

**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  
Sunday at 8 am Live -Stream

St. Pius X Church  
Sunday at 9:30 am Live-Stream  
Tuesday at 3 pm 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)

**Music Ministry:** Linda Kaplan, 250-548-9282

**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**  
**11123 Okanagan Centre Road East, Lake Country, BC V4V 1H3**  
**Phone 250-766-3146 Fax 250-766-3191**  
**Website <http://www.stedwardsparish.ca>**  
**Email [st.edwards@shaw.ca](mailto:st.edwards@shaw.ca)**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 20, 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 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 13 - \$2,953.37

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 20<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

## LIVE STREAM CHRISTMAS MASSES

<http://www.stedwardsparish.ca>

Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 pm

Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am

## 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 1976, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81  
during December. Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year from the staff and students of  
Immaculata. God Bless!



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

#### **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

#### ***Rachel's Corner***

*"However softly we speak, God is so close to us that he can hear us; nor do we need wings to go in search of him, but merely to seek solitude and contemplate him within ourselves, without being surprised to find such a good Guest there."*

- St. John of the Cross-feast day, December 14.

After your abortion, did you feel that you had no longer had a voice to express what you were feeling? Did you wish you had a safe and confidential place, in which you could share what you were feeling and not feel judged? No matter how softly you speak now, God is there, and He cares. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat, regain your voice and discover how very close He has been all along.

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#### **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

#### **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.





**OUR LADY OF LOURDES (WEST KELOWNA)**  
**PRESENTS**

We invite you and your family to join us on Tuesday,  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm for an

**ONLINE CHRISTMAS TRIBUTE.**

Visit our website ---[www.ololwestkelowna.com](http://www.ololwestkelowna.com)  
and click on WATCH LIVESTREAM. Or you can join us  
on our Facebook Page --- Our Lady of Lourdes Parish West Kelowna



Fr. Rex M. Velmonte and some members of our parish will be doing the entertainment.  
So join us, be entertained and sing along as we sing Christmas carols and give thanks to  
God for the gift of Jesus, the reason for the season.

C yah der!

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