

Pastor: Father Gerald
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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

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

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MINISTRY COORDINATORS

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PARISH COMMITTEES

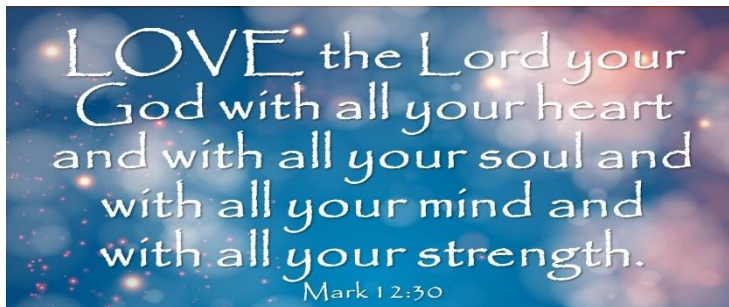
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)
Chair:
Parish Finance Committee (PFC)
Chair: Joe Pereira George
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Constance Gregory, 250-765-2879
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Development & Peace
George and Karen Willoner, 250-215-5134

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October 31, 2021
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



DT 6:2-6; PS 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; HEB 7:23-28; MK 12:28B-34

Today's Gospel presents Jesus' teachings on the two greatest commandments. Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And love your neighbor as yourself.

Let's consider these "greatest commandments" as they relate to three aspects of a Christian steward's daily life — the giving of our time, talent, and treasure.

The use of time refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord — in other words, our prayer life. It is vital to talk to God throughout the day, but if I really want to love Him with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, shouldn't I make time for God "first" on my agenda each day? Not as an afterthought, but as a time I have intentionally chosen to spend only with Him.

The use of talents refers to the way I offer the abilities, skills, and interests the Lord has given me for the good of those around me. Doing so is a practical way to "love my neighbor as myself." At the same time, it is also a way to love the Lord with all that I am and have, since He has told us that whatever we do for others we are also doing for Him.

The use material gifts — or treasure — likewise demonstrates both love of God and of neighbor. When I trustingly offer a sacrificial gift to God through the offertory collection, I am showing Him in a very tangible way that He comes before all else in my life and I am putting my material resources at the service of my neighbor in the parish community and beyond.

When we live for God and others, we are living a stewardship way of life. And like the wise scribe in today's Gospel, we are moving closer to the kingdom of God, our ultimate destination.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

October 24, 2021 - \$2,101.60

Needs of the Church in Canada - \$100.00

World Mission Sunday - \$2,517.00

*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*

Mass Intentions

October 22- Kathleen Russell INT

October 23- Ryan Sierhuis RIP

October 26- Dennis & Sue West RIP

October 29- Brendan Murphy INT

October 30- Jordan Sierhuis INT

November 2- Hilary Appel INT

November 3- Special Intention

November 5- Mary & Michael Martyna RIP

November 6- Special Intention

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 **\$19,255.00**. **We are still short of our 2021 diocesan commitment of \$20,900.00 by \$1,645.00.** 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 the Roman Catholic Bishop of Nelson.

NOVEMBER: BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The month of November is dedicated as a time to remember our deceased loved ones and to pray for them.

You are invited to add the names of your deceased loved ones and to pray for all those listed. There is a link on our website to add the names of your loved ones. Their names will be read out at all the Masses.

[CLICK HERE](#)

(there is also a

Remembrance Book in the vestibule for those who don't have access to our website)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord....



BULLETIN

There are some paper bulletins in the entranceway of the church for those who don't have access to our website.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The ministry schedule for Ushers/Greeters and Lectors for November and December are available on our website. They are also posted in the sacristy and on the bulletin board in the vestibule.



99TH ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER

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

Tickets are available from the

parish office. 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.

2022 LEADERSHIP PROGRAM CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

We are pleased to announce that we are accepting applications for the 2022 cohort of our Leadership Program, scheduled to begin in May 2022 at the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa.

The program is open to all Canadian Catholic women, from all walks of life who have a genuine interest in making a difference in their communities and places of work. A candidate must be a Catholic woman, at least 21 years of age, demonstrate oral and written English language competencies, have a genuine desire to cultivate her gifts of leadership, and have made a previous contribution to her community in some capacity.

The Program is a 11-month Certificate program with an ongoing mentorship once the course work is completed. Throughout the Program, participants will be guided by professional facilitators from Saint Paul University. The Program is specifically designed to integrate faith and life, personal and professional leadership development. Spirituality and a Catholic faith perspective are the foundation of all activities; prayer and reflective practice are core elements integrated throughout the program.

At present the plan for 2022 of the Program will have an introductory get-to-know-you online module in April 2022; and a five-day intensive component in May /June 2022. This is scheduled to be through ZOOM, and you will be expected to be present. All other modules are online and consist of videos, readings, personal reflections, and discussion forums. The final face-to-face residency component is scheduled for May/June 2023 in Ottawa. To assist with your planning, an announcement will be made in January 2023, about whether this will be online or in person.

Application deadline November 20, 2021.

Apply Here! <<https://cwlfcanda.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=64419bab2f8c08708708d91b6&id=b0fcb69ce6&e=03de2f3993>>

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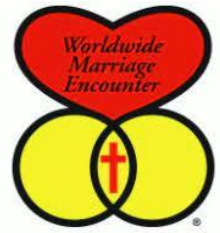
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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER VIRTUAL WEEKEND

November 5 – 7, 2021.

Couples may attend this event from the comfort of their own home! To register, or to learn more about the event, go to www.wwme.org. To register click on the apply now button on the website. A map will appear. Go to the red balloon that is over the location of the experience you would like to attend (in this case the virtual experience is being hosted by Edmonton so the balloon is over Edmonton). Click on the balloon and a small pop up will appear on the map. In that pop up click on the “Apply Now” and you will be taken to the correct screen for registration in the Edmonton virtual experience. During these virtual experiences, there are couples who attend from many different locations including BC, Alberta, and the U.S.



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? Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and discover how you really can let that go.

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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

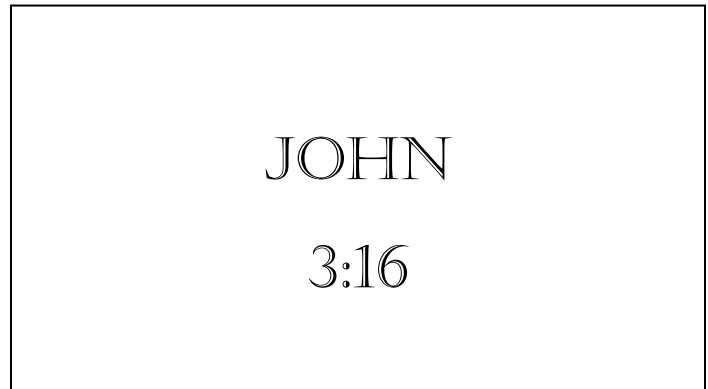
This year's conference will focus on the history of the Columbia River Treaty and the treaty review process now underway. The conference framework will emphasize social and environmental justice, collaboration towards the common good, and the need for truth and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous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