

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

LIVE STREAM MASSES

<http://www.stedwardsparish.ca>

St. Edwards Parish

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 10:00 am
Weekday: Tuesday to Thursday – 10:00 am
Friday – Passion of Our Lord – 3:00 pm

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: Good Friday, April 2nd
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

Palm Sunday
March 28, 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 27- Dave Tutt RIP
March 30- Dave Tutt RIP
March 31- Dave Tutt RIP
April 1- Eric and Simone Dickie INT
April 3- Ted and Bev Nikiforuk INT
April 6- Tim Slivinski INT
April 7- Damian Slivinski INT
April 8- Mrs. Alex Stoker INT
April 9- Assunta Rosal RIP
April 10- Les McAdams RIP

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

March 21, 2021- \$1,935.37
Development and Peace - \$5,940.00
Pilgrimage of Faith - Total To Date – \$12,555.00

*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
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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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.

Please check our website for further updates regarding
the Masses during Holy Week.

<http://www.stedwardsparish.ca>

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 \$12,555.00. 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.

NEEDED: HOST FAMILIES

Immaculata is looking for homestay families for our international students arriving in September. If you would like to learn about another culture and share your home with a student, this is a great opportunity! We pay \$925 per month in exchange for a private bedroom, meals and school transportation (bus or car) for a student. If you're interested, please contact Shelley Brodeur irhs.ahc@cisnd.ca. Thank you very much!!

Shelley Brodeur

Director of Development & Advancement
Assistant Homestay Coordinator

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 of that day. Give yourself that chance. Rachel's Vineyard can help.

Rachel's Corner

"Do not keep your past hidden and buried for only you to deal with, like I did for way too long. I wasted so much time keeping that where no one knew, and I really never knew how to deal with it. Go on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. You won't be sorry you did." Testimonial

We think we know how to handle it on our own, and it turns out to be that we really can't deal with the regret and the memories of that day. Give yourself that chance. Rachel's Vineyard can help.

Abortion AfterCare-Healing

www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

250-762-2273

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

ENCOUNTER ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA RETREAT

Celebrate with us the feast day of St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680), also known as Lily of the Mohawks, the first Indigenous saint of North America. St. Kateri converted to Catholicism at age 19 and, after refusing to marry, moved to the Jesuit mission at Kahnawake, south of Montreal. There, she lived a life of prayer and asceticism. Following her death, many miracles and supernatural occurrences were attributed to her. She was canonized in 2012. In Canada, her feast is celebrated April 17. This weekend retreat—April 16-18th—will focus on the relevance of St. Kateri’s spirit today, her relationship with our Creator God and the gifts of creation. Our facilitator is **Sr. Kateri Mitchell**, SSA, a Sister of St. Ann who was born and raised on the St. Regis (Akwesasne) Mohawk Reservation in upstate New York, southern Ontario and Quebec. She has been a teacher and school administrator, worked full time in several forms of Indigenous pastoral ministry and served for 20 years as executive director of the international Tekakwitha Conference dedicated to evangelization among Indigenous peoples. Sister Kateri has been an advisor to the Vatican and the American bishops on Indigenous ministry and interfaith affairs. She was appointed as the first North American Indigenous person on the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to present COVID-19 restrictions, Star of the North Retreat Centre is limited in the number of guests we can accommodate in-house. Please register for your preferred retreat option below—online or live-in—with the understanding that due to fluctuating local health restrictions, the Star may not be able to accommodate all booking requests. Star of the North will contact those registered as live-in attendees by April 1st in order to update the status of this retreat reflective of local health and safety protocols, and adjust registrations accordingly. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility in this. **Clinton Porritt**, Communications & Program Development, (780) 459-5511 ext. 23 programs@starofthenorth.ca



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Office of the Bishop

25 March 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord!

Very soon we will be able to say with exultant hearts and voices: *"Christ is Risen. He is truly risen!"* (Mt 28.5)

As we prepare for Easter, our attention focuses on the powerful Gospel accounts of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus. This is where the liturgies of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday are most poignant.

We must never forget that even with the tremendous suffering Christ endured by His Passion and Death, God's immense love for us and the whole of creation underlies it all. Nothing, no matter how grim, can ever overshadow this love, which stands out as a beacon of light from the Cross, *"Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."* (1 Cor 23-24)

While Easter will be very different again this year, we should never pull back, but rather push forward with those things that make Easter the pre-eminent celebration in our lives as Christians. This means that we should really dress up for Mass, even if we stay at home and participate via live-stream. This means that we should do those things we have always done to prepare for Easter, whether baking or cleaning, or buying fresh flowers or making a turkey dinner, and reaching out to the poor whether financially or with other kindnesses.

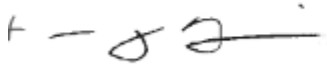
We may not be able to gather as an extended family, but consider sharing your turkey meal with those who are single and alone this Easter. We can also reach out via phone or video call or Facetime to our friends and family so that no one is forgotten this Easter. Most especially, please remember to pray for one another, our elderly, our widowed persons, the lonely and those who have no family.

I invite all of you to join the live-stream of the Chrism Mass, which will be held on Monday, March 29th at 5 pm (PDT) from Osoyoos. A link can be found on the diocesan webpage: www.nelsondiocese.org and the direct link is www.springfieldfuneralhome.ca/mass.

As we celebrate Christ's Resurrection from the dead and His triumph over sin and death this Easter, let us unite ourselves to Jesus' Resurrection, the source of our hope and our joy. It is this hope which draws our eyes upward, to God, the source of life and love, and where we want to "*appear with Him in glory.*" (Col 3.4) There is no greater gift than eternal life, and to gain the Beatific Vision, and to live with God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the angels and saints in heaven along with our family and friends who have gone before us.

May God bless you and keep you safe, and shower His love upon you! Happy Easter everyone!

Sincerely in Christ our Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory J. Bittman', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

✠ Gregory J Bittman
Bishop of Nelson