Pastor: Father Gerald

PARISH OFFICE

Secretary: Pat Robinson

Parish Office Hours: The office is closed to walk in traffic. Please call 250-766-3146 or email

st.edwards@shaw.ca to arrange for drop offs or

pick ups.

Bulletin Announcements by noon on Thursday

email: wandawirth@telus.net

WEEKEND MASSES

Starting January 15/16, 2022

Saturday: 6:30 pm

Live-Stream and 88.1 FM Available

Sunday: 10:00 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

Greeters and Ushers: Larry Girard lauriergirard60@gmail.com

Lectors (Readers): Sue Taylor jaytaylor@telus.net

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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Email st.edwards@shaw.ca

January 9, 2022 Baptism of the Lord



<u>IS 42:1-4, 6-7 or IS 40:1-5, 9-11; PS 29:1-4, 9-10 or PS 104:1B-4, 24-25, 27-30; ACTS 10: 34-38 or TI 2:11-14; 3: 4-7; LK 3:15-16; 21-22</u>

As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we can study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of servant leadership. We see in Jesus a type of leadership that is characterized by humility and leading by example.

Certainly, the sinless Savior did not need a baptism of repentance! But Jesus humbly made Himself one with his people to draw us to Him and create a relationship with us so that we would be open to His teachings and influence. As a servant leader, we also see that Jesus leads by example. He doesn't just tell the people they need to be baptized. He shows them how and does it Himself to teach them. To lead like Jesus, we, too, must "walk the walk" and not just "talk the talk." If we want those who we lead to be generous and hard-working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves.

Immediately after His baptism, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father who opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form, and says audibly, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased." Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generous support of St. Edward Parish

January 2, 2022 - \$1,564.60

*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/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

<u>etransfer.stedwardswinfield@nelsondiocese.org</u>
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.

NEED A PRIEST?

If you need a priest for emergencies or end of life call, please call the Catholic Chaplaincy phone at 250-878-1502. Regular hospital visits can be arranged by calling the church office during office hours to arrange a time for a priest to visit.

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 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 raised \$24,365.00 and our Diocesan commitment was \$20,900.00. Thank you all so much!

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Pastors and Parishioners.

This is to inform you that Fr. Salomon has been granted a one-year Leave of Absence that commenced on 31 December 2021. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely in our Lord, +Bishop Gregory Bittman

As Father Gerald will alone be ministering to St. Edwards and St. Pius X, changes are necessary to accommodate both parishes. Beginning NEXT weekend (January 15/16), Mass times will be changed to Saturday evening at 6:30 pm and Sunday morning at 10:00 am. Mass times will remain the same for this weekend. Weekday Masses will remain at 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY MISSAL

MISSALS FOR 2021-2022

If you would like a Missal for the this 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.

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

"Be intentional with that pain you are feeling and realize there is no time limit as you deal with deep hurts. Some wounds when left to themselves will only get infected and get worse with time. It is good to acknowledge and make space for that grief in your life, instead of just ignoring it and pretending it is not there."

- Debra Fileta, LPC

Have you allowed yourself to grieve your loss due to an abortion decision? Has the shame and regret been weighing you down? Join us on a Rachel's VineyardTM Retreat and find freedom and peace in acknowledging your pain and allowing the healing to begin.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com fb Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273

THE VISION OF MAN FULLY ALIVE CATHOLIC MEN'S SERIES

Calling ALL Catholic men of the Kelowna parishes! Join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month October 6 to May 18 from 6:00 am to 7:30 am at Immaculate Conception Church and Hall. For questions or to register, go to https://www.icckelowna.ca/parishgroups



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 \underline{no} fees for the sessions, participant booklet and journal.

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:

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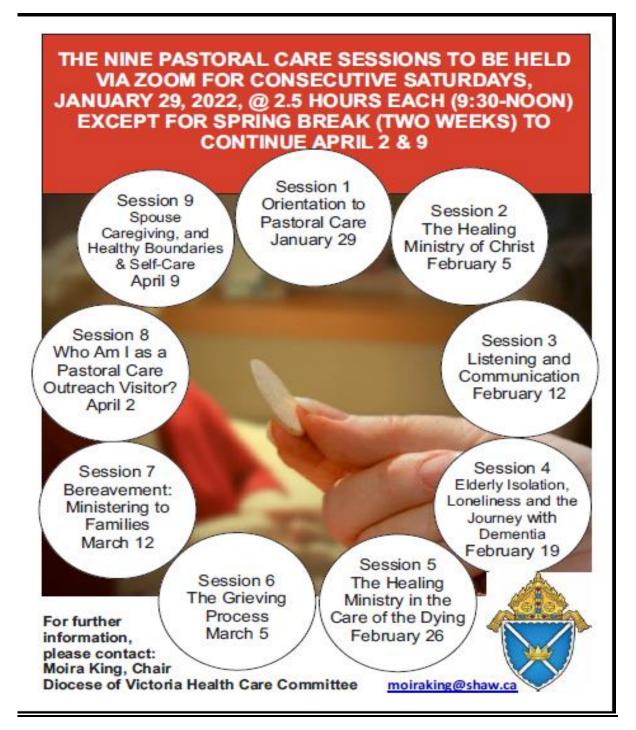
Sacristans: Lily Oddleifson (250) 766-4390

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

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 $1_{\rm st}$ prize being \$60,000.00. Tickets can be purchased online at < KofCDraw.net/C6233 > .







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.