

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

Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available after the 10:00 am Mass on Thursday and Friday or by appointment

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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April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of the Lord



[ACTS 10:34A, 37-43; PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; COL 3:1-4 or 1 COR 5:6B-8; JN 20:1-9](#)

He is risen! He is truly risen! This is what the celebration of Easter is all about — the truth that Jesus was crucified for our sins and three days later rose from the dead, conquering death once and for all.

We know it's true, but this Easter Sunday, let's ask ourselves if we live as if it's true. Do we live as witnesses to the glorious reality of the Resurrection? A witness, of course, is one with first-hand knowledge. Our readings today focus not only on the Resurrection itself, but also on those who were witnesses to it.

In the Gospel, St. John describes the very first witnesses to the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene, John ("the disciple whom Jesus loved"), and Peter. Each had an individual "experience" of the empty tomb. Each went up close to see for themselves what Jesus' love had accomplished.

How can we as Christian stewards all these years later see for ourselves and so become His witnesses? We "see for ourselves" when we prayerfully read the Scriptures knowing they are a living love letter from God with a message to each one of us. We "see for ourselves" each time we receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist. We "see for ourselves" when we experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation. We "see for ourselves" when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we are imitating our Savior.

This Easter, resolve to live as if the saving power of the Resurrection is true. Experience Jesus for yourself every day from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen! He is truly risen!

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

April 10, 2022 - \$4,302.68
Development & Peace - \$10.00

*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.

Pilgrimage of Faith donations are also accepted with no password at etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org

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, Marilyn Slivinski

***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

April 16-Helen Curran INT
April 21- Mitch Martyna INT
April 22- Betty Klinger INT
April 23- Russell Family INT
April 28-Helen Curran INT
April 29- Lindsey Parlane and Tracey Jones INT
April 30- The Biollo family INT



FUNERAL SERVICE

There will be a Funeral Service for Philippe Bourbonniere, held here at St. Edward's Parish, next Saturday, April 23rd, at 11:00 a.m. May his soul rest in peace.

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 \$4,600.00. Remember that funds received over our Diocesan commitment of \$20,800.00 will be returned to us.



THE CANADIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), in collaboration with the Canadian Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox Churches, has issued an invitation to Christians in Canada to pray for peace in Ukraine and to ring church bells, at **noon (local time) on April 24** (Pascha or Easter Sunday on the Julian Calendar).

The invitation includes 3 prayer options that can be found at the following links:

English: <https://www.councilofchurches.ca/news/april-24-2022-prayer-for-ukraine-and-for-peace-for-the-world/>

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 or on-site April 29: Holy Child Church, Summerland BC. Pre-conference information: call/email Roy MacIntyre 1-778-740-0508 roymacintyre@shaw.ca or visit: <https://www.holyspiritbaptizer.com/conference>
Post-conference: talks on web.

THE GRIEF TO GRACE RETREAT

The Grief to Grace Retreat is scheduled for **May 25-29, 2022**. For more information call 250-878-7603 or email g2gkelownabc@gmail.com



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BURSARIES

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, paul.gabias@ubc.ca. All applications must be received on or before May 30th to be considered.

CATHOLIC FAMILY MINISTRIES

(CFM) would like to invite you to join us for the **Men of Integrity Conference** at Holy Trinity Parish, Spruce Grove, AB on April 29-30!. Archbishop Richard Smith, Fr. Paul Moret and André Regnier will inspire and challenge men to become the men God has called us to be. Invite others to join you! **Early Bird Registration Before April 25!!** More information can be found at: www.catholicfamilyministries.com



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, email us

at sjkoffice@cisnd.ca or call 250-763-3371.



IMMACULATA
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EST 1960

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 \$1000 (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.



CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH (CCO)

Do you want more out of your faith? Do you want to share your faith with others? Discover what's next in your journey with Catholic Christian Outreach. Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) is a university student movement dedicated to evangelization, living the fullness of the Catholic faith, and an emphasis on building leaders for the renewal of the world.

From May 8th to May 30th CCO will be hosting small group faith studies called Discovery. Discovery is a 6-hour program, broken up into separate lessons that will explore how to grow in faith, what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus, and how we can share our faith with the people in our lives. Regardless of where you're at in your faith, we want to invite you to participate.

More information and how to register will be coming soon.

For questions please contact Evalina Williamson at evalina.williamson@cco.ca or 613-484-8765.

THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH (CCO) KELOWNA MISSION

The Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) Kelowna Mission is set to begin in less than one month. And we need your help.

We have one mission leader, four more CCO staff, plus Lindsay Charland whom many of you know, 12 awesome students, and great expectations of what our Lord wants to do in the Diocese of Nelson. The CCO Mission team is working in coordination with the Bishop's office as well as CCO partner parish, Immaculate Conception to engage other local parishes, leaders in the diocese, and the students at Immaculata High School, among many other opportunities. They are so excited to come!

But, at this late hour, the team has not yet found a place to lay their heads. I'm asking you to consider if you might be willing to host a group of CCO staff/students in groups of two or more, for a stretch of time in May? I know it's just in a few weeks, but maybe the Lord is calling you to lend some space, somehow?

If you're open and willing, please respond using the following form: <https://forms.gle/PV3t676zeENyRbdT6>

Each of the twelve students coming on this mission have a call and good reason for wanting to be with you in Kelowna this May. They come from all over Canada. I had the chance to meet one of them, Christine, on campus at Concordia last month and she is dynamite! (She's Gabrielle Raymond's girl, so just imagine.) You can read their individual stories here:

1. Alex Stapleton - CCO	4. Daniel Horvath - CCO	7. Matthew Durand - CCO	10. Raquel Neeser-Carazo - CCO
2. Cassandra Werkman - CCO	5. Mari Chambers - CCO	8. Micaela Ayotte - CCO	11. Samuel Visser - CCO
3. Christine Esteron - CCO	6. Matthew Arthur King - CCO	9. Monica Nugent - CCO	12. Sarah Morrison - CCO

The CCO staff are: Evalina Williamson (Mission Leader), Michael Sloan, Dan Oberg, Katelyne Bohman and Amanda Ho. ([Our Missionaries - CCO](#))

All this to say, we really do need home-stay accommodations for the mission team from May 7-31 (May 4-6: group training). This is a real opportunity to connect with amazing individuals who are on fire with the Lord. The young people are such encouraging witnesses and are great role models for young kids in our Catholic families. How might God show up for you and your family in your generosity?

If you are able, please consider hosting a group of CCO staff and students. If you are unable, please consider passing this message along to someone you think might have space and could benefit from this kind of experience.

God bless,
X Bishop Greg



JOHN

3:16



Would you like to see your business advertised in our bulletin? Cost is \$100 per year or \$10.00 per month. Please contact the office.