

**Pastor: Father Gerald**

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**PARISH OFFICE**

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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](mailto:st.edwards@shaw.ca) to arrange for drop offs or pick ups.

Bulletin Announcements by noon on Thursday  
email: [wandawirth@telus.net](mailto:wandawirth@telus.net)

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

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**Saturday: 6:30 pm**

**Sunday: 10:00 am**

Both Masses are Live-Streamed

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**WEEKDAY MASSES**

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Thursday and Friday at 10:00 am

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**RECONCILIATION**

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

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**CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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Noreen Dunn: 250-766-3303

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**MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

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**Altar Society:** Constance Gregory (250) 765-2879

**Benevolent Fund:** Bob Sellinger, 250-766-5990

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[lauriergirard60@gmail.com](mailto:lauriergirard60@gmail.com)

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**Music Ministry:** Vera Gervais, 250-766-2250

**Outreach:** Shelly Twerdochlib, 250-766-0202

**Sacristans:** Lily Oddleifson (250) 766-4390

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**PARISH COMMITTEES**

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**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**

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**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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**February 20, 2022**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**



[1 SM 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; PS 103: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 COR 15: 45-49; LK 6: 27-38](#)

In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair! That is, unless we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money, and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." There is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love!

## **PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS**

*Thank you for your generous support of  
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February 13, 2022 - \$1,889.60

\*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 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.

### ***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](mailto:st.edwards@shaw.ca)*

### ***Mass Intentions***

February 19- Leonara Rego RIP  
February 24- Paul Purcell RIP  
February 25- Paddy Coghlan RIP  
February 26- Digo Lobo RIP  
March 3- Karen Lahane RIP  
March 4- The Dows family INT  
March 5- Special intentions  
March 10- Andy Grenier INT  
March 11- Mrs. Brost RIP  
March 12- Patricia Fairbanks rip



## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Ash Wednesday is on March 2, 2022.  
Mass and the distribution of ashes will  
be held at 6:30 pm.**

**Ash Wednesday is the first day of  
Lent and always falls forty-six  
days before Easter.**

## **What is the meaning of Ash Wednesday?**

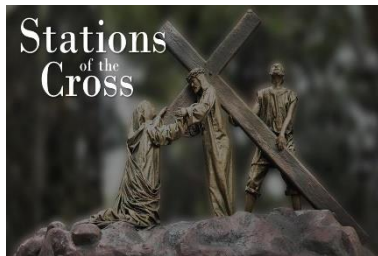
Roman Catholic churches of the Latin Rite use this service to prepare church members to better appreciate the death and resurrection of Christ through self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, and self-denial. Ashes from the burned palms of the preceding year's Palm Sunday are blessed. With these ashes, the priest marks a cross on the foreheads of worshippers, saying, "Remember, man, that dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return" (Genesis 3:19 KJV). Besides showing sorrow for their sins, those who honor Ash Wednesday add an additional meaning; the need to prepare for a holy death.

**Roman Catholics must fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, March 2, 2022.** Additionally, they must abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent.

Latin Rite Catholics from age 18 up through to the beginning of their 60th year (their 59th birthday) are required to fast, unless they have a serious reason for not doing so. According to Pope Paul VI's apostolic constitution Paenitemini, "The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing--as far as quantity and quality are concerned--approved local custom." (Paenitemini, ch. III., III., 2).

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the cross will be held every Friday evening at 6:00 pm throughout Lent.



## 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*

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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*

## 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>

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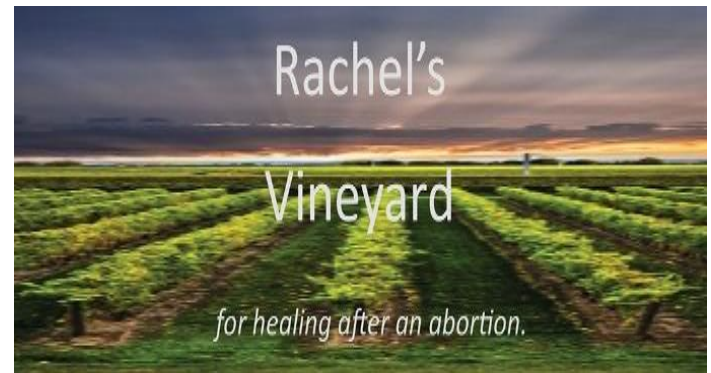
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## ABORTION HEALING RETREAT

MARCH 11-13, 2022

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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## GRIEF TO GRACE

Dr. Theresa Burke and Kevin Burke LSW, the founders of Rachel's Vineyard, also created the Grief to Grace Retreats. Grief to Grace provides a professional therapeutic staff and all treatment is based on a firm Christian foundation as well as sound medical and psychological principles and a perceptive understanding of trauma.

Grief to Grace is a four to five day psychological and spiritual journey providing safety and support for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional or sexual abuse or neglect. It is appropriate for those who have endured rape, incest or other forms of traumatic violation in childhood, adolescence or as an adult. It is also suitable for those who have suffered abuse by a member of the clergy. This model of care provides therapy for the soul.

Grief to Grace: Reclaiming the Gift of Sexual Dignity is a spiritual journey for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through sexual abuse, rape, incest, physical or emotional abuse and neglect, or other forms of traumatic violation in childhood, adolescence or as an adult. The program is designed to help one experience the love and support of the suffering body of Christ, as you journey through the paschal mystery of your own life. This effective healing process combines Living Scripture with journaling, group activity and discussion, therapeutic facilitation, cognitive restructuring and grief work. It is a pilgrimage to discover the love, tenderness, belonging, safety, joy and peace that are often missing from the stories of abuse victims. (from Grief to Grace brochure)

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **The Grief to Grace Retreat is scheduled**

for **May 25-29, 2022**. For more information call 250-878-7603 or email [g2gkelownabc@gmail.com](mailto:g2gkelownabc@gmail.com)

*Please contact us in complete confidence to learn more. We understand it can be difficult to talk about what has happened and that interested individuals may be a long way from deciding to attend a retreat.*

### **Grief to Grace**

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