

**Pastor: Father Gerald**  
**Associate Pastor: Father Salomon**

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**PARISH OFFICE**

Secretary: Pat Robinson

**Parish Office Hours: The office is now closed.**

**Please call 250-766-3146 or email**

**[st.edwards@shaw.ca](mailto: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

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**LIVE STREAM MASSES AND CONFESSIONS**

<http://www.stedwardsparish.ca>

St. Edwards Parish

Thursday at 3 pm Live-Stream

Sunday at 8 am Live -Stream

St. Pius X Church

Tuesday at 3 pm Live-Stream

Sunday at 9:30 am Live-Stream

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

No Confessions until further notice

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**CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Noreen Dunn: 250-766-3303

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**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](mailto:jaytaylor@telus.net)

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**Outreach:** Shelly Twerdochlib, 250-766-0202

**Sacristans:** Lily Oddleifson (250) 766-4390

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**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

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**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**  
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**Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 13, 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](mailto:st.edwards@shaw.ca)*

***Mass Intentions***

*December 10- Frs. Don Wilson & Angeles Pickelle RIP*

*December 13- Frs. Ken Stephens & Pat McCarthy RIP*

*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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## **PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS**

December 6 - \$3,190.37

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.

## **MASSES**

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

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 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 \$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](mailto: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 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this  
school year. In honour of the 60<sup>th</sup>,  
the staff and students at Immaculata  
prayed the rosary for the graduating  
classes of 1968, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73,  
74 and 75 during November. May

God continue to bless our school community – past,  
present, and future. Thank you to our parish  
communities for your prayers and support.



### **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT ...**

*"Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained."*  
*Helen Keller*

### **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.

### *Rachel's Corner*

We can help. **Abortion AfterCare-Healing**

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[info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com)

250-762-2273

### **CHARISMATIC RENEWAL**

Father Dave is Back! Are you hungry for fellowship and reflection this Advent? Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, President, Franciscan University of Stubenville, presents *The 2020 Vigil Project*. Join us Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. (PST), December 3, 10 and 17 for prayer, praise and worship, Fr. Dave's video, and small group study. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we meet on Zoom. If you have been participating in the Nelson Diocese Zoom Prayer Group this fall, you are on our list and will automatically receive an invitation. If you are a NEW participant, please contact Lynne Williams and provide your email address to receive your invite. Note: You may join us any or all weeks and we will also be offering a weekly prayer group in 2021. [lynnedwilliams50@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnedwilliams50@hotmail.com) under the subject heading '2020 Advent Vigil', or phone 1-250-489-1702.

### **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.

### **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](https://www.chalice.ca/sponsor-a-child-now?search=profile_list&task=search)

### **Shelley Brodeur**

Director of Development & Advancement  
Assistant Homestay Coordinator

### **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



In this season of Advent, inspire us to be a people of hope.  
Encourage us not to be greedy for material possessions, but for justice and truth.  
Enflame us with a love for others, which crosses boundaries of race, religious and nationality.  
Stir within us an appreciation of the immense beauty of the earth.  
Be with us, Lord, at this time, that we may be a people of hope. Amen

**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](mailto:m.shea-lawrence@cccb.ca).

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JOHN  
3:16

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## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES – 2020

### *Healing of the Earth*

We the Body of Christ, are called to live in solidarity with all peoples. We are called to respect, protect, defend and nurture the oneness of all of God's Creation. God made this Earth as a true gift to His children of all nations.

Indigenous people around our world have their creation stories. These stories are about relationships. They teach us about the Earth and its awakening. God the Creator makes the Earth a good place. He sees a beautiful place with purpose. We acknowledge God as the Creator of all things!

There is also the relationship with all things of the Earth and universe. This is our common home: the moon and stars, the sun, the wind and water, and the land. As people of the Earth we share with one another, each and every day. God gathers us together in this place.

Another relationship is about *healing*. We are always healing. God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to lead us in the way of healing and restore relationship with God, other peoples, and all creation. Jesus used mud from the Earth to heal the blind. He went into the wilderness and to the mountains to fast. He used bread and a few fish to feed thousands of people. He worked with the wind and water. Jesus was in full relationship with all things of creation. We learn from Him about the way of the healer, friend, prophet, and teacher.

Furthermore, we are in loving relationship with all the Children of God. We are all created in His image and likeness. The human community has many blessings: families and kinship; languages; ceremonies and rituals. These gifts connect us.

In an article written by Father Rigobert Minani Bihuzo, S.J., for the Synod of the Amazon, the Church is called to strengthen its teaching about the Earth as a gift from God<sup>1</sup>. This gift continues to be given, and God's faithful people are called not only to be good stewards of the land, but are to also bring healing and teachings about good versus poor stewardship of our common home.

Ecological conversion, as taught by Pope Francis, requires the promotion and respect of human rights – individual and collective. People of faith are to advocate for peoples whose way of life depends on the land, and are to defend the rights of persons who are victims of exploitation. This was acknowledged in the process and findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and its Calls to Action, here in Canada.

Together we share one common home, Mother Earth, and we are all dependant on her for our existence. We continue to face very real threats to our ecology and way of life, which has never been more apparent as we live through the present Covid-19 pandemic. We must come together as one human family. Pope Francis reminds us in his encyclical *Laudato Si* that: "Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home."<sup>2</sup> We turn to the Earth for sustenance: for shelter, food and medicines. And when we die, our bodies will return to the Earth where our ancestors reside as we await to be with God in Heaven forever.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://justresponse.faith/week-4-easter-time-ecological-conversion>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)

We recognize the benevolence of the Creator, who has provided us with the gifts of Earth, water, fire and air. We are grateful for all He has provided. We express our gratitude through our lives of prayer, song, dance, story, ceremony and ritual.

**Let us pray:**

*O God, Great Spirit and Faithful Creator, with humility we your children acknowledge the relationship of all living things.*

*For this we thank you, we praise you and we worship you.*

*We call on you, Great Mystery, the Word made Flesh – our teacher, prophet and brother - to open our hearts to all our brothers and sisters, and with them to grow in the wisdom, honesty, courage and respectfulness shown in The Sacred Teachings. Give us the honesty to recognize that the Earth provides us with life sustaining breath, nourishment and healing, and give us the strength to proclaim by our words and actions that the Earth is a blessing for all peoples. May we avoid the sins of exploitive personal power and profit. May we seek the righteous way of love, service, and healing in all things.*

*Father, as we walk our journey on this Earth, may your life-giving Spirit protect and guide us with your Wisdom so that we might live in right relationship and harmony with all humanity. May we pass on to future generations this Earth and all your gifts as you have provided them to us. +Amen*