

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

**PARISH OFFICE**

Secretary: Pat Robinson  
**Parish Office Hours:**  
Tuesday through Thursday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Bulletin Announcements by noon on Thursday**  
email: [wandawirth@telus.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:st.edwards@shaw.ca)

**5th Sunday of Lent**  
**March 21, 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](mailto:st.edwards@shaw.ca)**

**Mass Intentions**

March 19- Les McAdams RIP  
March 20- Karen Lehane RIP  
March 23- McAdams Family 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

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

## PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

March 14, 2021- \$2,392.37

Pilgrimage of Faith - Total To Date – \$12,335.00

\*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/etransfers donations

We now have our own email address for  
Interac/etransfer donations to St. Edwards Parish.  
When you are sending interac donations please send  
them to  
[etransfer.stedwardswinfield@nelsondiocese.org](mailto: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.

## LIVE STREAM MASSES AT ST. EDWARDS PARISH

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You can livestream the Masses through our website  
[www.stedwardsparish.ca](http://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.

## 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 \$12,335.00. 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](mailto: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*

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250-762-2273

**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

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent - Solidarity Sunday!**

“Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

Today is Solidarity Sunday. It is a day that was set aside by the Canadian Bishops when they created Development and Peace, a day for all Canadian Catholics to reflect on how we love our sisters and brothers around the world and to share what we can do to help those who are most vulnerable. Living in Solidarity means dedicating ourselves to the wellbeing of our sisters and brothers – to take up the struggles they face as our own, to share in the celebration, the pain, the joy, and the journey together. We learn from each other, offering what we have for the common good, and being willing to listen and adjust our practices for the benefit of our sisters and brothers.

Solidarity is a way of loving each other – of willing the good of the other person, and working for it too. Sometimes this means we have to let go of our own comforts and the convenient options, choosing to do what is better for others and our planet instead. When it comes to building peace, this means that we may need to let go of our egos, adjust our expectations, and make room for others in our hopes and dreams.

By living charitably and compassionately towards others and ensuring justice and fairness in how we treat each other, we can really build peace together.

**A Prayer to the Creator**

Lord, Father of our human family,  
you created all human beings equal in dignity:  
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit  
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,  
dialogue, justice and peace.

Move us to create healthier societies  
and a more dignified world,  
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.

May our hearts be open  
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.  
May we recognize the goodness and beauty  
that you have sown in each of us,  
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,  
and shared dreams.

Amen.

Prayer by Pope Francis, from the 2020 encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*.



**Catholic Health Association of British Columbia**  
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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](http://www.chabc.bc.ca/bursary)



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

**Clarification**  
**11 March 2021**

On 9 March 2021, the Canadian of Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) published a short “Note (see below) on Ethical Concerns Related to Currently Approved COVID-19 Vaccines.” This Note was published in response to questions from Catholics who were concerned about the Moral permissibility of receiving currently-approved COVID-19 vaccines. The Note did not refer to, nor intend to question the medical efficacy of any vaccine. In response to questions received since the publication of the Note, the CCCB wishes to clarify any misunderstandings that may have arisen.

1. Catholics are invited to be vaccinated, both in keeping with the dictates of their conscience and in contributing to the common good by promoting the health and safety of others.
2. The CCCB Note of 9 March 2021 simply restates the position outlined by the Holy See in its Note of December 21, 2020 regarding the use of vaccines.
3. All COVID-19 vaccines that are medically approved by the relevant health authorities may be licitly received by Catholics.
4. Since there is currently no choice of vaccine being offered, Catholics in good conscience, may receive the vaccine that is available and offered to them.

On this National Day of Observance for COVID-19, we remember in thought and prayer those whom we have lost and those who have experienced most acutely the impact of the pandemic. We likewise offer our profound appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for the many people working and volunteering in occupations and services that provide care for others, which often comes with great personal sacrifice.

Any further inquiries should be directed to the CCCB Communications Service at:  
[communications@cccb.ca](mailto:communications@cccb.ca)

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3:16

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## **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,<sup>1</sup> by reiterating its appeal to governments to “ensure that COVID-19 vaccines that become available do not create an ethical dilemma for Canadians,”<sup>2</sup> 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-19<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup> 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.”<sup>5</sup>

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.”<sup>6</sup>

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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.”

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

<sup>3</sup> <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>

<sup>4</sup> <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.

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

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