

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

Ash Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Thursday and Friday at 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

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

LENTEN RECONCILIATION:

Friday, March 25th at 6:00 pm

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Noreen Dunn: 250-766-3303

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Altar Society: Constance Gregory (250) 765-2879

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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

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 27, 2022

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



[SIR 27: 4-7; PS 92: 2-3, 13-16; 1 COR 15: 54-58; LK 6: 39-45](#)

Today's readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves — mind and heart — in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

The first reading from Sirach offers timeless counsel: “the fruit of a tree shows the care it has had: so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks.” Jesus uses the very same analogy in today's Gospel reading from Luke: “A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit.”

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication — email, text, Twitter, Facebook, and the rest. What comes forth from our mouths, or keyboard, or phone, reflects what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift which we must steward well.

In the same Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us, “No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.” The more time we spend with Jesus, our teacher, through regular prayer and a strong sacramental life, the more we will become like Him. Then all that we do and say (and tweet and post) will bring others to closer to Him. This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

February 20, 2022 - \$3,285.58

*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.

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 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 this Wednesday, 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 worshipers, 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).

FACE MASKS

Please be respectful of each other and the request of the Bishop to continue to wear a mask in the church the entire time.

**** Note: Please remember to bring your own mask.**

SYNOD QUESTIONNAIRE

Bishop Gregory would like your input and participation into the Synod questionnaire.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

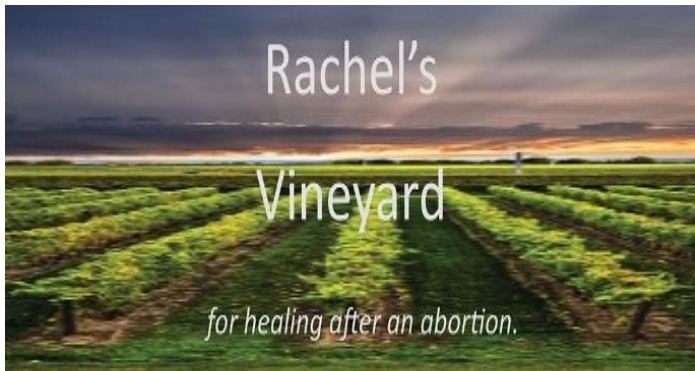
The Stations of the cross will be held every Friday evening at 6:00 pm throughout Lent.

EASTER RECONCILIATION

Easter Reconciliation will be held at St. Edward Parish on Friday, March 25th at 6:00 p.m.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The ministry schedule for March and April, 2022 is now posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule and on our website at <http://www.stedwardsparish.ca>



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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The Immaculata class of 2022 is busy preparing for their graduation and doing some fundraising to offset the cost of their grad retreat, banquet, prom and bursaries. If you would like to support this fantastic group of young people, please have a look at these two opportunities: <https://trellis.org/grapes-for-grads> \$20 per ticket, every ticket corresponds to a bottle of commercially produced wine or spirits on the wall. Some bottles are worth \$10. Some are worth \$100! Everyone is guaranteed a prize! <https://trellis.org/2022-grad-show-silent-auction> Click on the Silent Auction menu at the top of the page to view the great selection of items available. On mobile, click the hamburger menu (a stack of three horizontal lines resembling a hamburger) and select Silent Auction.

Please send this information out to all your friends, as anyone (19+) is able to purchase a bottle or bid on the silent auction!

Don't miss out!! The deadline for both is February 28 at 11 a.m.



St. Joseph Catholic School is now accepting applications for September 2022 enrollment. St. Joseph provides a supportive, caring, and safe environment for students in Kindergarten

through Grade 7. With over 80 years of academic excellence and the best Kindergarten program in Kelowna we invite your family to join our family! Early bird rates are in effect until Thursday, March 3rd. For more information, visit our website at stjosephkelowna.ca, email us at sjkoffice@cisnd.ca or call 250-763-3371.

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

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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JOHN

3:16

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Addendum 1

Questions for Phase 1: Diocesan Consultation
(derived from the Preparatory Document and the *Vademecum*)

1. COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

In the Church and in society we are side by side on the same road.

1a In our local Church, who are the ones "journeying together"?

1b Who are our companions on the journey, including those outside the boundaries of the Church?

1c How are we called to grow as companions?

2. LISTENING

Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice.

2a How is God speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore?

2b How are the laity listened to, especially women and young people?

2c What facilitates or inhibits our listening?

2d How do we integrate the contribution of Consecrated Men and Women?

2e What space is there for the voice of minorities, especially people who experience poverty, marginalization, or social exclusion?

2f What are some limitations in our ability to listen, especially to those who have different views than our own?

2g How do we listen to the social and cultural context in which we live?

2h How well do we listen to those on the peripheries?

3. SPEAKING OUT

All are invited to speak with courage and parrhesia, that is, in freedom, truth, and charity.

3a What enables or hinders speaking up courageously, candidly, and responsibly in our local Church and in society?

3b When and how do we manage to say what is important to us?

3c How does the relationship with the local media work (not only Catholic media)?

3d Who speaks on behalf of the Christian community, and how are they chosen?

4. CELEBRATION

"Walking together" is only possible if it is based on communal listening to the Word and the celebration of the Eucharist.

4a How do prayer and liturgical celebration inspire and direct our "journeying together"?

4b How do they inspire the most important decisions?

4c How do we promote the active-participation of all the faithful in the liturgy?

4d What space is given to the exercise of the ministries of Lector and Acolyte?

5. CO-RESPONSIBLE IN THE MISSION

Synodality is at the service of the Church 's mission, in which all her members are called to participate.

- 5a Since we are all missionary disciples, how is every baptised person called to participate in the mission of the Church?
- 5b What hinders the baptised from being active in mission?
- 5c What areas of mission are we neglecting?
- 5d How does the community support its members who serve society in various ways (social and political involvement, scientific research, education, promoting social justice, protecting human rights, caring for the environment, etc.)?
- 5e How does the Church help these members to live out their service to society in a missionary way?
- 5f How is discernment about missionary choices made and by whom?
- 5g How are the different traditions that constitute the patrimony of many Churches, especially the Oriental ones, integrated and adapted, with respect to the synodal style, in view of an effective Christian witness?
- 5h How does collaboration work in territories where different sui iuris Churches are present?

6. DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Dialogue is a path of perseverance that also includes silences and sufferings, but which is capable of gathering the experience of persons and peoples.

- 6a What are the places and means of dialogue within our particular Church?
- 6b How are divergences of vision, or conflicts and difficulties addressed?
- 6c How do we promote collaboration with neighbouring dioceses, religious communities in the area, lay associations and movements, etc.?
- 6d What particular issues in the Church and society do we need to pay more attention to?
- 6e What experiences of dialogue and collaboration do we have with believers of other religions and with those who have no religious affiliation?
- 6f How does the Church dialogue with and learn from other sectors of society: the spheres of politics, economics, culture, civil society, and people who live in poverty?

7. ECUMENISM

The dialogue between Christians of different confessions, united by one Baptism, has a special place in the synodal journey.

- 7a What relationships does our Church community have with members of other Christian traditions and denominations?
- 7b What do we share and how do we journey together?
- 7c What fruits have we drawn from this “journeying together”?
- 7d What are the difficulties?
- 7e How can we take the next step in walking forward with each other?

8. **AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION**

A synodal Church is a participatory and co-responsible Church.

- 8a How does our Church community identify the goals to be pursued, the way to reach them, and the steps to be taken?
- 8b How is authority or governance exercised within our particular Church (Diocese/Eparchy)?
- 8c How are teamwork and co-responsibility put into practice?
- 8d How are evaluations conducted and by whom?
- 8e How are lay ministries and the responsibility of lay people promoted?
- 8f Have we had fruitful experiences of synodality on a local level?
- 8g How do synodal bodies function at the level of the particular Church (Pastoral Councils in parishes and dioceses, Presbyteral Council, etc.)?

9. **DISCERNING AND DECIDING**

In a synodal style, decisions are made through discernment, based on a consensus that flows from the common obedience to the Spirit.

- 9a By what procedures and methods do we discern together and make decisions?
- 9b How can they be improved?
- 9c How do we promote participation in decision-making within hierarchically structured communities?
- 9d Do our decision-making methods help us to listen to the whole People of God?
- 9e What is the relationship between consultation and decision-making, and how do we put these into practice?
- 9f What tools and procedures do we use to promote transparency and accountability?
- 9g How can we grow in communal spiritual discernment?

10. **FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY**

The spirituality of journeying together is meant to become an educational principle for the formation of the human person and for Christians, families, and communities.

- 10a How does our church community form people to be more capable of “walking together,” listening to one another, participating in mission, and engaging in dialogue?
- 10b What formation is offered to foster discernment and the exercise of authority in a synodal way?
- 10c What tools help us to read the dynamics of the culture in which we are immersed and their impact on our style of Church?

Additional Questions:

- 11. Please describe in one or two paragraphs the experience of the local gathering(s) held, as well as of the entire local synodal consultation.
- 12. Based on the experience of your consultation(s), could you sum up in one or two sentences how the Spirit is calling us to grow in “journeying together” in your particular Church?
- 13. Are there any other important issues that emerged from your local consultation not captured in any of the above questions?