

**Pastor: Father Gerald**

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**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](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**

**Saturday: 6:30 pm**

**Sunday: 10:00 am**

Both Masses are Live-Streamed

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**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Thursday and Friday at 10:00 am

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**RECONCILIATION**

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

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**LENTEN RECONCILIATION:**

Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm

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**CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Noreen Dunn: 250-766-3303

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**MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

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

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

**Greeters and Ushers:** Larry Girard

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

**Lectors (Readers):** Sue Taylor [jaytaylor@telus.net](mailto:jaytaylor@telus.net)

**Eucharistic Ministers:** June Bot

[bot.june@icloud.com](mailto:bot.june@icloud.com)

**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**

**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**

**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 20, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent



[EX: 3:1-8A, 13.15; PS 103: 1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 COR 10:1-6, 10-12, LK 13:1-9](#)

Today's Gospel passage reminds us that life is precious and the gift of time on this earth is just that — a gift. None of us knows how much time will be granted to us, so we must use this gift intentionally to glorify God and serve our neighbor.

Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well?

The season of Lent is a time to carefully reflect on the way we spend our time. Do we make God our first priority, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give the next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

## **PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS**

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

March 13, 2022 - \$2,376.58

\*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/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](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***

Doreen Skalicky, Danielle Mase

*\*\*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***

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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Stations of the cross will be held every Friday evening at 6:00 pm throughout Lent, here at St. Edward Parish.



<b>Parish</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
St. Pius X Parish	March 22	6:00 pm
Corpus Christi Parish	March 24	6:00 pm
<b>St. Edward Parish</b>	<b>March 25</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
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 25<sup>th</sup> 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. We are also proud to offer our amazing Outdoor Academy program in collaboration with the Clubhouse Farm. Students experience season-specific programming that connects them to the land and gives them the opportunity to see how things change, grow, and evolve. This spring our theme is Local Sustainable Agriculture. With over 80 years of academic excellence and the best Kindergarten program in Kelowna we invite your family to join our family!

For more information, visit our website at [stjosephkelowna.ca](http://stjosephkelowna.ca), email us at [sjkooffice@cisnd.ca](mailto:sjkooffice@cisnd.ca) or call 250-763-3371.

## OLGC RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF INDIGENOUS DELEGATION TO THE HOLY SEE

During the week of March 28 – 31, 2022, a Delegation of Indigenous People will travel to Rome to meet with Pope Francis.

In solidarity with the Indigenous Delegation to the Holy See during the week of March 28 – 31, 2022, Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle has developed two resources: a prayer card and a document entitled *Sacred Fire and Prayer Wave for Healing and Reconciliation*. The resources can be found on the Circle's website at [2022-EN-Announcement-Delegation-prayer-resources-4.pdf](https://ourladyofguadalupecircle.ca/2022-EN-Announcement-Delegation-prayer-resources-4.pdf) ([ourladyofguadalupecircle.ca](https://ourladyofguadalupecircle.ca))

*Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle is a Catholic coalition of Indigenous people, bishops, clergy, lay movements and institutes of consecrated life, engaged in renewing and fostering relationships between the Catholic Church and Indigenous Peoples in Canada.*

We encourage you to share these resources to bring awareness to the Indigenous Delegation to Rome. Please join us in the **prayer wave** as we accompany the delegation on this historic walk toward healing and reconciliation.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BURSARY FOR 2022

The Fr. Delestre Council of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce that it will again be offering bursaries to students who are graduating from high school this year and who are planning to attend an accredited post-secondary school in BC. One-time bursaries are also available for students already in post-secondary programs who are continuing their studies in accredited post-secondary education in BC.

Applications can be requested, by contacting Paul Gabias by email, [pgabias@gabiaswellness.com](mailto:pgabias@gabiaswellness.com). All applications must be received on or before April 30<sup>th</sup> to be considered.

### 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](http://www.nelsondiocese.org).

## 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 \$3,500.00. 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](mailto:irhs.ahc@cisnd.ca).

### *Rachel's Corner*

*"One who pays heed to the wind will never sow, and one who watches the clouds will never reap."*

Ecclesiastes 11:4

Has your abortion story made you all too aware of the lack of light and hope in your life? Or perhaps feeling like you will be rejected or condemned in your relationships, so you don't bother building them? Join us on our next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™, and discover how the winds and clouds change when healing has set in.

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# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give





**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: A movement of solidarity**

Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice.

With the help of our 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change. Our Lenten campaign, *People and Planet First*, offers you the opportunity to help protect vulnerable communities and ecosystems from corporate abuse.

To learn more about and to join our movement, visit [devp.org](http://devp.org) or contact George Willoner 250-317-4652

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: Madagascar: an ecological village to cope with climate change**

Development and Peace’s *People and Planet First* campaign celebrates what solidarity can achieve, even against seemingly impossible odds.

In Madagascar, for instance, Development and Peace’s partner, the Development Council of Andohatapenaka (CDA), empowers people to manage and transform their neighbourhoods.

In the capital region, which is afflicted by flooding and poor waste management, CDA has helped the residents of one vulnerable area to turn their environs into a thriving ecological village. Today, each of the 50 households involved in the project has a vegetable garden, a stove and solar panels. This transformation reflects a true ecological conversion.

Watch the video at [devp.org/lent/act](http://devp.org/lent/act).

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**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: The power of mobilized citizens**

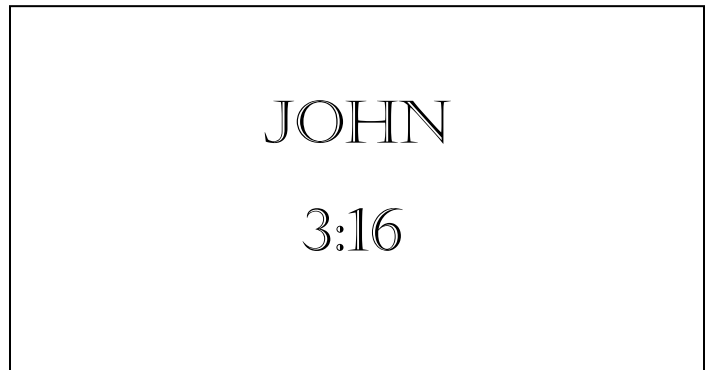
One of Development and Peace’s strengths is our ability to mobilize thousands of Canadians like you to amplify marginalized voices from the Global South. Our partners want businesses to not be able to perpetrate abuses in their countries with impunity.

That is why our *People and Planet First* campaign is asking you to help ensure that Canada adopts strong due-diligence laws to prevent Canadian corporations from abusing human and environmental rights across their global operations.

Sign our petition for this at [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act) and spread the word. **Thank you for supporting our campaign!**

To learn more about or to join the movement, visit [devp.org](http://devp.org) or contact George Willoner 250-317-4652

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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](http://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/>