

Pastor: Father Gerald
Associate Pastor: Father Salomon

PARISH OFFICE

Secretary: Pat Robinson

Parish Office Hours: The office is closed to walk in traffic. 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

<http://www.stedwardsparish.ca>

St. Edwards Parish

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Weekday: Tuesday through Friday– 10:00 am

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

CONFESSIONS

By appointment only

- notify the office if you wish to receive the sacrament.
- park in front of the office door.
- please stay in your car.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 6:00 pm
Live Stream

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:

Parish Finance Committee (PFC)

Chair: Joe Pereira George

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

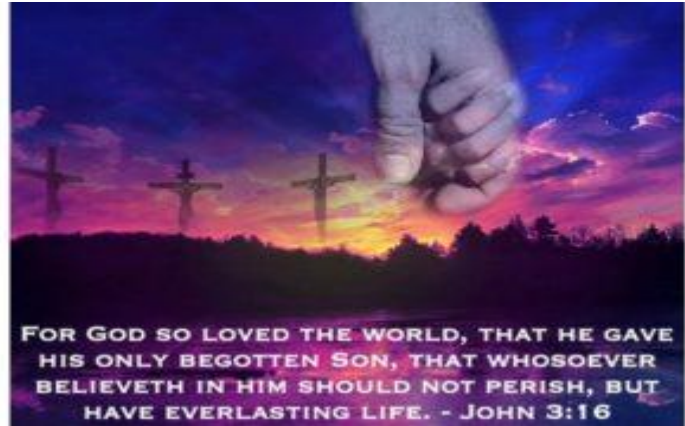
ST. EDWARD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
11123 Okanagan Centre Road East, Lake Country, BC V4V 1H3
Phone 250-766-3146 Fax 250-766-3191

Website <http://www.stedwardsparish.ca>

Email st.edwards@shaw.ca

4th Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2021



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

Norman Tutt, Tony Lopes, Alice Peters, Norete Lopes, Kris Durr, Ron Halston, Jamie Reynolds, Donall O'Leary, Mr. Duvan

***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

March 13- Pat Fairbanks RIP

March 16- Assunta Rosal RIP

March 17- Lily Oddleifson INT

March 18- Genowefa Latkowska INT

March 19- The McAdams family INT

March 20- Karen Lehane INT

March 23- Les and Ann McAdams INT

March 24- Noreen Dunn INT

March 25- Joe and Sherin Pereira George INT

March 26- Assunta Rosal RIP

March 27- Dave Tutt RIP

March 30- Dave Tutt RIP

March 31- Dave Tutt RIP

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

March 7, 2021- \$2,640.37
Pro-Life - \$10.00
Pilgrimage of Faith - Total To Date – \$11,335.00

*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.

*Interac/e-transfers donations
We now have our own email address for
Interac/e-transfer donations to St. Edwards Parish.
When you are sending interac donations please send
them to
etransfer.stedwardswinfield@nelsondiocese.org
Be sure to indicate clearly to which fund the donation
is to be directed in the **message box** of the
e-transfer. For example: Sunday Offering, Christmas,
New Years, and/or one of the Ordered Collections, or
if it is to be split between two or more of these.
Donations will be automatically deposited directly in
the St. Edwards Parish bank account when the
transfer is made so a password is NOT required to
make the transfer.

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Communion in the Parking Lot After Mass
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You can livestream the Masses through our website
www.stedwardsparish.ca at home or in the parking lot
of the Church.

If you would like to just listen to Mass in the parking
lot and receive Communion afterwards, park in the
parking lot and tune your radio to FM station 88.1.

LENT 2021 RECONCILIATION RITES AT ST. EDWARDS PARISH

Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 3:00 pm in the parking
lot. Please stay in your car as you would for
communion.

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 \$11,335.00. Remember
that funds received over our Diocesan commitment of
\$20,900.00 will be returned to us.



FRAUDULENT EMAILS

Please note, some of our parishioners have received
multiple emails that appear to be from Fr. Gerald.
They are using his name and are asking for money.
This is the email address they are coming from:
pastor9207@gmail.com – but it only shows up as Fr.
Gerald unless you click on it and find out that the email
address is different. This is not Fr. Gerald's email
address and he would never ask for money via
email. 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
look like it is from our priest, please do not reply to it as
it is a **SCAM**. Neither Father Gerald nor Father
Salomon would ever solicit donations this way.

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

“Grieving your abortion losses is one of the most important tasks you will do in your lifetime. It starts as you stop denying your pain, and it continues until you reach a point of reconciliation.”
- A Season to Heal by Luci Freed & Penny Yvonne Salazar

Have you been denying what you really feel about your involvement in an abortion decision, trying to be strong for everyone else, yet feeling like you are falling apart inside? Join the men and women on a Rachel's Vineyard © Retreat. We can help.

Abortion AfterCare-Healing

www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

250-762-2273

FREEDOM'S DOOR COFFEE CLUB

Why not start the new year off by joining our new monthly fundraiser?

For the small price of a cup of coffee!

How, you ask? It's easy! Just give up one store bought coffee per week and put that money toward our new coffee fundraiser. See how a small sacrifice can amount to a huge blessing toward this program in our community!

Can I give you an example? The price of a store bought coffee is around \$4 to \$5. That adds up to about \$20 a month, which in turn adds up to \$240 a year which makes a big difference in helping the men at Freedom's Door!

So, what's stopping you?!?! Join our coffee club today and help us reach our goal of 200 monthly coffee club donors!

Getting Started – there are several ways to get set up for this Monthly Coffee Club. Whatever works best for you:

- Credit Card – Charged to your Credit Card on the 15th of each month
- Post Dated Cheques
- Direct Deposit – requires contacting our office to fill out documents
- E-transfer to info@freedomdoorkelowna.com
- Canada Helps

Please consider giving us a call at 250-717-0472 or email at info@freedomdoorkelowna.com to make arrangements for your monthly donation.

We are praying that the restrictions will lift soon and when they do we welcome you to come down to Freedom's Door and have a coffee with us.
God Bless you and yours in 2021



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CHABC'S \$500 BURSARY FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

This year, the Catholic Health Association of BC(CHABC) will award a bursary valued at \$500 to a graduating student who is enrolled in a Catholic secondary school, or who is a member of a BC or Yukon parish and enrolled in a public secondary school, or who is home-schooled. To apply for this bursary, students are asked to submit a 500-word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care.

Applicants are reminded that spiritual health is a much broader concept than religious beliefs which may very well form a large part of an individual's spirituality. Before submitting your essay, please ensure that you read the essay guidelines as many past applicants have missed this nuance and failed to capture the true meaning of spiritual care. Submissions must be received on or before April 2, 2021. For essay and submission guidelines, please visit

www.chabc.bc.ca/bursary

WHERE YOU WILL BE REMEMBERED OUR ETERNAL GARDEN OF GOD

St. Charles Garnier Columbarium Garden is a resting place for the cremated remains of our parishioners and members of their families of our Kelowna and area Catholic community. Each niche will be identified with engraving into its granite face to include the family name, date of birth and death of the deceased.

At present, our Garden contains one Columbarium with 80 niches, with accommodation for four additional Columbaria (as required). The Garden is landscaped with lighting, trees and shrubs, all surrounded by a wrought iron fence with a locked gate.

For further information and/or an appointment to meet with a member of the Columbarium Committee, please contact:

St. Charles Garnier Parish Office

Telephone: 250-860-6776

Email: stcharlesgarnier.columbaria@gmail.com

CCCB Note on Ethical Concerns Related to Currently Approved COVID-19 Vaccines

The decision to receive any COVID-19 vaccine is one of individual conscience in consultation with one's physician or healthcare provider. Choosing to be vaccinated, particularly amid the current pandemic, can be an act of charity which recognizes the need to care for others.

The CCCB echoes the call of the Holy See,¹ by reiterating its appeal to governments to “ensure that COVID-19 vaccines that become available do not create an ethical dilemma for Canadians,”² thus encouraging greater vaccine uptake among the general population and strengthening the common good of our Canadian society.

The recent approvals by Health Canada of the AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson vaccines against COVID-19³ have given rise to questions among Catholics about the moral permissibility of receiving vaccines whose development, production, and/or testing has involved the use of abortion-derived cell lines. These questions are important for they concern the sacredness of human life and its inherent dignity.

The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines already approved in Canada do not use abortion-derived cell lines in their development and production of the vaccine, however in some of their final testing processes, they have used unethically-derived cell lines. These two vaccines currently available in Canada can be morally acceptable for Catholics to receive since the connection to abortion is extremely remote.

In contrast to these vaccines, the AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson vaccines utilized abortion-derived cell lines in their development, production, and confirmatory testing.⁴ The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith makes the distinction between the differing moral obligations for those who develop such vaccines and those who receive them. They have reassured Catholics that “when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available . . . it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.”⁵

Therefore, when provided with a choice between receiving different vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should always be preferred and chosen when possible. This means that given the currently approved vaccine options in Canada, if/when presented with the choice, one should choose to receive either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine over the AstraZeneca or Johnson & Johnson vaccine. When no choice of vaccine is available, the AstraZeneca or Johnson & Johnson vaccine (or any other COVID-19 vaccine that may be approved) “can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with abortion.”⁶

Consequently, if it is possible in a given area or local region to choose a vaccine, Pfizer and Moderna would be recommended at this stage. However, when a choice is not provided or it is quite difficult to have recourse to these said vaccines, given the health urgency at hand and other considerations, nothing morally prevents anyone from receiving in good conscience the AstraZeneca or Johnson & Johnson vaccines or others that may eventually be approved which will have been developed, tested and produced in a similar fashion.

¹ Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines (21 December 2020), n. 4 “Both pharmaceutical companies and governmental health agencies are therefore encouraged to produce, approve, distribute and offer ethically acceptable vaccines that do not create problems of conscience for either health care providers or the people to be vaccinated.”

² Letter signed by the CCCB President to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau regarding ethical COVID-19 vaccines (21 May 2020).

³ <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2021/02/health-canada-authorizes-astrazeneca-and-verity-pharmaceuticals-inc-serum-institute-of-india-covid-19-vaccines.html> / <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2021/03/health-canada-authorizes-janssen-covid-19-vaccine.html>

⁴ <https://lozierinstitute.org/update-covid-19-vaccine-candidates-and-abortion-derived-cell-lines/>

The same would be true of any other adenovirus vector vaccines which may be approved by Health Canada in the future.

⁵ Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines (21 December 2020), n. 2.

⁶ Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines (21 December 2020), n. 3

Dear Fathers and Catholic Faithful,

Greetings in the Lord!

Bill C-7 is the legislation to amend the criminal code with regards to MAID, or medial assistance in dying or more properly called, Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia.

As you know, the Senate has amended Bill C-7 and sent these proposed amendments to the House of Commons for approval. If these amendments pass in the House of Commons, it will make it much easier for vulnerable Canadians to access assisted suicide and euthanasia.

The most concerning amendments are:

1. Allowing people to write advance directives that require euthanasia to be administered if they are sick or disabled and lose the ability to make their own medical decisions.
2. Removing the restriction on euthanasia for people whose primary diagnosis is mental illness. This change will automatically come in to effect 18 months after the Bill is passed.

Please seriously consider writing to your MP to ask them to reject the Senate's amendments. To facilitate this task, permanent Deacon Larry Worthen (Halifax) - Executive Director, *Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada* - is providing the following link to the organization Coalition for Healthcare and Conscience which makes such communication much easier: canadiansforconscience.ca.

A request by the government was filed to extend the deadline for this bill until March 26, 2021. This means we have until then to make our concerns known to the government about the dangers of expanding Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia in our country.

Again, please write your MP, including the Prime Minister, Minister of Justice, Minister of Health and the leaders of the Opposition to oppose these amendments. Thank you.

Sincerely in Christ,
X Gregory J Bittman
Bishop of Nelson

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