

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

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S MASS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR ONLINE

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
Benevolent Fund: Bob Sellinger, 250-766-5990
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

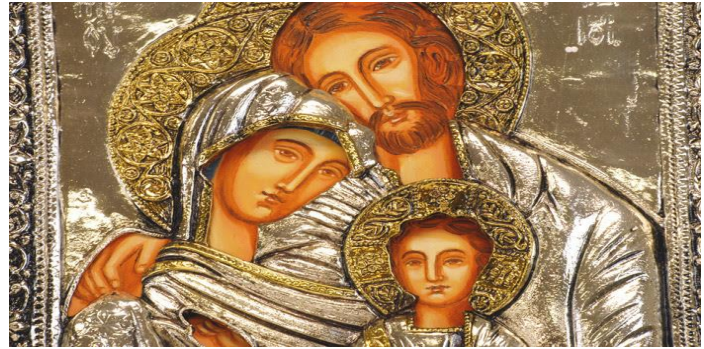
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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 26, 2021
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



[SIR 3:2-6, 12-14 OR 1 SM 1: 20,22, 24-28; PS 128: 1-5 OR PS 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; COL 3:12-21 OR COL 3: 12-17; OR 1 JN 3:1-2, 21-24; LK 2:41-52](#)

The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life.

The Gospel passage from Luke starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom." This Family took seriously the stewardship of their time. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family, and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in 2022, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

December 19 - \$6,083.36

*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

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*

Mass Intentions

December 24- Garry Kowalenko 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
January 1- Carmelina Dias RIP
January 4- Daniel O'Leary INT
January 5-Leonora Martha Rego RIP
January 6-Digo Manuel Lobo RIP
January 7-Pascal Cardozo RIP
January 8-Special Intentions

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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Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



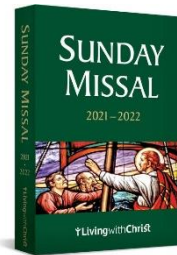
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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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.

Rachel's Corner

"Oh, my soul, you are not alone. There's a place where fear has to face the God you know. One more day, He will make a way. Let Him show you how, you can lay this down, 'cause you're not alone."

- Lyrics "Oh my Soul" by Casting Crowns

Have you ever thought about what that would feel like to be able to lay it down? To be free of the shame, regret and pain you have been living with since the day of your abortion? You are not alone. He will make a way, and He will show you how. Come join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat

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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,
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Moira King, Chair
Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee

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