

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

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**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](mailto:wandawirth@telus.net)

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**MASSES**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday: 5:00 pm**  
Live-Stream and 88.1 FM Available

**Sunday: 9:00 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday through Friday at 10:00 am

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**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday at 4:30 pm or by appointment

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**CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Noreen Dunn: 250-766-3303

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**MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

**Altar Society:** Constance Gregory (250) 765-2879  
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**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

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**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

**CWL**  
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**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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**October 24, 2021**  
**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**JER 31:7-9; PS 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; HEB 5:1-6; MK 10:46-52**

Our Psalm today, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy,” sheds light on our glorious Gospel reading about the healing of the blind man, Bartimaeus.

We can learn a lot from Bartimaeus when it comes to our own personal relationships with Jesus. Many of us struggle with something from which we need healing — physical blindness, illness, addiction, bad habits, anger, sin. In our weakness, do we confidently cry out to Jesus knowing that He will help us?

Often times we begin to, but then a voice in our thoughts tells us to doubt and encourages us to stop trying, like the crowd in our Gospel. Although that voice is persistent and strong, we are called to cry out all the more. If Jesus can hear one voice in a crowd of many, then He can hear our direct prayer to Him in our hearts.

Our Gospel story closes with the miraculous moment when Bartimaeus is healed. The conversation with Jesus was simple. Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he would like Him to do. This man, blind for who knows how many years, desired sight. Jesus responded, “Go your way; your faith has saved you.” He was healed and continued to follow Christ.

There was not much that Bartimaeus had to do to become healed. All he needed was his undoubting faith.

Whatever it is that we are struggling with in this life, all Jesus asks of us is to have faith in Him. As a result, we will remain steadfast in our relationship with Christ and will have the strength to keep going. And although we might not be healed in this life, Jesus still hears our confident cries. And through our faith we will surely be healed in the next.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

## **PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS**

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

October 17, 2021 - \$2,109.60

Needs of the Church in Canada - \$200.00

World Mission Sunday - \$5.00

\*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](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.



## **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

World Mission Sunday – the one day in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of

mission – will happen today, 24 October 2021.

There will be a special collection taken up for this cause. **All cheques should be made out to St. Edward's Parish.** Thank you for your generosity.

## ***Prayer Requests***

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

## ***Mass Intentions***

October 16- Jamie Reynolds RIP

October 19- Joan Boulet RIP

October 20- Benjamin Toporowski RIP

October 21- Special Intention

October 22- Kathleen Russell INT

October 23- Ryan Sierhuis RIP

October 26- Dennis & Sue West RIP

October 27- Bradley Gutek RIP

## **PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH**

Thank you to the families who have made a gift to this year's Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal. Our parish has currently raised \$18,655.00. **We are still short of our 2021 diocesan commitment of \$20,900.00 by \$2,245.00.** The Campaign runs until the end of December for 2021. Remember that funds received over our Diocesan commitment of \$20,900.00 will be returned to us. Cheques should be made out to St. Edward's Parish.



## **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.



## **99<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER**

**Corpus Christi's (750 Rutland Road N, Kelowna, BC) November 11th, 99th Annual Turkey Supper**

**Tickets** go on sale this weekend. As

it was last year, the drive-through pick-up only service will be available at 4:30 pm, 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm. More information on grocery items we hope to have donated, will follow.





## *Rachel's Corner*


*"I plead with you--never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid."* **Pope John Paul II- Feast Day, Oct 22**

Have a lack of hope and discouragement become part of who you are? Ever since the day of your loss due to abortion, have you wondered how you can keep facing each day? What would it be like to live free of that burden of shame? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and find out how it has worked for others, and how it can be true for you as well.

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**Rachel's Vineyard**

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

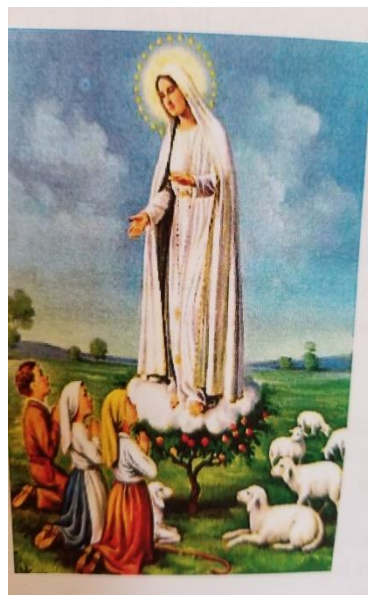
Are you or someone you know suffering the heartbreak of an abortion experience? Take courage, and consider attending a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Women, men, couples, grandparents are welcome. This retreat offers an opportunity to experience hope and healing.

Call 250-762-2273 or email [info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com) for information and registration. Visit [www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com](http://www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com). Confidentiality assured.

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

## **ARE YOU IN PRISON?**

Many women, men and family members who suffer from an abortion decision remain locked in their own internal prison afraid of anyone knowing their deep secret. Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for those who have struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. Come and experience the mercy and compassion of God and release feelings of shame, guilt, anger & grief. Join us and let the healing begin. October 29-31, 2021. Contact Vicki [www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com), [info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com), 250-762-2273. Strict confidentiality assured.



friends! Please bring candles for the procession.

## **LIVING ROSARY**

Held on Sunday, October 31, at Immaculate Conception Church. Please join us for this special Mass being offered for the clergy and religious of our Diocese. Confessions from 4:00-4:45pm. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 5:00 pm, followed by the LIVING ROSARY. We will then do an outdoor Marian procession. Bring your children, family and

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Mass is the central act of worship in the life of a Catholic. It is about spending time with God, offering ourselves to him, giving him thanks, and receiving his graces and blessings. We are currently in need of more volunteers for the various liturgical ministries. If you are at all interested in joining any of our groups and would like more information, we would encourage you to contact the individuals below:

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It is a tremendous blessing and very rewarding to serve in this way. Please prayerfully consider joining our teams.



**St. Pius X  
Christmas Bazaar**  
**1077 Fuller Avenue**  
**Friday November 5th**  
**from 1pm - 8pm**  
**& Saturday, November 6th**  
**from 9am - 3pm.**  
**Safety protocols will be in place**

## **ONE RIVER, ETHICS MATTER CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 17/18, 2021 9:00-12:30 PM EACH DAY**

This conference being Co-hosted by the Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) and University of British Columbia, Okanagan (UBCO) and One River Ethics Matter (OREM) members.

There is no registration fee and this OREM Annual Conference is being held over two, half days with an amazing line up of Speakers, Presenter's, Indigenous Leaders, Allies, Partners, Community. I draw your attention to the two links, see below, about the Conference background and intent, a centered focus on relationships between Settler and Indigenous peoples and their lands, water ways, and impacts of colonization.

Register through the links below, or through <https://riverethics.org/>

Agenda: <https://riverethics.org/2021-orem-agenda-okanagan/>



### **Exploring the Columbia River Treaty**

**This year's conference will focus on the history of the Columbia River Treaty and the treaty review process now underway. The conference framework will emphasize social and environmental justice, collaboration towards the common good, and the need for truth and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, and healing the river.**

### **Conference Program**

*All conference sessions will be presented virtually (via Zoom)*

**Some sessions will be treaty-specific and include discussions on ethics and the human relationship to water, while others will focus on broader, related topics such as:**

- **Foundational ethical relationships and responsibilities between humans and water, within an Indigenous worldview and Judeo-Christian teachings and practice**
- **History of the dam-building era and impacts of pervasive systemic racism, including missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, and residential schools**
- **Indigenous food sovereignty and restoring ntytyix (salmon) to the Okanagan and Upper Columbia rivers**
- **Rivers as our responsibility; moving forward together into a sustainable future**

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