



# St. Edward's Parish

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## 1st Sunday of Advent

**Pastor: FATHER STEPHEN PAINE**

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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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250-746-5919 *Kathy Korman, Principal*

**Nov. 30th/Dec. 1st, 2019**

### 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 Bundoock Avenue, Duncan**

Friday Mass 11:00 a.m.



***In the season of Advent,***

***we remember our place in salvation history.***

***We remember that we, who again and again  
break the covenant established with God,  
are offered salvation through that same God***

***Who came as a baby***

***to live, suffer, die and rise so that we may live.***

### **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.*



## Pray, Read, Discuss for This Week

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

“Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord.”



## **P**astor's Notes

“The night is far gone, the day is near.” What joy these words elicit in those who long for God! The cry that God is coming or that God is near should send shivers of excitement down our spines. The end of God’s *ap-parent* absence is drawing to a close and the time of His *evident* presence is approaching just as the night ends and the day begins. How long 'til dawn? No person can say; all any person can do is to point to the glimmers of dawn on the horizon! “Look there light!” and “It is a little brighter now!” This waiting, this living in expectation, this watching for the dawn, this looking to the horizon for the coming of new light is the work of every Catholic. Advent is not the season of waiting, *per se*; it is the season when we focus on the daily experience we have *of* waiting, waiting for the coming of Christ and His kingdom, waiting for the coming of the “Light of the World.” At this time of the year, we read stories of the people of Israel in their waiting for the Messiah so that we, too, might learn how to wait, practice how to wait; and remember for Whom we are waiting.

“The night is far gone, the day is near.” These words of St. Paul, are meant to express both a great longing for God and a great anticipation at having that longing finally and so completely fulfilled. Be sure to spend time, and plenty of it, in longing for the coming of Christ. Advent is the period of waiting to be sure, but it is more truly the period to allow ourselves to experience an overwhelming longing and hunger for Christ.

May we have a truly blessed Advent!

Fr. Stephen

### **Advent Penitential Service**

**Thursday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m.**

This week we will have our Advent Penitential Service followed by confessions. Unlike past years, we do not have many priests attending. One of the priests who will attend must leave early to return home by ferry. Consequently, I will keep the penitential service itself short. For those who have the ability, I would ask you to consider making your confession before one of the Advent Masses, by appointment or during one of the penitential services in a neighbouring parish. The dates and times for penitential services in neighbouring parishes are as follows:

#### **St. Mary's Parish, Ladysmith**

Tuesday, December 3rd, 7:00 p.m.

#### **St. Ann's Parish, Duncan**

Wednesday, December 4th 7:00 p.m.

#### **St. Francis Xavier, Mill Bay**

Thursday, December 5th, 7:00 p.m.

#### **St. Peter's Parish, Nanaimo**

Tuesday, December 17th, 7:00 p.m.

### **FATAL FLAWS**

### **LEGALIZING ASSISTED DEATH**

(Film Screening)

with special guest, Alex Schadenberg

Alex Schadenberg is the Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, which he established in 1999. He is one of the world's foremost anti-euthanasia activists.

### **Victoria**

Thursday, December 5th, 7:00 p.m.

North Douglas Church  
675 Jolly Place

### **Nanaimo**

Friday, December 6th, 7:00 p.m.

Departure Bay Activity Centre  
1415 Wingrove Street

**Note: Free transportation is available.**

**Please call Mike Vande Wiel at  
1-250-900-5461 or 250-701-9579 (cell)**

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	Veronica Walsh
Hugh Murray	Patricia Pattenden	Glenora Somer
Guilherme Da Ponte	Wade Damron	Ian Weibe
Ray Courchene	Laurent Boudreau	Theresa
Monique	Charleigh Pollock	Gordon Hall
Jim Korman	Tanya's baby	Heidi Seifert
Theresa Thompson	Eugene St. Pierre	Sierra Heggie
	Paul Cloutier	

*For the Repose of the souls of*

Peter van Kerkoerle+, brother of Riet Heemskerck;  
 Colin Court+, brother-in-law of Martha Roberge;  
 and Dave Senger +, nephew of  
 Madge Weber, Phylis Pifko and Martha Courchene.

“Imagine”  
 2019 Parish Appeal  
 Goal: \$50,000.00

As of the 28th of November, St. Edwards has reached **60.70 %** of goal pledged, at **\$31,850.10**

What started with single step forward, then a walk, a trot, then breaks into a run along with cheerful runners pressing towards the goal. Reminds me of city side-walks during weekday mornings, where you get the feeling of marching along in the same direction with multitudes of pedestrians headed in the same direction. You approach an intersection, bursting onto the cross-walk as the 'walk' sign barely turns green.

In the true spirit of Wisdom, He leads us, headed in the right direction.

**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 30th** 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 - Mary Milino+  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group - following Mass

**Sun Dec 1st** 9:00 a.m. Confession  
 9:00 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's - Pro Populo  
 CWL will be serving refreshments after Mass today.



Mon Dec. 2nd **Office Closed**

Tues Dec. 3rd 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's - St. Jude+

Wed Dec. 4th 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's - Leslie Widynowski+  
 3:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation  
 6:15 p.m. Children's Faith Formation

Thurs Dec. 5th 9:00 a.m. Mass at St Edward's - Jane Hourihan+  
 7:00 p.m. Advent Penitential Service

Fri Dec. 6th 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's - Thi la Luu+  
 9:30 a.m. Adoration  
 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge - CJ Conroy+  
 3:30 p.m. Benediction

Sat Dec. 7th 8:30 a.m. First Saturday Mass of the Month  
 9:00 a.m. Men's Group Meeting  
 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 - Dr. Ismail's Family  
**CWL are holding a Bake Sale downstairs in the Church Hall**  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group - following Mass

Sun Dec. 8th 9:00 a.m. Confession  
 9:00 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's - Pro Populo  
**CWL are holding a Bake Sale downstairs in the Church Hall**

**It is Camp Homewood Time!!**



**All Youth (Grades 7-12) are invited to attend "Great Things"**

**from January 31st - February 2nd, 2020.**

This is a 'can't miss' weekend of faith, fun and friendship. Bring a friend! Face to Face Ministries will lead meaningful talks, games, praise and worship AND there is all the fun of Camp Homewood- archery, sailing, riding and more! Register before January 15<sup>th</sup> at the cost of \$160.00 (This is a great Christmas gift for children and grandchildren!). See your youth coordinator or parish office for a registration package. Transportation can also be arranged.

Contact Bonni Roset ([broset@telus.net](mailto:broset@telus.net)) 250-203-1518 OR  
 Terri Ann Wynans ([wynans@shaw.ca](mailto:wynans@shaw.ca)) 250-731-7134

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

President  
Francine Tournier  
250-748-9831



Membership  
Betty Hoskins  
250-743-4908

## St. Edward's Catholic Women's League



Please join the CWL in the Church Hall for Coffee Sunday after Mass. There will be Christmas goodies to go with your hot coffee or tea!

**All proceeds will be sent to the Esk-OMI Mission in the Canadian Arctic.**

Also, our Christmas Raffle draw will be held at 11:30 a.m., so you need a ticket for a chance to win one of these lovely prizes:

<u>Prizes</u>	<u>Value</u>
1st Coffee Table by Wes Heinricks	\$500.00
2nd Zwilling Cookware (10 pc) Stainless Steel	\$300.00
3rd Casserole Dishes	\$150.00
4th Set of 3 Bradford Ex. Wall Decorations	\$100.00

**Draw Date: December 1st 2019**

### CWL members:

Membership Fees are now due for 2020  
Cost: \$35.00 per year - if paid by Nov. 30/19  
( \$40.00 after November 30<sup>th</sup> )

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

## Living Deeply – Dying Well

End of Life Health Issues – Workshop January 11th, 2020  
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in Seghers' Hall

We live in a culture that, if we do not prepare to die well, someone else will make decisions for us. Very often they may not reflect our beliefs or wishes. Each person has a God-given responsibility to make informed decisions on their own behalf and then communicate those decisions to someone they trust. We plan to live well. It is also our responsibility to plan to die well.

Lunch will be provided with a donation requested.

**Presenters: Phil Jennings, Tim McGee, Annette Turgeon.**

**To register:** Please call St. Andrew's Cathedral 250-388-5571 or email [standrewscathedral@gmail.com](mailto:standrewscathedral@gmail.com)



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for

more 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 would again to thank the parishioners of St. Edward's Parish for their generosity. This past weekend the Knights collected \$168.70 for their vocations program "Pennies for Heaven." Thank you all and God bless.

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



The Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards are **SOLD OUT.**  
Thank you for your continued support.  
Jim Korman.

## Knights Bursary

On Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass  
K. of C. will make a Bursary presentation to Liam Hennig.  
***Congratulations Liam***

## Mark Your Calendars.....

The K. of C. invites all parishioners to attend their Marian Hour of Prayer with the Traveling icon of Our Lady.

**Monday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m.**

## Christmas Candlelight Service

Sands Funeral Chapel—Duncan

*We welcome everyone to this non-denominational event as we honour and celebrate the lives of those whose memories we hold close in our hearts.*

Date: - Sunday, December 8th, 2019

Time: - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Sands Funeral Chapel  
187 Trunk Road, Duncan, B.C.

*Refreshments to follow*

*Please RSVP to 250-746-5212 or*



# In the Spirit of Advent Let us Prepare for Christmas

Mark your Calendars: Advent Reconciliation at St. Edward's Thursday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m.

## The Advent



Our Advent Giving Tree will be set up at the back of the worship area next weekend. 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 \$10,000 for total donations during the 2019 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

St. Edward's Representative  
of the Cowichan Valley Food Bank

## Christmas Carol Singalong

Saturday December 7th at 7:30 p.m.  
Christian Reformed Church 930 Trunk Road.

Adults \$10 at the door,  
Children 12 & under-free with a paying adult.  
No pre-ticket sales, just pay at the door.

All proceeds are being given  
to the **Cowichan Hospice House**.  
Let's raise as much \$ as we can!

Cowichan Consort Orchestra and Choir are the hosts.  
Come sing your favourite carols  
and we will finish the evening with everyone singing  
the famous Hallelujah

Chorus from the *Messiah*.

All local choirs, church choirs, families,  
everyone, are invited !!

## A Cowichan Hospice House Fundraiser

Thank you, Joy Ann Bannerman

**Encore! Women's Choir presents**  
*Candles are Dancing*  
Christine Dandy, Artistic Director  
Alison Dalton, Accompanist  
Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.  
St. Michael's Anglican Church, Chemainus  
Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.  
St. Edward's Catholic Church, Duncan  
Tickets - Adults \$15 in advance,  
\$20 at the door, Children \$5  
Advance tickets are available from choir members,  
Volume One Books, Thrifty Foods, Salamander  
Books, The Owl's Nest Bakery and Bistro,  
[www.encorewomenschoir.com](http://www.encorewomenschoir.com)

**THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**  
The Advent wreath symbolizes the never-ending love of God. There are typically four candles on the wreath.  
**WEEK 1 CANDLE**  
Prophecy Candle (purple)  
This candle reminds us of the promises of Scripture to send a Savior. The many prophecies of the Old Testament teach us this truth! (Isaiah 9:6)

## Christmas Bazaar Time

Do you enjoy a bazaar?  
Come out to Lake Cowichan  
for a silent auction, bake sale, mystery parcels  
and a luncheon.

St. Louis de Montfort Church

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



## 2020 Catholic Calendars

These calendars were such a popular hit a couple of weeks ago that they were all gone by the Sunday. Ginette Sylvianne Aubin from Sands Funeral Chapel heard about our need so she supplied us with more calendars.

These Liturgical Calendars note main Feast Days and Sundays.

If you did not get to pick one up, please do so this weekend. They are on the table in the foyer.

*Many thanks to Sands Funeral Chapel.*

## Preparing for Christmas at St. Edward's

We had many elves working here last week and what a wonderful job they did.

- You will notice when going downstairs today, that new flooring has been laid in the stairwell. Many hours of prep work and painting took place. A big thank you to the CWL who took this on as a project, Carlo with his team of hard workers and End of the Roll from which the flooring was bought and installed.

**Great Job everyone!!!**

- To the ladies and men who transformed the Church Hall with their creative touch. And, an apology to the one husband who was still waiting at 2:00 p.m. to have his wife come home to make his lunch. Oh well, time flies when your having fun. Kidding aside, the hall looks fantastic and it certainly transports us into that first Christmas so long ago.



- And our appreciation to the many ladies who worked in the Worship Area to put up the silhouettes, and those who assembled the Advent Wreath and the Giving Tree.

*Once again,  
thank you to each and everyone  
who shared time, talents and gifts  
to help make our Advent and Christmas  
a wonderful experience.*

Blessings, Fr. Stephen

## Remember.....

- ◇ *In the next couple of weeks donation envelopes boxes will be issued and placed on the table in the foyer for pick up. If a donation box has not been issued to you and you would like one **please** call the parish office at 250-746-6831.*
- ◇ *Although you may issue a cheque to St. Edward's in 2019 if we do not received till 2020, it will be posted in the year it was received.*



### Poster found in a Church

"When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile.

Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.



## Advent Wreath

The song played while lighting the wreath will be "Christmas is Coming". Words to be projected.



## 2020 Sunday Missals

2020 Living with Christ Sunday Missals are now available at the Parish Office during office hours.

**Cost: \$5/copy**

*Since we have limited supply, please don't delay*

**get your copy this week!**