

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

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**PARISH OFFICE**

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**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**

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**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**

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Saturday at 4:30 pm or by appointment

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**CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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Noreen Dunn: 250-766-3303

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**MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

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**Altar Society:** Constance Gregory (250) 765-2879  
**Benevolent Fund:** Bob Sellinger, 250-766-5990  
**Greeters and Ushers:** Larry Girard  
[lauriergirard60@gmail.com](mailto:lauriergirard60@gmail.com)  
**Lectors (Readers):** Sue Taylor [jaytaylor@telus.net](mailto:jaytaylor@telus.net)  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** June Bot  
[bot.june@icloud.com](mailto:bot.june@icloud.com)  
**Music Ministry:** Vera Gervais, 250-766-2250  
**Outreach:** Shelly Twerdochlib, 250-766-0202  
**Sacristans:** Lily Oddleifson (250) 766-4390

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**PARISH COMMITTEES**

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**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**

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**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

**ST. EDWARD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**11123 Okanagan Centre Road East, Lake Country, BC V4V 1H3**  
**Phone 250-766-3146 Fax 250-766-3191**  
**Website** <http://www.stedwardsparish.ca>  
**Email** [st.edwards@shaw.ca](mailto:st.edwards@shaw.ca)

**November 28, 2021**  
**First Sunday of Advent**



**[JER 33: 14-16; PS 25:4-5,8-9,10,14; 1 THES 3:12-4:2; LK 21:25-28, 34-36](#)**

Welcome to Advent, the season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. In other words, Advent is a steward's season!

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season.

The Gospel, from Luke, warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord?

Get ready Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

## **PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS**

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

November 21, 2021 - \$1,954.60

\*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](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.

### ***Prayer Requests***

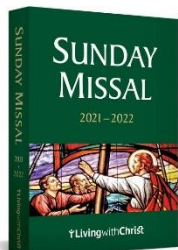
*Kris Durr, Christine Fraser, Elizabeth Sedmak,  
Maria Teresa Medina, Jill Hockey, Bridget Keating*

### ***Mass Intentions***

November 27- Kathleen & Sollie Oddleifson RIP  
November 30-Tracey Jones & Lindsey Parlane INT  
December 1-Special Intention  
December 2-Tracey Jones & Lindsey Parlane INT  
December 3-Special Intention  
December 4-The Hillis Family INT  
December 7-Lou Zol RIP  
December 8-Victor Fernandez RIP  
December 9-Maria Gertrude Fernandez RIP  
December 10- Anna Regina Lemos RIP  
December 11- Philip Ng RIP  
December 14- Louis Manuel D'Souza RIP  
December 15- Mr. & Mrs. Hope Jyrwa RIP

### **MISSALS FOR 2021-2022**

If you would like a Missal for the upcoming year, please contact the office. The cost is \$7.00 each. They are also available at Loaves & Fishes Church Supply in Kelowna. We open the new liturgical year today with the first Sunday of the Advent season.

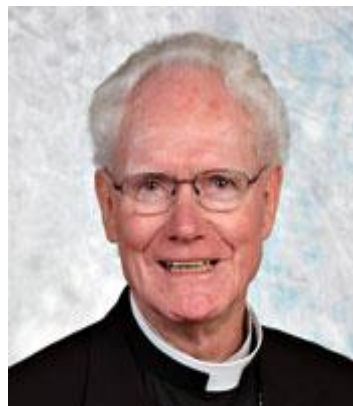


## **CWL - CHRISTMAS PIES**

Christmas is coming soon and our CWL ladies have made a variety of holiday pies for your eating pleasure. Available after Mass both Saturday and Sunday. (\$7.00 each or 3 for \$20.00)

## **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 **\$20,865.00**. **We only need \$35.00 to make our 2021 diocesan commitment of \$20,900.00.** 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.



### **90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR BISHOP EMERITUS COONEY**

Bishop Emeritus Cooney is turning 90 years young! If you would like to send a birthday card to Bishop Cooney, please address it to 3665 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna, BC, V1W 4M7

and try to have it mailed or dropped off before November 25 so a package of cards can arrive to him by December 10. Thank you!

## **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:

Greeters and Ushers: Larry Girard

[lauriiergirard60@gmail.com](mailto:lauriiergirard60@gmail.com)

Altar Society: Constance Gregory (250) 765-2879

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



### **DONATIONS OF POINSETTIAS**

For those who wish to donate poinsettias, in honour of their departed loved ones, for Christmas, please deliver them by the weekend of December 18 and 19. They can be placed on the tables in the church hall.

### **2022 PARISH ENVELOPES**

The 2022 Parish Envelopes will be issued soon. Please call the office if you have had a change of address, or are new to the Parish and would like to register for envelopes.

### ***Rachel's Corner***

*"I knew that by going on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, I would have to acknowledge and accept that I had 2 children in Heaven. I had no idea that it was the other way around. They acknowledged and accepted ME! I am their dad, and I have been forgiven."* Testimonial After having gone through abortion decisions, is thinking about where your babies are, something that torments you still? Join others on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat and find the peace you have been needing for a very long time now.

[info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com)

[www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com)

fb Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna  
250-762-2273

### **CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTMAS CRAFT & BAKE SALE**

Corpus Christi Christmas Craft & Bake Sale will take place in the Parish Hall, Saturday, December 4th, from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm. Tables are for rent at \$20 each, (electricity \$5.00 extra). Please call the Parish office. 250-765-6869.



### **SHORT TERM HOMESTAYS NEEDED**

The Immaculata International Program is expecting some new students for Semester 2 (late January – June) as well as for short stays during Semester 2. If you have ever considered hosting an international student, a short term stay is a great way to give it a try! For more information, follow this link:

<https://www.immaculatakelowna.ca/homestays.php> or contact Shelley Brodeur [irhs.ahc@cisnd.ca](mailto:irhs.ahc@cisnd.ca)

### **CCO RISE UP CONFERENCE**

January 6 – 8, 2022 Rise Up is a conference for young adults hosted by Catholic Christian Outreach, a Canadian university student movement. But Rise Up is more than a conference; it exists to motivate and inspire leaders for the renewal of the world. Registration is available through [www.cco.ca/rise-up](http://www.cco.ca/rise-up) with early registration pricing until Nov. 30, 2021 (online and in-person options available).

### **JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT: VIDEO SERIES**

Each week, beginning on Sunday, 21 November 2021, the Solemnity of Christ the King, the CCCB will release a video recording of a Bishop reflecting on the Gospel Reading for each Sunday of Advent. This year's reflections were inspired by Indigenous Delegation travelling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from 17-20 December 2021. Each reflection is based one of the five essential stages of reconciliation: examen, confession, repentance, reparation (making amends), and reconciliation. It is likewise hoped these reflections will assist the faithful, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike, in preparing for Pope Francis' eventual apostolic journey to Canada. The videos were developed under the auspices of the Bishops Working Group on Coordinating Indigenous Initiatives, with the script being approved by the same, as agreed to by the Executive Committee at its Special Meeting on 12 November 2021.

The videos can be now accessed on the CCCB website at the following links:

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

In French: <https://www.cccb.ca/fr/evangelisation-catechese-et-education/ressources-video/cheminer-ensemble-durant-lavent/>

### **LIVING WITH CHRIST WEBINAR**

This season of Advent is supposed to be a time of joy, but often becomes a time of anxiety and worry. Our Living with Christ colleagues and friends have worked hard to help us to explore the true nature of this liturgical season. On December 1 at 2pm (EDT), join us for a live Living with Christ webinar: Hope and Joy at Advent, with liturgist and author Dr. Simone Brosig. Registration details at [en.novalis.ca/lwcwebinars](http://en.novalis.ca/lwcwebinars)





## This Christmas, reach out to the prisoners in our midst!

*"I was in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25:36)*

One of the seven Corporal Acts of Mercy is to visit or assist those in prison - whether they be shut-ins, the disabled, the hospitalized, or those actually serving time in jail. In Matthew 25, we find the story of the Judgement Day, when God separates the sheep from the goats. The sheep are those who showed love for God through their love for the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the homeless, the naked and the imprisoned. Regardless of the sinfulness that characterizes every human being, there is a dignity and goodness inside each one of us.

*"The king will reply; truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40).*

Every Christmas at the Okanagan Correctional Centre, the Chaplains ask the broader community to assist in creating a "Christmas Treat Bag" for every incarcerated person to acknowledge that by their very creation, there is truly a goodness in them. Since this prison opened 5 years ago; students from St. Joseph's Catholic school have colored the bags that the treats go in. Their teachers instruct the children of Christ's ministry to the marginalized and the importance of remembering that Jesus and many of the Apostles and Saints experienced the degradation and humiliation of being imprisoned themselves. The children draw colorful Christmas themed pictures and messages on these bags, and this is one of the best parts of the gift for the inmates. Christmas cards with messages of hope are sent to us from the Archdiocese of Vancouver where Catholic school children are asked to minister in this special way. It is very humbling to read the wisdom and care in these messages of hope.

The treat bags also include chocolate bars, granola bars, hot chocolate, tea, etc. that are donated by people such as yourselves. If you feel called to donate towards this act of mercy, please place your monetary donation in the box provided at the entrance of the church. Thank you very much for your generosity. And please remember to pray for our imprisoned brothers and sisters this Christmas.

**Donation deadline: December 12, 2021**

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JOHN

3:16

Would you like to see your business advertised in our bulletin? Cost is \$100 per year or \$10 per month. Please contact the office.