

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

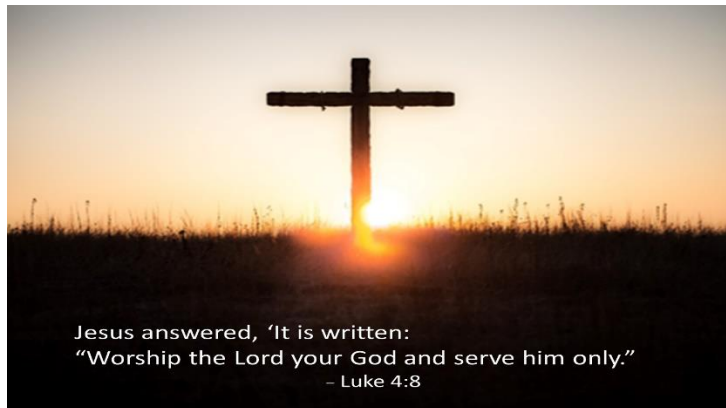
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March 6, 2022
First Sunday of Lent



[DT 26: 4-10; PS 91:1-2, 10-15; ROM 10: 8-13; LK 4: 1-13](#)

And so, it begins — the holy and, for some, daunting, season of Lent. This is the season in our liturgical year when the Church encourages us to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to help us enter more deeply into the mystery of our Lord's Passion and Death and to celebrate more fully His Resurrection.

Jesus, by His own example in today's Gospel, demonstrates the necessity of setting aside a period devoted especially to prayer and fasting as a means of strengthening our spiritual muscles. Just before the launch of His public ministry, He is "led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." In imitation of Jesus, we should ask the Holy Spirit to lead us into the desert, too — the desert of our interior lives where our thoughts and desires reside.

While our Lord was strong enough to withstand the temptations of the devil on His own, we most certainly are not! We must turn to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to show us where we need to grow, and then rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance throughout these 40 days of growth. Perhaps we will be led to take on a spiritual reading program, or a daily time of meditation on the Scriptures. Maybe we'll be inspired to fast from our favorite food or social media fix and find a project that serves the poor in this community.

If these spiritual exercises hurt a little, that means we are doing them right! At the end of this season, we will be prepared to enter into the grace-filled days of the Triduum and we will, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be resurrected as a new creation with our Lord come Easter. Let us begin!

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

February 27, 2022 - \$1,811.68

*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

***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 5- Special intentions
March 10- Andy Grenier INT
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

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).

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.**

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>

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
Immaculata High School	March 15	10:30 am - 1:30 pm
St. Joseph's School	March 8	10:30 am - 1:30 pm
OLOL School	March 9	10:30 am
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	March 9	4:00 pm- 5:30 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.



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.



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.

www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com
info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

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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 \$1,250.00. Remember that funds received over our Diocesan commitment of \$20,800.00 will be returned to us.



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

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