pray.
 Wreaths are put
 Upon a grave.
 As we remember
 Our soldiers brave.



You will be a
BLESSING
Genesis 12:2

CANADA
JESUS
Heals
RETREAT

A RETREAT THAT WILL SHINE THE LIGHT OF
CHRIST INTO YOUR HEART AND LEAD YOU TO
FORGIVENESS, FREEDOM AND HEALING.

NOV 22 | **NOV 23**
FRIDAY 6:30 P.M.—8:30 P.M. | SATURDAY 9:00 A.M.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
887 WEMBLEY ROAD, PARKSVILLE, B.C.

HOLY MASS | **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** | **INSPIRING TALKS** | **PRAISE & WORSHIP**

REV. Fr. Jilto George, CMI
(Speaker)

Admission by donation
Lunch will be provided
Register at: SHALOMEDIA.ORG/JESUSHEALS

FOR MORE DETAILS: PARISH OFFICE 250-2483747

CANADA
JESUS
Heals

NOV 25
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC PARISH
1135 4TH AVE, LADYSMITH
BC V9G 1P3

NOV 26
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
6234 SPARTAN RD.
NANAIMO BC V9T 2N9

REV. Fr. Jilto George, CMI
(RETREAT DIRECTOR)
Healing Mass | Preaching | Healing Adoration

NOV 27
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
NOTRE DAME HOLY
FAMILY CHURCH
4731 BURKE RD.
PORT ALBERNI, BC V9Y 5P1

All are welcome!
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“Imagine”
2019 PARISH APPEAL

Over the next few weeks please consider how you can be a part of the success of the Annual Appeal and reaching our Parish Goals.

The 2019 Appeal theme, *Imagine*, encourages us to see a world of possibilities with God’s love for us. Your generosity will assist our parish and extend to countless people in need throughout our Diocese. Please consider pledging to this worthwhile endeavour.

Parish Goal \$50,000.00

As of October 31st, we have received \$10,105.00 towards our Parish Goal.

Fr. Stephen
Fritz Fernandez
Brenda Hennig
Andrea O’Higgins
Caroline Fine

2019 Parish Appeal Team

Volunteers Required For Ministries

Greeting Ministry

How many times do you come to Mass on the weekend and are greeted in the Church foyer with a kind word and a smile. This is such an important ministry and at times we are short of people for scheduling. If you would like to participate in this ministry, we would greatly appreciate it. To be placed on the Greeters List all you need to do is call Martha Courchene at 250-748-8346.

Altar Servers

If you have a child/youth who would like to be an altar server please contact Anna Kinsella. The altar server retains a genuine and vital role in the liturgical assembly. Their role through their actions and conduct, is to bring the assembly to a fuller understanding of the liturgy while assisting the priest and a greater love for God. **Anna at 250-701-0167.**



Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Do you feel you are being called to this Ministry? We need more people to schedule. As an Eucharistic Minister you assist the priest during the Eucharistic Celebration and in doing so you have the honour and gift to Share the Body and Blood of Christ with the faith community. If you would like to participate in this ministry training will be provided. **Call the parish office at 250-746-6831.**

