

Pastor: Father Gerald
Associate Pastor: Father Salomon

PARISH OFFICE

Secretary: Pat Robinson

Parish Office Hours: The office is now closed.
Please call 250-766-3146 or email
st.edwards@shaw.ca and someone will get back
to you as soon as possible.

Bulletin Announcements by noon on Thursday
email: wandawirth@telus.net

LIVE STREAM MASSES AND CONFESSIONS

<http://www.stedwardsparish.ca>

St. Edwards Parish

Sunday at 8 am Live -Stream

St. Pius X Church

Sunday at 9:30 am Live-Stream

Communion in the Parking Lot After Mass
Please Stay in Your Car

No Confessions until further notice

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Noreen Dunn: 250-766-3303

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

If you wish to become involved, please contact
the parish office.

Altar Society: Constance Gregory (250) 765-2879

Benevolent Fund: Bob Sellinger, 250-766-5990

Greeters and Ushers: Maxine Joyce (250) 878-5699

Lectors (Readers): Sue Taylor jaytaylor@telus.net

Music Ministry: Linda Kaplan, 250-548-9282

Outreach: Shelly Twerdochlib, 250-766-0202

Sacristans: Lily Oddleifson (250) 766-4390

PARISH COMMITTEES

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

Chair: Matthew Ouillette, 250-681-1844

Parish Finance Committee (PFC)

Chair: Kim Olfert 250-766-3592

Liturgy Coordinator

Constance Gregory, 250-765-2879

Grounds and Building

Clive Halston, 250-878-4612

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

CWL

Marian Podgornik, 778-480-6444

St. Edward's Men's Association

Gordon Joyce, (250) 766-8191

Development & Peace

George and Karen Willoner, 250-215-5134

ST. EDWARD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
11123 Okanagan Centre Road East, Lake Country, BC V4V 1H3
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Website <http://www.stedwardsparish.ca>
Email st.edwards@shaw.ca

First Sunday of Advent (Year B)
November 29, 2020



NEED A PRIEST?

*If you need a priest **for emergencies or end of life call**, please call the Catholic Chaplaincy phone at 250-878-1502. Regular hospital visits can be arranged by calling the church office during office hours to arrange a time for the Priest to visit.*

Prayer Requests

Assunta Rosal, Norman Tutt, Tony Lopes, Marilyn Slivinski, Doreen Skalicky, Alice Peters, and all those suffering from the COVID 19 virus.

***If you have a loved one who you would like on the prayer list or if you know of someone who no longer needs to be on the list, please contact the Parish office at 250-766-3146 or email at st.edwards@shaw.ca*

Due to Provincial health orders, there will be no in-person Masses until Tuesday, December 8th, 2020

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PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

Offering Required - \$3,542.00

*You can mail your donations to St. Edwards Parish:
11123 Okanagan Centre Road East, Lake Country,
BC V4V 1H3. Please do not include cash in your
envelope, cheques only.

*Stewardship (Pre) Authorized Giving (SAG) – once
a month direct debit of your regular Sunday offering
is offered for your convenience. The SAG form is
posted on our website.

*E-transfers can be made as well. Please call or email
the office to get the instructions.

MASS

Mass will be live-streamed from St. Edward's on

Sunday, November 29th at 8:00 a.m.

Although we are not allowed to attend Masses in
person at this time, communion will be distributed
immediately after each Mass in the parking lot.
Please wait in your car with mask on. When Father
Gerald comes to your car, roll down your window,
extend your hand to receive Holy Communion, remove
your mask and consume the Eucharist.

Please keep in mind that Father has to leave by 9:00
a.m. to celebrate Sunday morning mass at St. Pius X. ,
so he will only be giving out Communion for 20-30
minutes after Mass. In order for him to have time to
drive back to Kelowna, please ensure that you arrive
for communion on time.

Thank you all for your co-operation during these
difficult times, it is very much appreciated.

Parish Office

DO YOU NEED GROCERIES, ETC. PICKED UP?

If you are in self-isolation and need someone to pick up
groceries, etc. for you, please call or email the office as
we have people that willing to help you out.

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

Thank you to the families who have made a gift to this
year's Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal. Each gift is
important and provides vital support to the projects and
services that rely on "Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal".
Our parish has currently raised \$16,456.00. Remember
that funds received over our Diocesan commitment of
\$18,200 will be returned to us. Gifts can be made online
at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-r-c-bishop-of-nelson/campaign/our-pilgrimage-of-faith-appeal/> or by e-transfer through your banking platform
to: etransfer.rcb@nelsondiocese.org (please call
250-448-2725 extension 240 for the security question)
or by completing a pledge card and returning it to the
parish in person or by mail. Thank You!

If you haven't made your Pilgrimage of Faith donation
for the year, there's still time. Please drop it off at the
office along with your form or send to the office by
mail. If you've misplaced your donation form, we can
fill one out for you here.
Thank-you.



BE AWARE

It's approaching 'the most
wonderful time of the
year' when scammers are
looking for handouts by
trying to take advantage of
innocent people by
masquerading as their
pastor. If you receive an email or text message asking
for donations of gift cards or money orders that looks
like it is from our priest, please do not reply to it as it is
a SCAM. Father Gerald would never solicit donations
this way.

LEGACY PROJECT

Immaculata 60th Anniversary
Legacy Project
Immaculata Regional High School
has set the fundraising goal of
\$22,000 for much needed upgrades to
our Learning Commons (Library)
resources, book collection, and furnishings. We invite
all alumni and parishioners to learn more about this
campaign and consider making a donation. Your
contribution will be appreciated by staff and students
for years to come. Thank you for your ongoing support
and prayers. <https://conta.cc/37qnBo1>





POINSETTIAS

Anyone wishing to make a donation toward poinsettias for Christmas in memory of a loved one, please put your donation in an envelope marked Poinsettia and the name of the person who it is being donated in memory of. A name tag with your loved

one name on it will be placed on the plant(s) Purchased. Any cash donation must be in by December 6th which will allow Liturgy time to purchase them. If you wish to purchase and donate your own, please bring them into the office December 15th to 17th during office hours. Thank you. Liturgy Ministry

FAIR TRADE PRODUCT SALE

We have a wide selection of Fair Trade coffee, tea, hot chocolate and chocolate bars for sale to support St. Edward's Youth and a narrow window in which to sell it. Please call George 250-317-4652 for a list of products or to order and arrange pick up at St. Edward's.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Development and Peace are looking for donations to make up for the 2020 Lenten Collection, which was hindered by the coronavirus. Their fall campaign is called "Recovering Together." Envelope users should already have an envelope for this collection if they haven't used it yet. Others, who donate, should mark their envelopes "D&P" and place them in the basket provided in the vestibule of the church. Cheques should be made payable to St. Edwards Church. This link:

<https://www.devp.org/en/education/fall2020/materials> provides parish resources for this campaign.

Call toll-free: 1 888 234-8533, or by mail: Development and Peace 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd West, 3rd Floor, Montreal QC H3G 1T7. Please make sure to include your return address.

Rachel's Corner

We can help. Abortion AfterCare-Healing
www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com
info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com
250-762-2273

CHRISTMAS FOR THE NEEDY BEYOND OUR BORDERS

Chalice is a **Canadian based Catholic** international aid charity focused on child, family, and community development. Chalice invites you to share the blessings of Christmas with children in the developing world. The Christmas Gift Catalogue allows you to purchase a gift for someone in need in honour of a friend or a loved one. A beautiful handwritten card will be sent to the recipient, telling them of the gift that has been given. Any gift purchased through the catalogue will receive an official tax receipt. ***This is the perfect gift for the person who has everything – the gift of sharing with someone who needs everything.***

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/73517/8/>

If your family is interested in changing the life of another person, please consider sponsoring a child in need. \$37 per month will allow the child to go to school, to get proper nutrition and medical attention. You will receive letters and pictures from your sponsored child to keep you up to date on their progress. https://www.chalice.ca/sponsor-a-child-now?search=profile_list&task=search

Shelley Brodeur

Director of Development & Advancement
Assistant Homestay Coordinator

CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

SAVE THE DATE January 26, 2021 – Springfield Funeral Home is providing an evening of information for parishes of Nelson Diocese. **Catholic Funeral Rites 101** will include a presentation by Father Cerlouie on Catholic funerals (Burial and Cremation), service offerings by Springfield Funeral Home, St. Charles Garnier Columbarium presentation and a virtual tour of the Crematorium. More information to follow early January.

CATHOLIC MOUNTAIN STAR

Article submission deadline for 2020 Christmas issue is on Wednesday, **December 2nd**. Please limit articles to 600 words (fit one page of 8 ½" x 11" paper) using size 11 font. News articles for parish or caption information limit to 1 or 2 sentences. **Please email all submissions to catholicmstar@gmail.com.**

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT: VIDEO SERIES FOR ADVENT 2020

As the season of Advent is very close, this memo is to inform you of a wonderful new initiative we have begun at the Conference. Since social media are an increasingly important platform for formation and evangelization at all levels, we have produced a series of videos entitled *Journey through Advent*, which includes an introduction to the liturgical Season and reflections on the Gospel readings of each Sunday in Advent. It is the result of a joint project between the CCCB's *Office national de liturgie*, the National Liturgy Office, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis.

This short video series will be posted on the CCCB website and can be accessed through the rolling banner image at the top of the homepage entitled *Journey through Advent: Video Series for Advent 2020*.

The links to the videos, in French and English, will be available on the CCCB website. Each Monday, the link for the upcoming Sunday celebration will be released.

[Click here to access the video series in English.](#)

[Click here to access the video series in French.](#)

We are very grateful to Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., and Bishop Pierre Goudreault for their generosity in preparing and recording these spiritual and pastoral reflections. We hope, especially in this time of COVID-19, that *Journey through Advent* will be a source of deep spiritual solace and insightful pastoral preparation for those who are looking for meaningful ways to welcome the Lord Jesus at Christmas.

For further information please contact Mrs. Margaret Shea-Lawrence, at m.shea-lawrence@cccb.ca.



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Office of the Bishop

New Directives as COVID-19 Worsens

23 November 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord!

As you have heard, new orders were recently issued from the Provincial Health Authorities that restrict our gathering as a Faith community to celebrate Mass in-person.

This is very discouraging since all of you have been so faithful in following our diocesan COVID protocols and precautions. Up to this point, we have not had an exposure or outbreak in any of our parishes, thanks be to God and to you. I couldn't be more grateful for you and for all you have done to keep our parishes safe.

Since the Eucharist is central to our Faith, it is important to note that Mass will continue to be celebrated and offered for you and your intentions. Please check your parish or the diocesan website for live-streamed Mass information. I have also given permission to have Holy Communion available for the faithful who attend Mass virtually. The procedure to receive Holy Communion in your car after Mass is as follows:

- Wait in your car in the parking lot. When the priest comes to your car, roll down your window, extend your hand to receive Holy Communion, remove your mask, and consume the Eucharist

Please note that our parishes remain open for prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament. Your parishes will also continue to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please continue to observe our COVID protocols and precautions.

Now is not the time to give in to our frustration and anger. It is important we acknowledge our feelings, but direct them to something positive, such as becoming more prayerful or patient or thankful. It might even mean writing the Provincial Health Officer or your elected officials to voice your concerns over Mass restrictions.

If one thing the pandemic has taught us, we need to continually work at being a people of Faith, Hope and Love.

Please pray that all of our sacrifices will bring down the numbers of those infected and prevent further spread of the virus, so that our churches can be open for Christmas celebrations, and we can celebrate our Saviour's birth, Christ Jesus our hope (1 Tim 1.1).

May Our Lady of Monte Berico continue to protect us and accompany us during this pandemic.

God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ our Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory J Bittman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

✠ Gregory J Bittman
Bishop of Nelson