

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

Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 10:00 am

Both Masses are Live-Streamed

WEEKDAY MASSES

Thursday and Friday at 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available after the 10:00 am mass on Thursdays and Fridays or by appointment

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Noreen Dunn: 250-766-3303

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

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lauriergirard60@gmail.com

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bot.june@icloud.com

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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

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Gordon Joyce, (250) 766-8191

Development & Peace

George and Karen Willoner, 250-215-5134

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February 13, 2022
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



[JER 17: 5-8; PS 1:1-4,6; 1 COR 15:12, 16-20; LK 6: 17, 20-26](#)

Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)." In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his hope-filled disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded, and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope — the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

February 6, 2022 - \$1,977.45

*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/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.

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

***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

February 12-Special Intention
February 17- Paddy Coghlan RIP
February 18- Intentions of Kathleen Russell
February 19- Leonara Rego RIP
February 24- Paul Purcell RIP
February 25- Paddy Coghlan RIP
February 26- Digo Lobo RIP



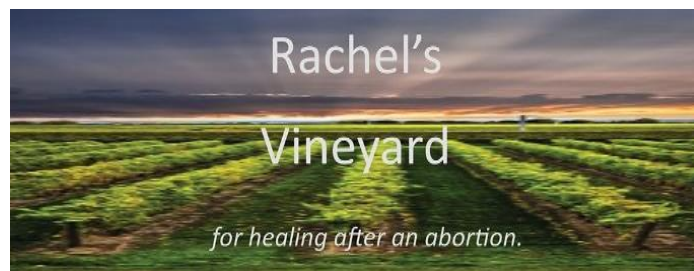
INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income Tax Receipts for 2021 are ready to be picked up in the vestibule.

IMMACULATA – GRAD SHOW FUNDRAISER

The Grad Class of 2022 is hosting an online version of the annual tradition of the Grad Show. Purchase tickets, show snacks, and wine by calling the school office. 250-762-2730. 100% of the proceeds go to offset the cost of the grad retreat, ceremony, banquet, and scholarships. We are still collecting bottles of wine and spirits as well as silent auction donations for this event as well. More details can be found here:

<https://www.immaculatakelowna.ca/post/mark-your-calendars-for-february-17th-2022>



ABORTION HEALING RETREAT

Many women, men, couples and relatives who have had an abortion experience, suffer emotional and spiritual pain, afraid to reveal their deep secret. We invite you to come on a Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat where you will receive God's mercy, compassion and grace replacing shame, guilt, anger, and grief. Registering now. Confidentiality assured.

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Rachel's Corner

"I was not the one to acknowledge my five children on this retreat... It was the other way around! THEY acknowledged ME! I have been recognized, forgiven, and loved by my five children. I have 8 children! Five of them with Our Lord!" - Testimonial

It can bring you so much peace to know more about where your children are. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ with us and allow that reality to become an important step in your healing.

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BISHOP THOMAS J. LOBSINGER, OMI MEMORIAL BURSARY PROGRAM



The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program is underway. The 2022 program is now receiving applications. We are privileged to offer fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic

students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province of British Columbia.

Applications are accepted from January 1, 2022 until June 30, 2022 with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference may be found on our web site (kofcbc.org) after January 1, 2022.

Requests for application should be addressed to:

Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon
2809 Mara Drive, Coquitlam, BC V3C 5T9
Attn: Herb Yang, Bursaries Chairman
Or email: herbykofc@gmail.com

SPRING AND LENT ARE COMING – TIME TO FRESHEN UP YOUR PRAYER

Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone

“A smart, wise, often side-splittingly funny master class in seeking God.”—Mary Karr, author of Lit and The Liar’s Club

Learning to Pray explains what prayer is, what to expect from praying, how to do it, and how it can transform us as we make it a regular practice in our lives. The paperback comes with a new reader and discussion guide

A trusted guide walking beside us as we navigate our unique spiritual paths, Father Martin lays out the different styles and traditions of prayer throughout Christian history and invites us to experiment and discover which works best to feed our soul and build intimacy with our Creator. Father Martin makes clear there is not one secret formula for praying. But like any relationship, each person can discover the best style for building an intimate relationship with God, regardless of religion or denomination. Prayer, he teaches us, is open and accessible to anyone willing to open their heart.

Paperback with discussion guide –Available February 8, 2022 from Harper Collins – can be preordered at Amazon.ca for \$27.17 Mosaic Books, Kelowna can special order it for \$37. Indigo has it for same price. eBooks has electronic forms of it for \$18. Kindle editions are also less expensive, and the Kindle app is free.

SAINT VALENTINE

Saint Valentine is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with “courtly love.” Although not much of St. Valentine’s life is reliably known, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome.

In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar, because so little is known about him. However, the church still recognizes him as a saint, listing him in the February 14 spot of Roman Martyrology.

One common story about St. Valentine is that in one point of his life, he was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test. He was presented with the judge’s blind daughter and told to restore her sight. If he succeeded, the judge vowed to do anything for Valentine. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child’s vision. Judge Asterius obeyed Valentine’s requests and broke all the idols around his house, fasted for three days and became baptized, along with his family and entire 44-member household. The now-faithful judge then freed all his Christian inmates.

One story tells that St. Valentine was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted by Claudius in Rome. Both acts were considered serious crimes. A relationship between the saint and emperor began to grow, until Valentine attempted to convince Claudius of Christianity. Claudius became enraged and sentenced Valentine to death, commanding him to renounce his faith or be beaten with clubs and beheaded. Other depictions of St. Valentine’s arrests tell that he secretly married couples so husbands wouldn’t have to go to war. Another variation of the legend says he refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, was imprisoned and while imprisoned he healed the jailer’s blind daughter. On the day of his execution, he left the girl a note signed, “Your Valentine.”

The romantic nature of Valentine’s Day may have derived during the Middle Ages, when it was believed that birds paired couples in mid-February. According to English 18th-century antiquarians Alban Butler and Francis Douce, Valentine’s Day was most likely created to overpower the pagan holiday, Lupercalia. Although the exact origin of the holiday is not widely agreed upon, it is widely recognized as a day for love, devotion and romance.

Whoever he was, Valentine did really exist, because archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to St. Valentine. In 496 A.D., Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom. from Catholic Online and Franciscan Media



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JOB POSTING – SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The CISKD Board of Directors takes pride in the quality of Catholic Education in the Kamloops Diocese. The Board of Directors is searching for a dynamic individual for the position of Superintendent of Schools, with duties to commence on August 1, 2022. Our six schools, located in Quesnel, Williams Lake, Kamloops and Vernon, provide education for approximately 1,500 students. ASCEND Online, our Distributed Learning School, serves students and families across British Columbia.

We are seeking a practicing Catholic who will lead with visionary impact; guide our schools with a strong Catholic identity and provide a superior academic environment.

The successful candidate for this position must:

- be an active practicing Catholic, faithful to the magisterium of the Catholic Church, who understands integrating Catholic values throughout the learning experience
- demonstrate exceptional collaborative leadership ability
- possess effective communication, interpersonal and public relations skills
- possess the ability to attract, recruit and empower a strong leadership team
- be committed to developing “an evangelizing school community which fosters a personal relationship with Jesus in the family of the Church”
- have a strong moral character and a high level of energy
- possess a working knowledge of legislation related to Catholic Independent Schools in the province of BC
- Have experience as an Administrator in a Catholic school system

In addition, Candidates for the position will be asked to provide evidence that they have:

- BC Certification, the equivalent, or be eligible for certification in BC
- an education relevant to the position
- a proven track record as a successful school administrator

To request an application package and pastor’s reference form, please contact Fr. Fred Weisbeck at fred@rcdk.org or Telephone: 250-376-3351 ext. 222. Completed applications will be accepted until noon Friday, February 18th, 2022.

Please note that only those short-listed for an interview will be contacted.

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