



St. Edward's Parish

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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 Bundoock Avenue, Duncan

Friday Mass 11:00 a.m.

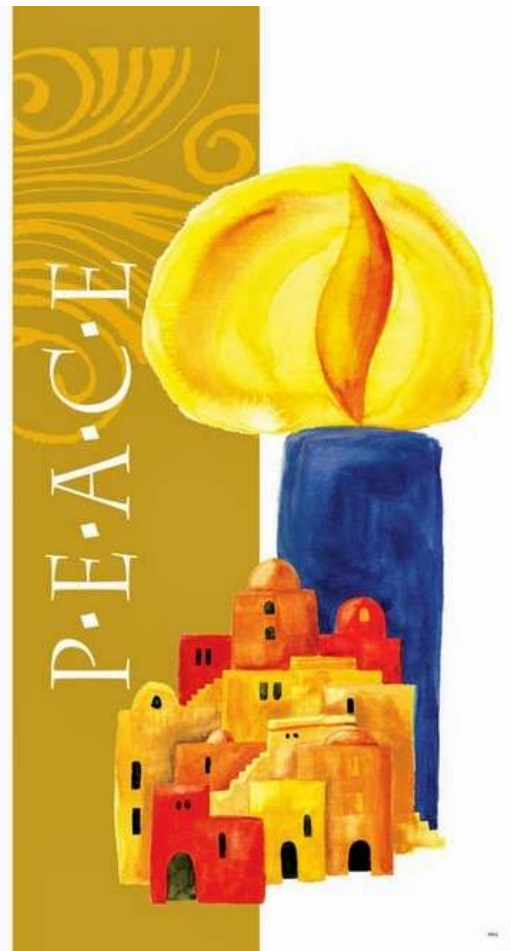
St. Edward's Parish Mission Statement

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.

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 7th/8th, 2019

God is calling out to us—through his prophets and Apostles, through his holy Word, through his Son whom he sent to dwell among us—that he has come to save us. His kingdom is one of justice and peace. Will we listen to these holy voices crying out to us in the desert of worldly divisions and distractions?





Pray, Read, Discuss for This Week

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

“A Saviour is coming
who will bring justice and peace to the faithful.”



Pastor's Notes

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near!" Compare this statement with the statement of many people, "Father, I have nothing to confess. I don't think I have committed any sins in the 6, 7, 20 years I have been away from confession. I am a good person. I always try to be a good person." The demand by John the Baptist for us to repent is meaningless to those who have lived 6, 7 or 20 years without any awareness of having sinned at all. What is there to repent of? We are called to know exactly ourselves, our weaknesses, our proclivity to sin and our specific sins. It is only when we know these things that we a) are filled with proper fear for our own salvation; b) find a need within ourselves to cry out to God for mercy; c) entered into a true knowledge of our lowly status before the living God; d) learn humility; and, e) come out our spiritual slumber into the light of God's love and the light of true self-awareness before God and all holy creatures, a "place" Jesus calls the "kingdom of heaven."

"We have Abraham as our father" is the Jewish equivalent of saying, "I am a good person and, therefore, have nothing I need to repent of. Not sinning by commission is only part of the Christian life; not sinning by omission is also a requirement for the kingdom of heaven. Thus, if we were correct that we have no sins by way of commission to confess (highly unlikely), we most certainly have sins of omission that we should confess, not least because everyone of us has a vocation to holiness and to sainthood. Who, in his or her right mind, will be able to honestly proclaim himself or herself a saint? So, if we are not saints, we have some un-saintly things to repent of and to bring to confession.

May John the Baptist's command that we repent find a joyful and humble "yes" in each of our hearts this Advent.

Fr. Stephen



Advent Penitential Service

For those who were unable to attend an Advent Penitential Service this past week, there will be one held at St. Peter's Parish in Nanaimo on December 17th at 7:00 p.m.

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 2 CANDLE

Bethlehem Candle (purple)

This candle reminds us of the humble birth of Christ. It also reminds us to prepare our hearts for Jesus during the season! (Micah 5:2)

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



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
Carl Lalonde	Paul Cloutier	Kathy Lorette

"Imagine" 2019 Parish Appeal

Goal: \$50,000.00

As of the 5th of December, St. Edwards has reached **70.62 %** of goal pledged, at **\$35,310.10**.

Remember that you will receive a tax receipt for this calendar year if you contribute before December 31, 2019. This year's Appeal will be used for new front doors to the church and for decreasing our deficit

Have a great weekend.

Fritz Fernandez,
Appeal Chair

SUNRIDGE PLACE

Please note that there will be no masses at Sunridge on December 27th, 2019 as well as January 3rd, 2020.

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	Dec. 7th	8:30 a.m. Mass, first Saturday Mass of the month 9:00 a.m. Men's Group 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 Bake Sale in the Hall after 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 Bake Sale in the Hall after Mass
Mon	Dec. 9th	Office Closed 9:00 a.m. Mass—Feast of the Immaculate Conception 7:00 p.m. Holy Family Prayer—traveling Icon Knights of Columbus
Tues	Dec. 10th	11:00 a.m. Liturgy Meeting 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edward's - Frank Laszczyk + and Jim Kocurek +
Wed	Dec. 11th	8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's - Bob O'Hara + 3:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation 6:15 p.m. Children's Faith Formation 6:45 p.m. ENCORE Women's Choir Practice
Thurs	Dec. 12th	11:00 a.m. Mass at St Edward's - CWL Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Peter Kerkoele + 12:00 p.m. CWL Christmas Luncheon
Fri	Dec. 13th	9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's - Stoffi Durfeld+ 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sunridge - Helena + and Ignatious + Dotto
Sat	Dec. 14th	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 - Velma Cybulski + 6:00 p.m. Youth Group - following Mass
Sun	Dec. 15th	9:00 a.m. Confession 9:00 a.m. Rosary before Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's - Pro Populo 2:30 p.m. ENCORE Women's Choir Concert

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 15th 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) 250-203-1518 OR
Terri Ann Wynans (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



CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Following Mass on

Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th
Please see us in the Church Hall



Our Christmas Raffle was drawn and the winners of these lovely prizes are:

Prizes

- 1st Coffee Table won by **M. Ismail**
- 2nd Zwilling Cookware won by **Bob Powell**
- 3rd Casserole Dishes won by **Laura Campeau**
- 4th Set of 3 Bradford Wall Decorations won by **J. Brownlow**

CWL members:

Membership Fees are now due for 2020
Cost: **\$40.00** per year

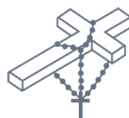
You may leave your cheque payable to St. Edwards C.W.L.
in the CWL box at the back of the church

Companions in Prayer

Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Mt 5: 10

If you would like to enroll in the Companions or if you no longer wish to keep on with the prayers you are asked simply to formally notifying the Chair of CPPC.

Currently that is Tony Parr, whose contacts are:
tonyparr80@gmail.com and 250-701-0970.



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

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.

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

2020 DONATION ENVELOPES

Please note that donation Envelopes for 2020 have been placed at the back of the church. Please pick up your box of envelopes but do not start using them until January 2020. For parishioners not finding their name on a box, or anyone wishing to use donation Envelopes, please come to the Parish Office to receive a box.



DIOCESAN PASTORAL CARE OUTREACH TRAINING

If you are interested in joining the Pastoral Care Outreach team, here is the schedule of training sessions for the new year. The sessions can be attended in Victoria or Nanaimo or a combination of both. These sessions are also valuable for personal information and growth.

Thanks,
Marilyn

As we approach Advent and the new year, please find the 2020 dates for the Diocesan Pastoral Care Outreach Training sessions below. The dates are for Victoria and the regional district of Nanaimo. If you would like to register for training, information is on our Diocesan website at

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/pastoral-care> under the 'Pastoral Care Outreach Training' tab.

2020 Victoria Diocesan Pastoral Care Outreach Training

Sessions are 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and are free.

Please bring a bag lunch to each session. Coffee and Tea will be provided.

A Certificate of Completion is provided to those who attend all four sessions.

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St. Patrick's Parish

Saturday, February 22nd **Session 1: *The Healing Ministry of Christ*** –

Fr. William Hann will be the morning presenter.

Saturday, March 14th **Session 2: *Listening & Communication and Mental Health***

Contact the parish office to register: (250) 592–7391 or stpat190@telus.net

2020 Diocesan Pastoral Care Outreach Training – Regional District of Nanaimo

Sessions are 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and are free.

Please bring a bag lunch to each session. Coffee and Tea will be provided.

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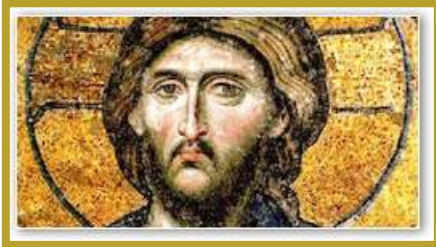
Ascension Parish (Parksville)

Saturday, February 1st **Session 1: *The Healing Ministry of Christ***

Saturday, March 7th **Session 2: *Listening & Communication and Mental Health***

The Path of Peace

Peace is Christ's culminating gift.



At his birth the angels' song mingled with the first bleating of the Lamb of God, promising peace to God's friends. On the night before he died his own promise comforted his Apostles; when he had risen from the dead his first words to them were Peace be upon you.

How is it then that peace is so rare, even in our soul? It may be because we lack the courage without which true peace is unattainable, and with or without which the pseudo-peace we have built up in our imagination is unattainable.... The condition of peace is courage, but the moments in which we most long for it are those when courage seems most difficult. When all that we want is to loosen our hold, to throw off responsibility, to rest. We want not a sword, but a lap big enough to bury our head on.

It is comforting then to realize that the courage peace demands is in fact to relax, to throw all our care into the lap of God. It means that we must take the risk of trusting God's love, believing Christ's word, loving one another... A child knows no anxiety, if he knows himself to be loved, no mistrust or suspicion. His values are true. He loves things, but he loves them not for what they cost, but for what they are... Poverty may come, the child knows his father will provide his happiness; pain may come, his mother's hand will take it away. He is not worldly because he lives in a secret world of his own. No one can take his kingdom from him because it is not of this world....

Advent is closing and the longing of the Church for light and for the spring, the budding forth of the Saviour, is culminating in the mystery of Christmas, and we can put aside our cares to make the house of our soul ready for the Child, with prayer as simple as a folk song, rocking the cradle of peace to the beating of the human heart.

From: Catholic Education Resources
<https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/religion-and-philosophy/spiritual-life/the-path-of-peace.html>

From: Caryll Houselander. "Hungering for Love." from *Lift Up Your Hearts* (Arena Letters, 1979).