

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

LENTEN RECONCILIATION:

Friday, March 25th at 5:00 pm

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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March 13, 2022
Second Sunday of Lent



[GN 15:5-12, 17-18; PS 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; PHIL 3:17-4:1 or PHIL 3:20-4:1; LK 9:28B-36](#)

In last week's Gospel, we followed Jesus into the desert where He fasted and prayed. This week, He leads us up a mountain to witness His Transfiguration. Why both of these experiences?

He is preparing us to go with Him in a few short weeks to a hilltop — Golgotha — where He will lay down His life for our sake, and then finally to take us to an empty cave where He triumphed over sin and death once and for all.

Jesus perfectly understands our humanity. He knows we need desert experiences — times of self-denial and testing — in order to arrive at mountain-top moments when we see and feel His glorious presence in our lives. The purpose of these two types of experiences is summed up in the description of the Apostles who were with Jesus at that mountain-top experience in today's Gospel: "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory...."

The reason for all of our fasting and prayer and almsgiving during lent is to be reawakened to all God has done for humanity, and to all that He has done for each of us personally. It is all too easy to get lulled into complacency in our daily routines, to "sleepwalk" through life, getting up and getting ourselves out the door, going to work, returning home for dinner and dishes, meetings, or sports activities, and finally flopping on the couch to watch TV until bedtime. While there is nothing inherently sinful in this routine, as Christian stewards, we are called to so much more!

This lent, let us train ourselves, or more precisely, allow Him to train us to say "Yes" to His will and to offer our lives back to Him in gratitude. In so doing, we, too, will become "transfigured." This is what it means to live fully awake; this is a stewardship way of life and it is glorious indeed.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

March 2, 2022 - \$ 220.00

March 6, 2022 - \$3,342.68

*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

Edward Schaff, Dorien Aubee RIP, Doreen Skalicky

***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

March 11- Mrs. Brost RIP

March 12- Patricia Fairbanks RIP

March 17- Lindsey Parlane & Tracey Jones INT

March 18- Desmond Toner RIP

March 19- Les McAdams RIP

March 24- Betty Klinger INT

March 25- Helen Rowe RIP

March 26- Dave Tutt RIP

March 31 Steven Oddleifson INT



The annual Chrism Mass will be held at the Cathedral of Mary Immaculate on Monday April 11th at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to join this diocesan celebration. If you would like to attend, please speak with Father Gerald after Mass.

NEW! ST EDWARDS BOOK CLUB THROUGH LENT AND BEYOND

With Fr. Gerald's support we are starting a book club to help us all learn and grow in our faith and enable us to start and maintain conversations defending our beliefs beyond just our own group. It's important to think aloud, to the benefit of all of us, in a way that helps us to go out into our community and with faith and reason, discuss our Catholic beliefs. It's also a way for us to enter into this education at whatever level we are starting at, beginner or advanced, and to help others progress.

Each month we will choose a book and give plenty of time to read and reflect on it at home; then we will come together once a month to share our thoughts and reflections as a group.

.... and what better time to start this than this Lenten Season?

So instead of giving up chocolate this Lent, why not set aside some time in your day to read and learn more about our faith? As a starting point for the St. Edwards Book Club we have chosen **Rediscover the Saints: Twenty-Five Questions That Will Change Your Life** by **Matthew Kelly**. It is a very accessible, short book, it isn't a dusty biography filled with dates and anecdotes. It's a love letter. It's an invitation to dive deeper.

So you have time to read the book during Lent we have pre-ordered 50 copies of the book and they are available to purchase from Linda Kaplan or Cara Reed. They will also be available at the weekend Masses and at the parish office (or you can order your own). They are \$15.00 each. We will come together on **Friday, April 8th** to discuss as a group..... more information on this will follow...plus details of the next couple of books for the real keeners out there!

Any questions, please contact Linda Kaplan (ellinkap@gmail.com) or Cara Reed (250 575 7650/reedcj22@gmail.com).

Reconciliation

Parish	Date	Time
Immaculata High School	March 15	10:30 am - 1:30 pm
St. Pius X Parish	March 22	6:00 pm
Corpus Christi Parish	March 24	6:00 pm
St. Edward Parish	March 25	5:00 pm
St. Charles Garnier Parish	March 31	6:30 pm
Immaculate Conception Parish	April 7	3:30 pm

Lenten Reconciliation Rites will be held at St. Edward Parish on Friday, March 25th at **5:00 p.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.

CCCB'S ENCOUNTERS OF HOPE

Register now for CCCB's **Encounters of Hope** April 5-26, a weekly 4-part series exploring the 4 stages of faith development. Ideal for those in ministry, evangelization, or catechesis, and relevant to the mission of every Catholic. [Registration](#) is free and closes March 21.

Evangelization – Encounters of Hope
The Art of Accompaniment
Catechesis – Echoes of Hope
Missionary Discipleship – Hope to the World.

For more information, see Faith Formation at www.nelsondiocese.org.



Grief to Grace (healing the wounds of abuse) retreat May 25-29, 2022. For more information visit our website griegtograce.org or call Pam @ 250-255-7223.

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

2022

Thank you to the families who have made a gift to this year's Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal. Each gift is important and provides vital support to the projects and services that rely on "Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal". Our parish has currently raised \$3,150.00. Remember that funds received over our Diocesan commitment of \$20,800.00 will be returned to us.



IMMACULATA HOMESTAYS NEEDED FOR 2022-23

Do you enjoy learning about other cultures?
Do you like kids?
Do you have a spare room?

If you answered yes to these questions, you could be just the family we're looking for! We are building our list of homestay families for the 2022-23 school year! We expect to have students from Latin America, Asia and Europe. This is a great experience for your whole family and we pay \$925 (tax free) per student per month. If you'd like to learn more, have a look at this link <https://www.immaculatakelowna.ca/homestays.php> and/or contact Shelley Brodeur at irhs.ahc@cisnd.ca.



UKRAINE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Over the past week we have been asked how we can help the people and the troops protecting the people of Ukraine. We received an email from the Ukrainian Catholic Church on Gordon Avenue in Kelowna today with items that are urgently needed and ways to assist. If you have any of the items listed below that you would like to donate, or if you would like to make a monetary donation, please drop it off directly with them or at our parish office. We will see that all donations get to them in a timely manner.

Ukraine Needs Your Support
Today Ukraine fights for the whole world
Thousands of Civilians Desperately Need Help

Please donate to our group for urgent supply of the first Emergency kits & Body Armour To Ukraine

High priority (as in list or similar)

Chitosam 100
Algisite M10cm x 10 cm
Bactigras 15 cm x 20 cm
Aquacel AG Silver Ribbon 2 cm x 45 cm
For IV therapy Set Basic Vented Interlink 1 Injection Site 230 cm LeurLock
Secondary Set 6.5 ml Clearlink with Roller Leur Lock
Exu-Dry 10 cm x 15 cm
Exu-Dry 15 cm x 22 cm
Activo 236A Rigid Wrap 3 m scotch cast Rolland Rayon Cast padding

Canadian Products purchased for your donations will be on the front lines in a week

Ukrainian Catholic Church (on Gordon)
1091 Coronation Ave, Kelowna, Sunday-Friday 7-8 pm

JOIN THE RALLY TO SUPPORT UKRAINE!

Medium priority (as in list or similar)

Bandages (regular and compressions)
Alcohol wipes
Gauze
Island dressing, Foam Dressing
Sterile Pads
Ointments (for Bars, Polisorin, Analgesic Ointments)
Painkillers (Tylenol and Tylenol #1, Advil, etc.)
Antihistamines
1 piece Medical Bandage Triangular First Aid Bandage

YOU CAN BRING YOUR DONATION TO THE SUNDAY RALLY



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.

DONATING TO UKRAINE

Bishop Bittman provides information below on donating to Ukraine via Development and Peace or the Red Cross.

Development & Peace:

<https://www.devp.org/en/blog/our-ukraine-emergency-fundraising-qa/> The donation button is on the home page and one has to “Select a Cause” which brings up: “Emergency – Ukraine.”

The local Ukrainian Catholic Church, The Dormition of the Mother of God Parish in Kelowna, provides the information below:

Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal - Canadian Red Cross

Donate toward RED CROSS now to help us provide vital aid to people during this difficult time!

People in Ukraine need help now.

[Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal - Canadian Red Cross](#)

All funds will be used to help those in need, affected by armed conflict.

By choosing a monthly payment, your regular support will allow us to help more people in need [Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal - Canadian Red Cross](#)

EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE PEOPLE IN UKRAINE

In recent months, the threat of a large-scale escalation of military conflict in Ukraine by Russia advances. Yet, we oftentimes forget the “Forgotten War,” the already eight-year conflict brought about Russia in eastern Ukraine with some 2.9 million people impacted by the existing conflict and already in need of humanitarian assistance and protection. The immediate threat of escalated potential military action only highlights the need for an emergency humanitarian response on our part towards the purchase of food, water, basic hygiene, medicine, psychological support, shelter, evacuation, protection, and so on. Can you help your brothers and sisters in need?

Parishes are invited to encourage emergency humanitarian donations to aid the people in Ukraine. The donated funds can be directed to Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA Ottawa), who are coordinating humanitarian relief efforts with Caritas Ukraine.

To stay informed on the greatest need and the developing humanitarian efforts, visit CNEWA’s website (cnewa.org/ca). Individuals can also donate directly to [CNEWA](#) (Catholic Near East Welfare Association - CNEWA Ottawa) who are coordinating humanitarian relief efforts with Caritas Ukraine.

The Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada has partnered with the Catholic Near East Welfare Association in Canada (CNEWA) to provide immediate humanitarian support for the people of Ukraine. With the threat of further invasion by Russia, the already 8-year war in Ukraine has placed several million people in desperate need for food, shelter, medical attention, and more. Will you help your brother and sister in need? Please pray. Stay informed. Donate.

<https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/>