Pastor: Father Gerald

Associate Pastor: Father Salomon

PARISH OFFICE

Secretary: Pat Robinson

Parish Office Hours: The office is now open to the

public. Masks must be worn

Bulletin Announcements by noon on Thursday

email: wandawirth@telus.net

MASSES

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm – With music Live-Stream and 88.1 FM Available

Sunday: 9:00 am - NO music

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday through Friday at 10:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4:30 pm or by appointment

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: Larry Girard lauriergirard60@gmail.com

Lectors (Readers): Sue Taylor jaytaylor@telus.net

Eucharistic Ministers: June Bot

bot.june@icloud.com

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

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September 19, 2021 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEWIS 2:12, 17-20; PS 54:3-4, 5, 6, 8; JAS 3:16-4:3; MK 9:30-37

Our readings today bring to light the daily struggle between good and evil and how we can combat this struggle through gratitude. In our Gospel, we see an example of how surrendering to our passions negatively affects us. Jesus was with His disciples when they began to argue amongst themselves as to who was the greatest in the group. If we look at our own lives, we might find many instances where we fall into the same tendencies — we constantly compare ourselves to others; out of pride, we feel the need to point out another's faults or choose to fight back in an argument. We know we should act one way, but choose another. When Jesus hears what the apostles are discussing, He has them focus on a child; "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

If we reflect on the moment someone receives a child, oftentimes, their hearts are overwhelmed with joy and gratitude for this gift. There is no jealousy or anger, just thanksgiving and appreciation. The apostles are busy bickering about who was the best. Their vision was clouded, and they could not even stop and be grateful for the gift to be so close to our Savior, and that they were chosen to be His closest followers. When we are caught in the raging war of jealousy, fighting and pride, and begin to become enslaved to our passions, we are ultimately being ungrateful for what we have been given. We overlook the blessing God has given us and the gifts and talents He has entrusted to us. Today, let us recall that we have an infinitely loving God who cares

Today, let us recall that we have an infinitely loving God who cares deeply for us. Consider all that He has blessed you

with, and how you can use those blessings for His glory. — Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generous support of St. Edwards Parish

September 12 - \$3,199.07 Pro Life \$10.00 Haiti Relief \$5,360.00

*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.

Prayer Requests

Kris Durr, Christine Fraser, Elizabeth Sedmak, Maria Teresa Medina

**If you have a loved one who you would like to be on the prayer list or if you know of someone who no longer needs to be on, please contact the Parish office at 250-766-3146 or email at st.edwards@shaw.ca

Mass Intentions

September 15- May Sirianni RIP

September 16-Wally Appel RIP

September 17- Marie Robinson RIP

September 18- Alice Peters RIP

September 21- Raymond Kramer RIP

September 22-Wally Appel RIP

September 23- Bev Kondra RIP

September 24- Marie Robinson RIP

September 25- Lindsay Parlane & Tracey Jones INT

September 28- James Atzesberger RIP

September 29- Wally Appel RIP

September 30- Jamie Reynolds RIP

WEEKEND MASSES

Last weekend Father Gerald mentioned that an additional Mass could be added if parishioners wished and to send your thoughts to the office regarding this. As we did not receive any feedback, the weekend Masses will remain as is on Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. as these times seem to be agreeable by all.



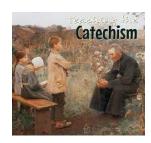
2021 COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

Will be held on the weekend of September 25/26, 2021. For all the Bishops of Canada, our shepherds, may they continue to follow the path toward

true and deep commitment to renewing, strengthening and reconciling relationships with Indigenous Peoples across the land.

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 \$16,155.00. Remember that funds received over our Diocesan commitment of \$20,900.00 will be returned to us.



CATECHISM

(Grades 1 to 7) To register and/or inquiries regarding classes/home study/sacramental preparation, call Noreen Dunn @ 250-766-3303 or email ternor@shaw.ca

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

On behalf of Bishop Gregory Bittman, you are invited to attend the Ordination to the Diaconate of our candidates: Deacon-elect Rod Atwell, Deacon-elect Peter D'Aoust, Deacon-elect Dale Webster, on Monday October 4th, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, at 5:00 PM, Immaculate Conception Parish in Kelowna. Please continue to pray for our three candidates as they prepare for the spiritual task that will be handed over to them through the laying on of hands of our Bishop. The Diaconate Ordination Mass will be livestreamed at www.nelsondiocese.org (click on the link in the shuffle), for those who prefer to attend via livestream.

FEDERAL STATUTORY HOLIDAY

September 30 has been declared a federal statutory holiday commemorating National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Therefore, parish offices and the Catholic Pastoral Centre will be closed on Thursday, September 30, 2021. On behalf of Bishop Bittman, please enjoy the day off while being aware of the reason for the holiday and take some time to reflect and pray for our Indigenous brothers and sisters.



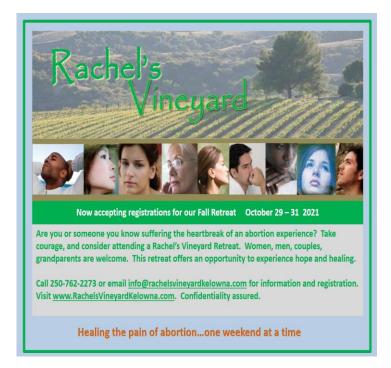
2021 BABY BOTTLE BRIGADE

2021 Baby Bottle Brigade you can provide hope and resources for moms and their babies. How to Donate: Fill a bottle and return to your Church by October 24th. Online https://www.ovpcc.com/donate, Canada Helps Baby Bottle Campaign, Credit Card or E-Transfer call: 250-763-2112. Mail cheque to #201-2622 Pandosy Street, Kelowna, BC V1Y 1V6.

We are encouraged by our statistics in the past year we have supported: 75 new clients; 39 new babies born; 1,282 client visits; 381 clients utilizing our material support room (free store); 64 clients receiving options peer support counselling; 4 post-abortion peer support counselling.

THE VISION OF MAN FULLY ALIVE CATHOLIC MEN'S SERIES

We are calling ALL Catholic men of the Kelowna parishes to gather together twice a month to pray together for their marriages (or future vocations) and for their children and grandchildren! Join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month October 6 to May 18 from 6:00 am to 7:30 am at Immaculate Conception Church (Rosary) and Hall (Video & Discussion). Schedule: 6:00 am Men's Rosary led by Fr. Cerlouie (Church); 6:30 am TMIY Video (Hall) with lite continental breakfast items available during video; 7:00 am Small Group Discussion (Hall); 7:30 am Dismissal (or earlier depending on what time guys need to get to work); Free will offering taken up twice (December and May) to help cover costs of breakfast items and program materials. For questions or to register, go to https://www.icckelowna.ca/parish-groups.



Rachel's Corner

The Lord sets prisoners free; the Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord raises up those who are bowed down." - *Psalm 146*: 7-8

When thoughts come to your mind regarding the day you were involved in an abortion decision, do they make you feel blind to hope, entrapped in regret and burdened with shame? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard © Retreat and be free again.

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ONLINE PASTORAL CARE OUTREACH TRAINING OFFERED BY THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

The Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will again be offered online this fall. Nine free sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, starting on September 25 and running until November 27, 2021 (with a break on October 9 for Thanksgiving).

Consider these questions: Can I really have an effect on someone's health with just a visit? What is meant by the Ministry of Presence? How can I encourage people to talk and share their stories? Whether you are a member of your parish Pastoral Care Team or an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, a member of the Knights of Columbus, CWL or St. Vincent de Paul, a caregiver to a family member, or someone who is considering adding these skills and would like to get involved, this training program is important. It will show why those who visit the sick are unique and how they can offer to be the hands and face of Christ to others. Bishop Bittman supports this program as it is crucial to have parishioners trained for this ministry to the sick and vulnerable.

Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smartphone with speakers, microphone and webcam, and a reliable internet connection. **To register, please email moiraking@shaw.ca** and note you are from the Diocese of Nelson.

Another course will be offered January 29-March 26, 2022.

Although the deadline for registration is September 17th, the Diocese of Victoria might be able to accommodate later registrants. Lists of registered parishioners must be sent to Moira King immediately for those who want to participate.

FALL LECTURE

The deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research is run by two Catholic women and they carry out all their work based on the guiding principle of the inherent value and dignity of all human life. Their work is supported by many partners, including Share-Life and Cardus. They will be hosting a lecture entitled "Life Issues: The Indigenous Perspective" on October 5, 2021 at 8 pm (ET) via Zoom. This lecture will feature presentations from a panel of Indigenous midwives, focused on the importance of bringing home, and a presentation from Dr. Carrie Bourassa on end-of-life practices and the need of de-colonize health care. Links to register:

Life Issues: The Indigenous Perspective - deVeber Institute or www.deveber.org/life-issues-the-indigenous-perspective or for more information email to bioethics@deveber.org



JOHN 3:16

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