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

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

Noreen Dunn: 250-766-3303

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Altar Society: Constance Gregory (250) 765-2879 **Benevolent Fund**: Bob Sellinger, 250-766-5990

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bot.june@icloud.com

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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

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Clive Halston, 250-878-4612

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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Gordon Joyce, (250) 766-8191

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George and Karen Willoner, 250-215-5134

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January 2, 2022 Epiphany of the Lord



IS 60: 1-6; PS 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13; EPH 3: 2-3A, 5-6; MT 2: 1-12

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on January 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between January 2 and January 8.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, "O Father, may that Holy Star, grow every year more bright, and send its glorious beams afar, to fill the world with light."

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generous support of St. Edwards Parish

Christmas Collection - \$4,237.00 December 26 - \$2,220.06

*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

January 1- Carmelina Dias RIP

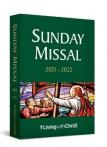
January 4- Daniel O'Leary RIP

January 5-Leonora Martha Rego RIP

January 6-Digo Manuel Lobo RIP

January 7-Pascal Cardozo RIP

January 8-Special Intentions



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.

2022 DONATION ENVELOPES

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



SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

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

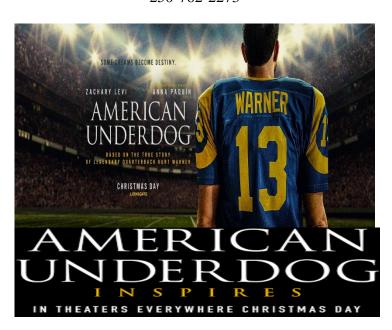
Charles Garnier Parish Hall at 12:30 pm. Join us as we follow the example of St. Francis of Assisi to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information phone Sandy Kavanagh at 250-212-3596.

Rachel's Corner

"Abortion doesn't "un father" you. It just makes you the father of a deceased child." - RP Is realizing you truly are a father of that child, something that is incredibly painful to accept? Painful,

something that is incredibly painful to accept? Painful, yet true. Why not consider naming and acknowledging your child? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and get to know the others who have walked in similar steps and who understand what that feels like inside.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com fb Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 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 inperson options available).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Annual Charity Appeal drive is well under way. This year there are 13 cash prizes with 1st prize being \$60,000.00. Tickets can be purchased online at < KofCDraw.net/C6233 > .





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 <u>no</u> 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' No 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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OPENING RETREAT: JANUARY 7-9, 2022

Make our next module a part of your Lenten journey!

Join a community at the intersection of faith & contemporary issues: creation care, social justice & reconciliation

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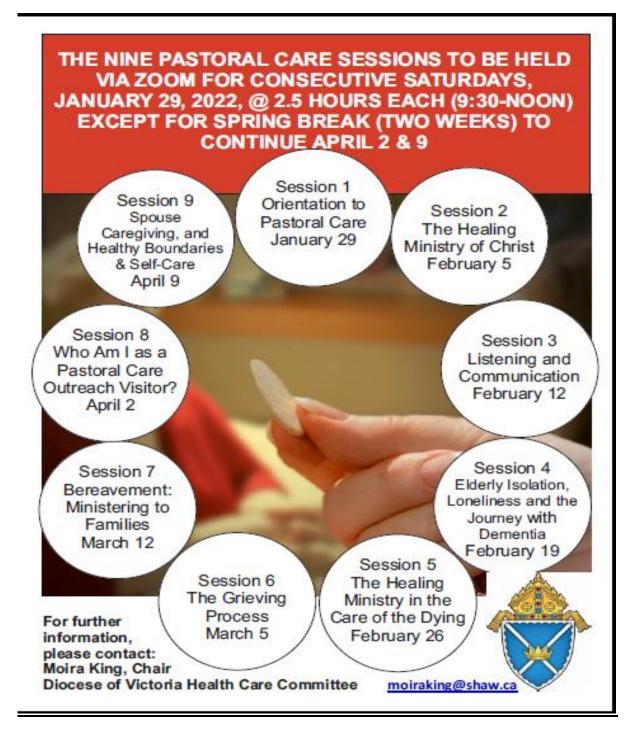
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