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

Live-Stream and 88.1 FM Available

Sunday: 9:00 am

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

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

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bot.june@icloud.com

Music Ministry: Vera Gervais, 250-766-2250 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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October 3, 2021 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



OCTOBER 3, 2021 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GN 2:18-24; PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; HEB 2:9-11; MK 10:2-16 OR 10:2-16

Our readings this week speak to each of our domestic churches — the little churches that we call our families.

The First Reading from the book of Genesis takes us to the beginning of creation when God made man and woman. When Adam sees the woman he says, "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman."

We can almost hear the longing, gratitude, and appreciation in Adam's voice when he meets Eve as he says, "at last." She was a gift because she was an equal partner to him.

This was before the fall of man, meaning sin had not entered the world. Adam and Eve only viewed each other in total acceptance and love.

Our Gospel brings us to life after sin had entered the world — a time that is familiar to us. As the Pharisees questioned Jesus about divorce, He expressed that Moses permitted it because of the hardness of man's heart. However, Jesus was calling them to deeper holiness. He was calling them to restore the original plan God had intended for marriage, "A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

Jesus' words still apply to us here and now in each of our domestic churches. It is the task of families to tirelessly work to restore God's original plan for marriage and family life — homes filled with gratitude, acceptance, and love.

It takes a daily commitment to live out our call to holiness to restore our families to this beautiful image.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generous support of St. Edwards Parish

*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.

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.

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 <u>st.edwards@shaw.ca</u>

Mass Intentions

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

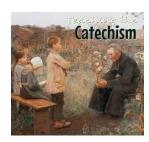
October 12- Tony Baliski RIP

October 13- Barb Stevens RIP

October 14- Benjamin Toporowski RIP

THE ROSARY IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

A Procession and Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima will be held in Kelowna on Saturday, October 16. We will gather in ICC parking lot at 11:30 am and proceed in procession to Rowcliffe Park. (old KSS site) at Richter and Rowcliffe. The Rosary will begin at noon in the park. Kelowna will join the National Rosary Rally, with 600 cities participating. Beginning in the Maritimes, each group will begin their rosary at noon local time, creating a 4 hour chorus of prayer across Canada! Everyone is invited to join us in praying for our country. Those with mobility issues may prefer to drive directly to the park. Families most welcome!



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

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)

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.

<u>DEVELOPMENT & PEACE</u> NELSON DIOCESAN WORKSHOP

October 13th at 7:00pm (PT). Please contact Jeremy Laurie if you will attend. If you are unavailable to attend, links to other workshop options available by contacting Jeremy. The workshop will unpack our *People and Planet First* campaign.

New website:

Still being completed, but it is now launched. It has been updated as to look and content, and will address some of the past navigation issues.

Fall campaign - People and Planet First:

The link to the new campaign is found <u>here</u>. Note: materials will only be available online with the option to print. If you require large amounts of printing please let Jeremy know.

Contact Info:

CANADA

Jeremy Laurie - Animator, British Columbia and the Yukon

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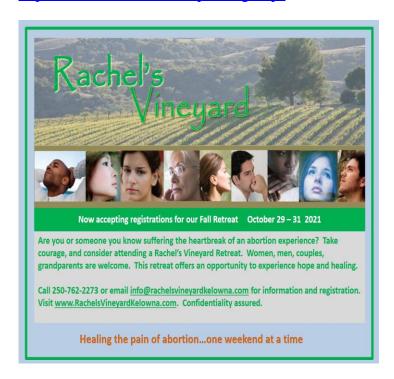
2021 BABY BOTTLE BRIGADE

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

"Yesterday was the last day of the past. The best thing you can do is leave it there." - Dr. Amen

Easier said than done? Has the burden of your involvement in an abortion decision in the past, continued to be a part of your present? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and discover how you really can let that go.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273

Franciscan at Home

Online learning at your convenience

Did you stop learning about your Catholic faith at 13?

Do you want adult answers to your questions now?

For small groups, or people who need nourishment on-the-go or at home ...

Videos and conversations to draw adult Catholics into a more mature spiritual encounter with God who loves them, and into the truth, beauty, goodness, and incredible depth of our Catholic faith.

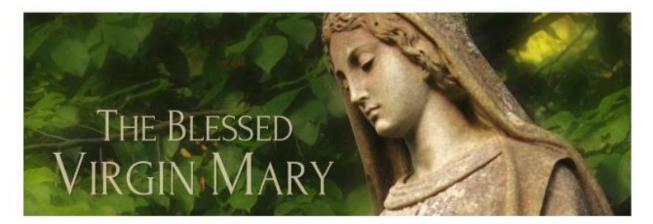
Choose single workshops for every stage of life, or begin a series of workshops in a ministry- or vocation-specific track, alone or with a discussion group.

Create your *free* log-in and explore!

All are welcome – Catholic or just inquiring!

Visit https://franciscanathome.com/diocese-nelson-british-columbia to view all parishes in Nelson Diocese with an active subscription, and to create your personal log-in. For assistance in inactive parishes, contact the diocesan Office of Faith Formation at 250-448-2725 ext. 110 or faithformation@nelsondiocese.org.

<u>Beginning Thursday, October 7</u>, weekly videoconference at 10 am <u>or</u> 6 pm (Pacific) kindly register at email above to receive an invitation to the Zoom gathering ...



The Church father St. Jerome said, "To others grace was given in measure, but into Mary was poured the whole fullness." This workshop looks at what God revealed to the Church about our Lady, and how those truths *form us* under her Motherhood as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.



<u>HAPPY 30TH ANNIVERSARY TO</u> 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