

**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](mailto:st.edwards@shaw.ca) to arrange for drop offs or pick ups**

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

**MASSES**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday: 5:00 pm – LIVE-STREAM

Sunday: 10:00 am – LIVES-TREAM

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**AT THE GROTTTO**

**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.

**CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Noreen Dunn: 250-766-3303

**MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

**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**

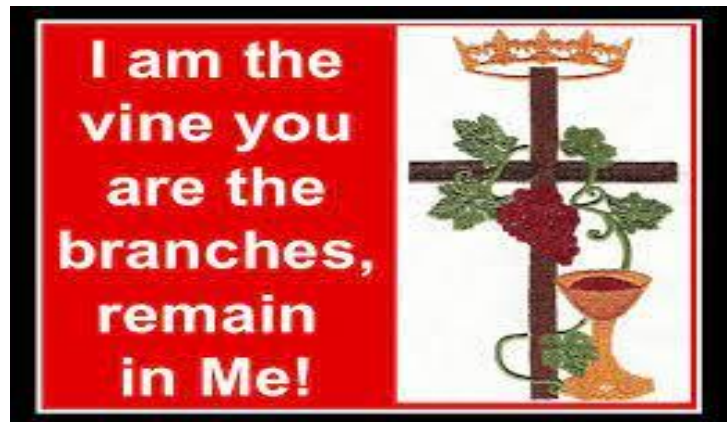
George and Karen Willoner, 250-215-5134

**ST. EDWARD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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Website <http://www.stedwardsparish.ca>

Email [st.edwards@shaw.ca](mailto:st.edwards@shaw.ca)

**May 2, 2021**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**



**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, Mr. Duvan, Christine Fraser*

*\*\*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**

*April 30-Sarah Rynne RIP*

*May 1- AnnaKutty Matthai RIP*

*May 4- Les McAdams RIP*

*May 5-The Rynne family INT*

*May 8- Assunta Rosal RIP*

Please find attached on our website (under bulletins) a letter from Bishop Bittman in regard to the Rosary Initiative Dedicating the month of May to end the Pandemic. This is the direct link to the Vatican Media Live [Prayer of the Rosary to invoke an end to the pandemic - Activities of the Holy Father Pope Francis | Vatican.va](#)



## PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

April 25, 2021- \$4,140.37

\*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.

## OUR PARISH'S FINANCIAL CHALLENGES

Our parish continues to have financial challenges and  
needs your support as the unavoidable expenses are  
greater than our income.

*Thank You!*

*Thank You  
for your thoughtfulness,  
your generosity and support  
during this difficult time.  
It is greatly appreciated.*



## 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 \$15,455.00. Remember  
that funds received over our Diocesan commitment of  
\$20,900.00 will be returned to us.

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## **WEATHER PERMITTING MASS HELD AT THE GROTTA**



St. Joseph Catholic School is  
now accepting applications  
for September 2021  
enrolment. St. Joseph  
provides a supportive, caring,  
and safe environment for  
students in Kindergarten  
through Grade 7. With over

80 years of academic excellence and the best  
Kindergarten program in Kelowna we invite your  
family to join our family! For more information, visit  
our website at [stjosephkelowna.ca](http://stjosephkelowna.ca), email us at  
[sjkoffice@cisnd.ca](mailto:sjkoffice@cisnd.ca) or call 250-763-3371.

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Joseph Catholic School is observing the feast day of  
St. Joseph the Worker on May the 1st. As part of our  
celebration, we would like to extend a prayer of  
gratitude to everyone who contributed to the St. Joseph  
School Project and the most recent donations that have  
enabled us to pay off our debt in full. We are honoured  
to be part of such a loving and supportive community.



### 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 2000 – 2007 during April. We prayed for our former students' health, safety and well-being. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our Immaculata community. God Bless!

### 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](mailto:irhs.ahc@cisnd.ca). Thank you very much!!

#### **Shelley Brodeur**

Director of Development & Advancement  
Assistant Homestay Coordinator

### DAY CARE CENTRE RENTAL

Located at The Dormition of The Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall, 1091 Coronation Avenue Kelowna, BC V1Y 7A8, 3942 Square Feet, Church Hall Rental. Please contact: The Dormition of The Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church, Phone: (250) 860-7295, Email: [dormitionkelowna@gmail.com](mailto:dormitionkelowna@gmail.com)



The Worldwide Marriage Encounter virtual weekend experience is coming to you! May 14-16, 2021  
Registration deadline: May 7, 2021

If you desire to restore communication & rekindle romance, this weekend is for you; no travel required and from the comfort of your own home!

Click here for registration:

<https://beholdvancouver.org/events/virtual-worldwide-marriage-encounter-5>

Click here for info video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VvQUEZ35Ufg&feature=youtu.be>

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT



Due to the continuing Covid 19 virus and the latest Interior Health restrictions we are unable to have our April 16-18, 2021 spring retreat. We are working on a possible later date in May or June and will advise as soon as we have a date. We are always available to provide support. 250-762-2273, **FB** Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna, [rvokanagan@gmail.com](mailto:rvokanagan@gmail.com) or [www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com](http://www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com)

### *Rachel's Corner*

"I wasn't really convinced I needed to go on a Rachel Retreat. I don't think I really knew what I thought or felt at that point, and really thought the abortion was all about her. Oh, what a surprise to realize that I am a dad, and how much I regret that day, how much it has affected me in ways I did not even recognize, and how much I miss my baby now. God has forgiven me and so has my little baby.  
Testimonial

Join men and women on a Rachel Retreat of healing.

#### **Abortion AfterCare-Healing**

[www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com](http://www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com)

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

250-762-2273

### NELSON DIOCESE CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SERVICES

Good news! Deepen your Spiritual Life and meet new friends from across Canada!

**2021 Gathering in the Spirit (GIS)** – August 8-12, 6-8 p.m. PDT (7-9 p.m. MDT) – an annual opportunity to deepen your experience with the Lord!

Join us on ZOOM for an interactive week of discipleship formation as Catholic Lay Evangelist, John Connelly, presents the theme: Joy, Peace, and Hope in Turbulent Times, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13). Praise and Worship, John's talks, and group discussion are included in this 13th annual the GIS experience. Please register ASAP by contacting Maria McManus [untamedspirit@telus.net](mailto:untamedspirit@telus.net) 1-250-707-1423. Cost \$25.00. For detailed information, visit <https://www.holyspiritbaptizer.com/gathering-in-the-spirit> or contact Gladys

Miller [Gladys.eph3@hotmail.com](mailto:Gladys.eph3@hotmail.com) 250-442-8589

**Are you new to the Parish? Do you have a change of address?**

Please fill in the form below to register or change your present registration. Place in the collection basket or return to the Parish Office.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be contacted by one of our parish groups?

- CWL
- Men's Association
- Sacristan (Set up for Mass)
- Music
- Lectors (readers)
- Eucharistic Minister
- Usher
- Altar Servers

Would you like to pick up Sunday Offertory Envelopes from the table in the entranceway of the church next week?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

*The label will have your name on it, the number identifies you and a tax receipt will be sent to you at the address that you registered with.*



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**National Week for Life and the Family:  
Letter to Catholic Families from  
The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops**

May 2021

Dear Catholic families,

Every year the Church in Canada designates one week to proclaim the gift of family and life. The Week for Life and the Family will be commemorated this year from May 9 to May 16, with the theme, *“Family, the Domestic Church: A Sign of Hope and Life”*. Some people may ask, “How can I or my family live up to the ideal of being a domestic church?” The truth is no family is perfect; each one of us is affected by sin and therefore we all fall short of the ideal. The good news is that through our baptism we have been “incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1213). In and through the power of the Holy Spirit we become missionaries to the world.

What is the mission of the Church in which we partake? It is nothing less than to proclaim the good news of God the Father’s saving love in Christ Jesus. Left to our own powers, this would be an impossible task but we are not alone. By our baptism we have been grafted into Christ. St. Paul says: “It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me” (Gal 2:20). This mission to the world is meant to be carried out not only by bishops, priests, and religious, but it is for lay people and families too. In the early Church it was not only the Apostles who spread the faith. Pope Francis reminds us that “from the very beginning, Christianity was preached by lay people.” Our Holy Father repeats this teaching of his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, stating that “in order to take root in people’s land and develop actively, the commitment of these families, these spouses, these Christian communities, of these lay faithful was necessary.” So too, in our day, the family’s commitment to Christ is necessary. As St. John Paul II remarked in 1979: “Evangelization depends largely on the domestic church.” Recognizing our own limitations and weaknesses before such a lofty task we ask that the Holy Spirit be rekindled in you and your families so that you may proclaim joyfully the good news of salvation with a spirit of power and love.

With my brother Bishops, it is my prayer that during this year’s Week for Life and the Family, you and your family, through the grace of your baptism and through the intercession of the Holy Family, be able to live your lives as a domestic church. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, you will be a sign of hope and life attracting others to the beauty of God’s saving love in Christ Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

+ Richard Gagnon  
Archbishop of Winnipeg  
President of the Canadian Conference  
of Catholic Bishops