

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

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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](mailto:wandawirth@telus.net)

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**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

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**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday at 4:30 pm or by appointment

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**CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Noreen Dunn: 250-766-3303

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**MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

**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)  
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[bot.june@icloud.com](mailto:bot.june@icloud.com)  
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**Outreach:** Shelly Twerdochlib, 250-766-0202  
**Sacristans:** Lily Oddleifson (250) 766-4390

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**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

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**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

**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)

**December 5, 2021**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**



**BAR 5:1-9; PS 126: 1-6; PHIL 1: 4-6, 8-11; LK 3: 1-6**

The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge as we reflect and prepare for the two “comings” of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time.

Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder that God has triumphed over sin and death and that we — His faithful disciples — will live in the light of His glory one day. Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us.

While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for eternal life by the way that we use our time, our talents, and our treasure now.

The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed is God’s love for humanity as He prepared the way for Christ’s coming among us. We are told the precise time, place, and person, John the Baptist, He appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior. John tells us how to celebrate to the fullest this first “coming” on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming — through repentance.

This Advent let’s turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept into our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about — moving closer ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.  
Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

## **PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS**

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

November 28 2021 - \$3,069.45

\*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](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***

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  
December 16- Paul Meade RIP  
December 17- Jochim Dias RIP  
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 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!



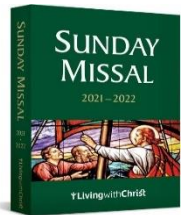
Advent Reconciliation Rites at St. Edwards will be held on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. There will be several priests available to hear your Confession.

## **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.

## **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.



## **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)

## **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.



## **TURKEY DRIVE**

Immaculata Regional High School is holding its annual Turkey Drive on Friday December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 10:00 am at 1493 KLO Road. Donations of frozen turkeys or cash for the purchase of turkeys is being collected to support the Central Okanagan Food Bank Christmas Hamper program.

### **Immaculata Regional High School**

1493 KLO Rd, Kelowna, BC, V1W 3N8  
250-762-2730



## **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)

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

*"I have to say it was my abortion too, not just hers. An abortion takes a child out of your life, and the abortion took my child out of my life, so I can say it was **my** abortion too."* RP

It can be so healing to finally say out loud..."*It was my child too.*" Join other men who also grieved the loss of their child due to an abortion decision, and by receiving God's healing on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, they have found great peace.

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

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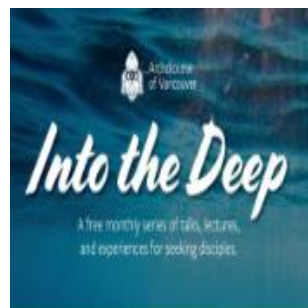


## **SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**

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.

## **INTO THE DEEP**



The Archdiocese of Vancouver Presents Into the Deep, a free monthly series of talks, lectures, and experiences for seeking disciples. Next series will be held online, Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Visit the Archdiocese of Vancouver website for more information.

## **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/>



## ADVENT RECONCILIATION RITES 2021

Parish	Day	Date	Time
St. Joseph School	Wednesday	December 1	10:30-11:30 am and 12:30-2:00 pm
St. Charles Garnier	Monday	December 6	7:00 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes School	Tuesday	December 7	10:30 am
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Tuesday	December 7	3:30-5:30 pm
Immaculata High School	Wednesday	December 8	10:00 am
Corpus Christi	TBA	TBA	TBA
St. Edward	Tuesday	December 14	4:00 pm
St. Pius X	Wednesday	December 15	7:00 pm
Immaculate Conception Parish	Thursday	December 16	3:00-5:00 pm

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### **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.

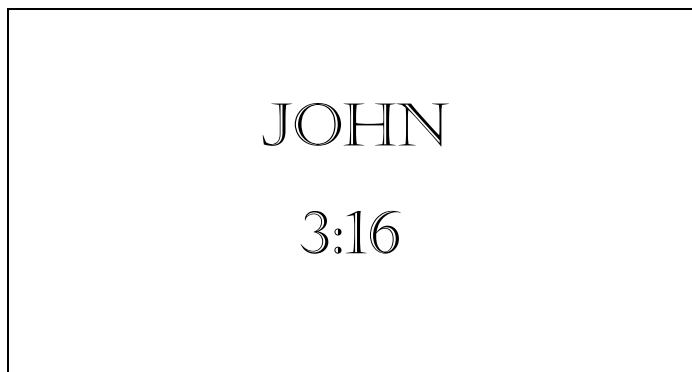
*"The king will reply; truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40).*

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