

ST. EDWARD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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
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LIVE STREAM MASSES AND CONFESSIONS

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St. Edwards Parish

Christmas Eve December 24 – 4:00 pm
Christmas Day, December 25 – 8:00 am

St. Pius X Church

Christmas Eve, December 24 – 4:30 pm
Christmas Day, December 25 – 9:30 am

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

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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

Christmas Day
December 25, 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, Norete Lopes

***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*

Mass Intentions

December 17- Yaro Skrypnyk & family RIP

December 20- Mike & Flo Walsh INT

Due to Provincial health orders, there will be no in-person Masses until further notice.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE DECEMBER 2020

(All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God, Ps. 98:3)

Dear friends,

Cordial greetings and best wishes. Yes, Christmas has come. After weeks of waiting and watching, we are now approaching the moment when the angels brought the Good News and declared to the whole world: Today, a Savior is born (Lk. 2:11).



This Christmas, I am reminded of the herdsmen in Bethlehem as they received the Savior; Like them, we also join in songs of joy and praise to God as we encounter his Son: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people of goodwill (Lk. 2: 14).

Christmas builds great excitement, especially amongst children. This sense of rejoicing at what is to come is characteristic of our faith. Our eyes now turn to the Nativity of the Lord as a reason to stay hopeful, we recognize in it the fact that God not only keeps his promises, but he surpasses them. In particular, God, our creator, became a human being, born for the salvation of us all. The word became flesh and lived among us. Let His birth inspire in us the outpouring of love, generosity and goodwill.

In his apostolic letter, Pope Francis explains the meaning and importance of the Nativity Scene. The beautiful image of the Christmas crèche, so dear to the Christian people, continue to awaken amazement and wonder. The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising from the pages of sacred Scripture. As we contemplate the Christmas story, we press forward in our spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became human to encounter each and every one of us. We come to realize that so great is his love for us that He became one of us so that we, in turn, might become one with Him.

Covid-19 has changed our lives significantly. Our lifestyle changed, but as your pastor, I am so proud of how you have persevered in your faith in the changing realities around us.

I sincerely thank you for continuing to support our parish. Your charity has enabled us to continue to maintain our vital pastoral services. Thank you too for keeping united in prayer for our parish

This pandemic has changed our economy. Individual families are particularly affected, and some are still struggling to recover from jobs or income losses. Therefore, many people are affected during this season of giving; let us find time to help the needy, extending God's generosity to those in need. Through these simple actions, we can bring Christ to others this Christmas.

I invite you to watch Christmas Mass, which will be live-streamed. Please check our parish website for updated mass times.

Let us by our prayer and charity, become the eyes of Jesus to see as he sees; the ears of Jesus to hear as he hears; the lips of Jesus to speak His Good News; the feet of Jesus to walk to the ends of the earth; the hands of Jesus to serve where there is a need, and the heart of Jesus to love as he loves.

I wish you a happy celebration of the Christmas and a Happy New Year 2021. In love and service, we say, St Edward, pray for us.

Fr. G

Pastor

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

*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.

MASSES

*Christmas Masses will be livestreamed on our website
www.stedwardsparish.ca at the following times.*

Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm

Christmas Day: 8:00 am

WEATHER PERMITTING

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be Drive In
Masses.

Park and Stay in Your Car

Listen to Mass on your Car Radio.

Tune to FM 88.1

ONLY 25 CARS PERMITTED.

All Christmas Masses will be Live-streamed.

Communion Following Mass.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (PRAYER)

"My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed
Sacrament. I love you above all things, and long for you
in my Soul. Since I cannot now receive you
Sacramentally, come at last Spiritually into my Heart.
As though you have already come, I embrace you and
unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be
separated from you". Amen

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 \$17,156.00. 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.

PRAYERS FOR ALUMNI

Immaculata Regional High School is
celebrating our 60th anniversary this
school year. In honour of the 60th,
the staff and students at Immaculata
prayed the rosary for the graduating
classes of 1976, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81
during December. Merry Christmas



and Happy New Year from the staff and students of
Immaculata. God Bless!

Are you new to the Parish? Do you have a change of address?

Please fill in the form below to register or change your present registration. Place in the collection basket or return to the Parish Office.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Would you like to be contacted by one of our parish groups?

- CWL
- Men's Association
- Sacristan (Set up for Mass)
- Music
- Lectors (readers)
- Eucharistic Minister
- Usher
- Altar Servers

Would you like to pick up Sunday Offertory Envelopes from the table in the entranceway of the church next week?

Yes ___ No ___

The label will have your name on it, the number identifies you and a tax receipt will be sent to you at the address that you registered with.



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