

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

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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 26, 2021
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



SEPTEMBER 26, 2021
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NM 11:25-29; PS 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; JAS 5:1-6; MK 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

In our readings this week, Eldad, Medad, and the man driving out demons were all doing the work of God. They had been entrusted with a gift and used it to glorify the Lord. Joshua and John should have responded in joy and appreciation for another's gifts and talents. We often look at another's strengths as our weakness whether it be in parish life, in the workforce, or even in our own families. Jesus is calling us to cut out those sinful thoughts and attitudes from our lives. The next time we witness someone being a good steward of God's gifts — rejoice! And continue to examine how you are using your gifts and talents to ensure you are being a good steward of what God has entrusted to you.

We do not want to end up like the rich in our Second Reading from St. James. They stored up their riches to the point where they withheld wages from their workers! They clenched tightly to the pleasures and luxuries that the world offers and put it in front of both God and their neighbor. They misused the gifts God bestowed on them. We must keep this in perspective as we journey on our path as Christian stewards. We do not live for this life, but for the next. He has given us time every day, countless talents, and numerous treasures. Are we using them for His glory?

This week when we witness other people in our lives using the gifts God has given to them, instead of becoming jealous or critical, say a prayer of thanksgiving and take time to reflect on what God has gifted you and how you can offer it to Him for His glory.

— Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

*Thank you for your generous support of
St. Edwards Parish*

September 19 - \$2,839.62

*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.

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 25- Lindsay Parlane & Tracey Jones INT
September 28- James Atzesberger RIP
September 29- Wally Appel RIP
September 30- Jamie Reynolds RIP
October 1- Marie Robinson RIP
October 2- Ida Whelan RIP
October 5- The Appel family INT
October 6- Jamie Reynolds RIP
October 7- Kay O'Sullivan RIP
October 8- The Reynolds family INT
October 9- Dave Tutt RIP
October 12- Tony Baliski RIP
October 13- Barb Stevens RIP
October 14- Benjamin Toporowski RIP

CWL - PIES FOR THANKSGIVING



The CWL ladies are making a variety of frozen pies. Enjoy a home-made pie with your holiday dinner. Available after Mass on Saturday and Sunday. (\$7.00 each or 3 for \$20.00)



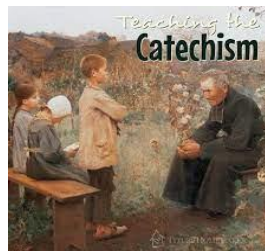
BISHOPS' ANNUAL
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2021 COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

Will be held this weekend,
September 25/26, 2021.

For the members of the Church in Canada who are called to serve the most vulnerable in

our communities – the elderly, the sick, the poor and the marginalized, including Indigenous Peoples – may they be guided by the gifts of wisdom, knowledge and love received from the Holy Spirit to help them in fulfilling their mission to do God's work.



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 Attwell
Deacon-elect Peter d'Aoust
Deacon-elect Dale Webster

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.

INTERNATIONAL HOMESTAYS

Immaculata Regional High School is looking for homestay families for this school year. If you have a spare bedroom and can offer a student an English-speaking, welcoming family environment, please contact Shelley Brodeur at irhs.ahc@cisnd.ca. We pay \$925 per month to cover room and board.



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 co unselling.

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>.

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

A poster for Rachel's Vineyard featuring a vineyard landscape at the top and a collage of diverse people's faces below. The text on the poster includes the name "Rachel's Vineyard" in green, and information about a fall retreat held from October 29 to 31, 2021. It describes the retreat as an opportunity for healing and support for those affected by abortion, and provides contact information for registration.

Rachel's Vineyard

Now accepting registrations for our Fall Retreat October 29 – 31 2021

Are you or someone you know suffering the heartbreak of an abortion experience? Take courage, and consider attending a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Women, men, couples, grandparents are welcome. This retreat offers an opportunity to experience hope and healing.

Call 250-762-2273 or email info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com for information and registration. Visit www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com. Confidentiality assured.

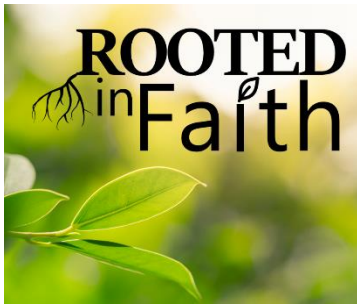
Healing the pain of abortion...one weekend at a time

Rachel's Corner

"I am like the sick sheep that strays from the rest of the flock. Unless the Good Shepherd takes me on His shoulders and carries me back to His fold, my steps will falter, and in the very effort of rising, my feet will give way. St Jerome- feast day September 30

Have you felt isolated from life itself as you have struggled since the day of your abortion decision? Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and allow The Good Shepherd to scoop you up into His merciful embrace and carry you until you feel strong again.

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HAPPY 30TH ANNIVERSARY TO **ROOTED IN FAITH, PRAYING FOR OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

For 30 years our Kelowna Catholic schools have been covered in prayer by the Rooted in Faith group. We meet weekly during the school year. Every week is designated to a particular class from St. Joseph Elementary and Immaculata High; we pray for every student and staff member by name. We also prepare a hand-written card for the class to let them know that we have we prayed for them.

This special prayer ministry started in October 1991 and was named Parents Who Care with Prayer. It was led by Sister Jean Carmel, who was the last Sister of Charity of Halifax to teach in our schools. Sister Edna Walsh then led group for one year. For many years, we met in the Sisters of Charity convent, which has since been renamed Charity Hall. When Immaculata High School moved to its current location in 1995, we met in the school chapel.

From 1993 to 2016, Parents Who Care with Prayer was led by Barb Shillington and Chris Schmidt, assisted by Terry Busch. These faithful women and others gathered to pray for the Kelowna Catholic schools long after their children and grandchildren had graduated. After 25 years, they put out a call for new people to carry on the prayerful tradition.

In 2016, Ingrid Uhrich and Renée Burzuk became involved. Inspired by the scripture, "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" (Col 2:6-7), they renamed the group Rooted in Faith, Praying for our Catholic Schools. Over the past five years, we have met at Immaculate Conception Parish Centre and the Chapel at Immaculata High School. Then, when covid circumstances required it, we met online to ensure that the prayer continued.

This year, marking our 30th anniversary, Nicole Horsman and Laura Smith have joined the leadership team of this important ministry.

Everyone is welcome to join us. Maybe you want to increase your prayer life. Maybe you have a heart for our Catholic schools. Or maybe you wish to fellowship with others. Any one of these reasons is an incentive to join. We meet on Thursdays at 1:30 at the ICC Parish Centre in the Bedford Room (starting October 7). We pray for 20-25 minutes and then socialize until we pick up our children. If you can't join us in person, you are welcome to join us in spirit. We are starting a new initiative this year for those who want to pray from home at a time that is convenient for them; please sign up online:

<https://volunteersignup.org/FF7EE>.

If you have questions about Rooted in Faith, please phone or text Laura at 250-826-1403.

We wish to extend a warm invitation to all those interested in joining us. Our Catholic schools, their students, teachers, and administrators are precious and need our prayer support. May God bless you for your consideration of this worthy cause.



JOHN

3:16

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