

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES MUST BE REGISTERED FOR ONLINE

Christmas Eve: 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm
Christmas Day: 10:00 am
Boxing Day: 9:00 am
New Year's Eve: NO MASS
New Year's Day: 10:00 am
(Solemnity of Mary Mother of God,
Holy Day of Obligation)
New Year's Day: 5:00 pm
(Saturday Mass for Sunday)

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
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Greeters and Ushers: Larry Girard
lauriergirard60@gmail.com
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Eucharistic Ministers: June Bot
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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December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent



MI 5:1-4A; PS 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19; HEB 10: 5-10; LK 1: 39-45

Our Blessed Mother takes center stage on this fourth Sunday of Advent, and fittingly so, as we draw near to the celebration of her Son's birth. After our Lord Himself, Mary is our model and guide to a stewardship way of life.

Today's Gospel passage from Luke describes Mary's actions immediately after her "yes" to the angel Gabriel's message. "Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah... and greeted Elizabeth." Mary immediately begins to think of others before herself, setting out quickly to be with her cousin, modeling two of the pillars of stewardship – Hospitality and Service.

What warmth and humility the Mother of our Savior shows, traveling to Elizabeth to spend time with her, rejoicing with Elizabeth over her own incredible pregnancy, and assisting her in a time of need. And what joy this hospitality and service brings to Elizabeth.

Our Blessed Mother's example of a stewardship way of life is one that we, her children, can follow in our own lives today. With all the gifts God gives us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — we, too, can offer ourselves to God by using these gifts to serve and glorify Him. In so doing, we will effectively spread the Good News of the Gospel to the world around us today.

We will be stewards after our Mother's own heart. As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ's extravagant love. Let's avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let's look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

December 5 -\$2,262.60

December 12- \$2,986.85

*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, Maria Teresa Medina,
Jill Hockey, Bridget Keating*

***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

December 18- Germaine Pion RIP

December 21- Rosa Maria Serifina Dias Fernandez RIP

December 22- Irene Maria Dias RIP

December 23- Paul Meade RIP

December 28- Charles & Helen Poitras RIP

December 29- Daniel O'Leary INT

December 30- Mr. & Mrs. Chan Ksing RIP

December 31- Marcellino Fernandez 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 **\$22,365.00**. 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. Thank you so much for generous donation!

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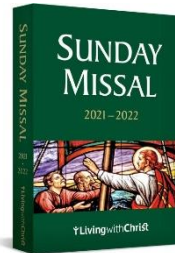
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2022 DONATION ENVELOPES

Your 2022 Donation Envelopes are available for pick up in the vestibule.

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.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER



COME AND SEE. The Secular Franciscan Order (a lay order) meets every second Sunday of every month at St.

Charles Garnier Parish Hall at 12:30 pm. Join us as we follow the example of St. Francis of Assisi to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information phone Sandy Kavanagh at 250-212-3596.

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

Rachel's Corner

““I am going to open your graves; I will make you come up out of your graves, my people. I will put my spirit in you that you may come to life, and I will settle you in your land.” Ezekiel 37:12, 14

Have you felt like something inside of you died the same day of the loss of a child due to an abortion decision? What would it feel like to come alive again and be free of what has burdened you since that day? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and hear how God can relieve your burden and bring you peace. Give yourself the chance to feel alive again.

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250-762-2273

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 with early registration pricing until Nov. 30, 2021 (online and in-person options available).



If the death of a loved one has left you searching for God in your grief, we are here to help.

Grieving with Great Hope is a Christ-centered grief support group with an approach rooted in the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church. It uses prayer, scripture, reflection activities, faith sharing and fellowship to help you find Christ's consolation in your grieving.

Our Winter Session will run for 10 weeks, each Wednesday, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm from January 26th to March 30th. Sessions will be held in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, all are welcome!

If *Grieving with Great Hope* is for you or if you wish to learn more or to register, call ICC parish office (250.762.3910) or email Deacon Rod Attwell: rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org

Registration is required to ensure that a participant

booklet and seat is available for you.

Note: There are no fees for the sessions, participant booklet and journal.

RETREAT WILDERNESS

FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM

Online or in person Retreat Wilderness -from slavery to freedom - Aurora Living: Formation Through Word & Creation Program from Star of the North Retreat Centre, St. Albert, Edmonton.

“We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental.” Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* N° 139

Star of the North Retreat Centre for Further information

<https://www.starofthenorth.ca/register/browse/programs-2/event/aurora-living-module-2-244/>



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**THE NINE PASTORAL CARE SESSIONS TO BE HELD
VIA ZOOM FOR CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS,
JANUARY 29, 2022, @ 2.5 HOURS EACH (9:30-NOON)
EXCEPT FOR SPRING BREAK (TWO WEEKS) TO
CONTINUE APRIL 2 & 9**

Session 9
Spouse
Caregiving, and
Healthy Boundaries
& Self-Care
April 9

Session 1
Orientation to
Pastoral Care
January 29

Session 2
The Healing
Ministry of Christ
February 5

Session 8
Who Am I as a
Pastoral Care
Outreach Visitor?
April 2

Session 3
Listening and
Communication
February 12

Session 7
Bereavement:
Ministering to
Families
March 12

Session 4
Elderly Isolation,
Loneliness and the
Journey with
Dementia
February 19

Session 6
The Grieving
Process
March 5

Session 5
The Healing
Ministry in the
Care of the Dying
February 26

For further
information,
please contact:
Moir King, Chair
Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee

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