

**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

**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**

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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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**March 27, 2022**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**



[1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A; PS 23: 1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6; EPH 5:8-14; JN 8:12; JN 9:1-41](#)

For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not “measuring up” in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. The Gospel Reading, the parable of the Prodigal Son, is filled with this theme of awakening and the extravagant, life-changing love that the Father has for each one of us.

We are all familiar with this amazing story — the bratty younger son who has the audacity to ask his dad for his inheritance early, only to squander it sinfully away. It makes us bristle instinctively at his nerve when we read it. But isn't that exactly what we do when we selfishly turn away from God (in big or small ways) in our own lives? We squander away the inheritance of grace He has given us.

In desperation from the mess he had made of his life, the son finally “comes to his senses” — awakening to the truth that he is a beloved son of a loving and merciful father — and decides to return home. His contrition is faltering and imperfect and seems motivated in large part by his growling stomach. But it is enough for the loving father.

In fact, as soon as the father catches sight of his son he is “filled with compassion for him” and immediately sets about preparing a feast and fine clothes for this son. What an extravagance of love! What a beautiful picture Jesus gives us of our Father's love and mercy. Oh, how this should fill us with gratitude for such a Father!

And how it should inspire us — with just the tiniest bit of spiritual “spring cleaning” we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what lent is all about.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

## **PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS**

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

March 20, 2022 - \$2,977.68

\*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/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 25- Helen Rowe RIP

March 26- Dave Tutt RIP

March 31 Steven Oddleifson INT

April 1- Betty Klinger int

April 2- Ryan Oddleifson int

April April 7- Lindsey Parlane & Tracey Jones int

April 8- Special Intention

April 9- Reid and Lily Oddleifson int

April 21- Mitch Martyna int

April 22- Betty Klinger int

April 23- Russell Family 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.



Parish	Date	Time
St. Charles Garnier Parish	March 31	6:30 pm
Immaculate Conception Parish	April 7	3:30 pm

## **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.



## **SCAM MESSAGE**

Anyone receiving a text message supposedly from "Fr. Gerald" asking for a favour and for you to please text him back as soon as possible, this is a SCAM. Do not reply to it. These people usually request a gift card or money in ensuing texts. Father Gerald would never make these requests. If he has a question for a parishioner, they would normally be contacted through the office or he would call you directly.



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 [sjkoffice@cisnd.ca](mailto:sjkoffice@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](http://2022-EN-Announcement-Delegation-prayer-resources-4.pdf) ([ourladyofguadalupecircle.ca](http://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.*

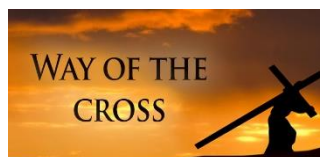
We encourage you to share these resources to bring awareness to the Indigenous Delegation to Rome. Please join us in the **prayer wave** as we accompany the delegation on this historic walk toward healing and reconciliation.

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

### **JESUS THE RIVER OF LIFE CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE**

April 29-30, 2022

Summerland BC - Holy Child Church. Join Father Trevor Nathasingh as he examines the word of God from Rev. 22:1-2, "The River of the Water of Life, flowing from the throne of God, for the healing of the Nations." Come and experience the Word of God, living and active in us, as we listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and learn how to co-operate with God as he reveals His perfect plan for us. There is no registration fee, but a love offering will be accepted. Register: [Zoom Link](#) - email Loree Renwick by April 26 [ndccrs2020@gmail.com](mailto:ndccrs2020@gmail.com) or on-site April 29: Holy Child Church, Summerland BC. Pre-conference info: call/email Roy MacIntyre 1-778-740-0508 [roymacintyre@shaw.ca](mailto:roymacintyre@shaw.ca) or visit: <https://www.holyspiritbaptizer.com/conference> Post-conference: talks on web.



### **Knights of Columbus Way of the Cross**

You are invited to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus outdoor Way of

the Cross procession. Bring your family and friends and join your neighbours and fellow brothers and sisters in an opportunity to reflect on Jesus' death and the sacrifice He made for us.

Date: April 15, 2022 – Good Friday

Time: 12:00 noon

Location: Immaculata Regional High School

- open field (back of the school)

1493 KLO Rd, Kelowna

Lots of parking available

Unfortunately no washroom facility available.

### ***Rachel's Corner***

*"The Rachel's Vineyard atmosphere provided me with the opportunity to deal with some of the details of the abortion. These were details which God had already forgiven me for, but they were details I had to humble myself and acknowledge openly, in order to experience that forgiveness."* Testimonial

Rachel's Vineyard is where those affected by an abortion experience can gather to support each other and reclaim that part of their lives that was lost that day as well.

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[www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com)

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250-762-2273





## DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

### Standing up to corporate power in Honduras

The *People and Planet First* campaign is about helping communities stand up to corporate power.

In Honduras, as in much of the Global South, corporations often threaten and criminalize activists who speak up against their abuses.

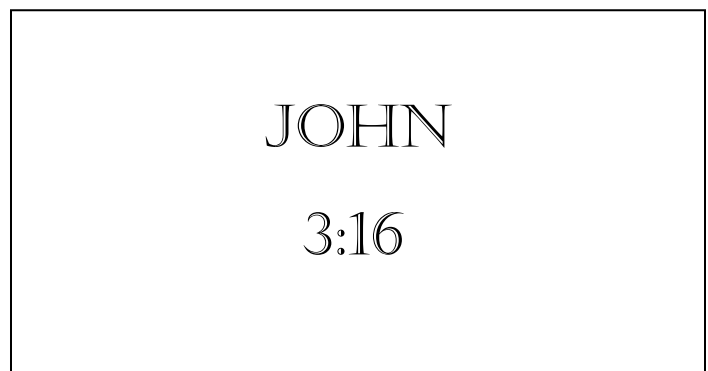
The Lenca Indigenous leader Víctor Vásquez was imprisoned for fighting the corporate takeover of his people's ancestral territory. Development and Peace's partner, the Honduran Centre for the Promotion of Community Development (CEHPRODEC), helped free him from jail.

Another partner, Caritas Choluteca, trains and accompanies community leaders in advocating for policies that respect human rights and the environment. Recently, they got mayoral election candidates to undertake to declare the municipality of Orocuina a mining-free zone if elected.

Read more about these people's victories in our Mini-magazine at Mass or at [devp.org/lent/resources](http://devp.org/lent/resources). **Next week, on Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace's *People and Planet First* campaign invites you to give from the heart and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transform the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.**

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

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