

**Pastor: Father Gerald**

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**PARISH OFFICE**

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**Secretary:** Pat Robinson

**Parish Office Hours:**

**Tuesday to Thursday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**The office is now open to the public,  
masks must be worn**

**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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**Wednesdays at 2:00 pm**

**Thursdays and Fridays at 10:00 am**

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**RECONCILIATION**

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**Confessions are available after the 10:00 am Mass  
on Thursday and Friday 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

**ST. EDWARD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**11123 Okanagan Centre Road East, Lake Country, BC V4V 1H3**

**Phone 250-766-3146 Fax 250-766-3191**

**Website** <http://www.stedwardsparish.ca>

**Email** [st.edwards@shaw.ca](mailto:st.edwards@shaw.ca)

**May 15, 2022**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**



[ACTS 14:21-27; PS 145:8-13; REV 21:1-5A; JN 13:21-22A, 34-35](#)

Today's readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian stewards.

The Gospel from John includes this well-known verse: "My children...I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life. It sounds so simple. But simple does not necessarily mean easy.

How exactly is Jesus Calling us to love? As He, Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us. That is a tall order.

Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God to pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself.

And amid the inevitable challenging moments this way of life entails we can be assured that the Lord who loves us so much that He died for us and established the Eucharist to be our strength and nourishment, is right here with us every step of the way. As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's footsteps and in loving as He loves.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

## **PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS**

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

May 8, 2022 - \$4,589.68

Development and Peace - Ukraine Aid - \$150.00

Pope's Pastoral Work - \$20.00

\*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](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.

Pilgrimage of Faith donations are also accepted with no password at [etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto:st.edwards@shaw.ca)*

## **Mass Intentions**

May 6- Philippe Bourbonniere RIP

May 7- Don and Lucy Turri INT

May 13- The Tutt family INT

May 14- Special Intention

Please note another mass has been added to our weekday masses. Starting this week, weekday masses will be on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm and Thursdays and Fridays at 10:00 am.



## **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.



## **FATHER OTTO ROLLHEISER**

On May 9, 2022, Fr. Otto Rollheiser, OMI, passed away at St. Joseph Hospital in Vancouver. Fr. Rollheiser served in the Diocese of Nelson from October 1, 2007 until his retirement on June 30, 2014 at St. Theresa Parish (now Corpus Christi Parish) in Kelowna. Fr. Otto was born on March 21, 1938 in Fusilier, Saskatchewan. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 8, 1963 at the Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver for the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Fr. Otto served in Peru for 19 years, Burns Lake, BC for 7 years, Kitimat, BC for 6 years, Vancouver for 4 years and here in Kelowna for 7 years. The funeral Mass for Fr. Otto Rollheiser will be held at St. Augustine's Church, (2028 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver) on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Interment to follow in the Abby Cemetery. May Fr. Otto Rollheiser rest in the eternal Peace of Christ.

## **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, please contact Shelley Brodeur at [irhs.ahc@cisnd.ca](mailto:irhs.ahc@cisnd.ca).

## SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

COME AND SEE. The Secular Franciscan Order (a lay order) meets every second Sunday of every month at St. Charles Garnier Parish Hall at 12:30 pm. Join us as we follow the example of St. Francis of Assisi to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information phone Sandy Kavanagh at 250-212-3596.



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.

Did you know you can support St. Joseph Catholic School by purchasing gift cards?

The Cards for Kids program is a School Council fundraiser where proceeds go directly toward our operating budget. We purchase gift cards in bulk at a discount, so when you use them to pay for everyday expenses and gifts the school earns between 2 - 15% of the face value. The order form is now available digitally on our website

at <https://www.stjosephkelowna.ca/cards-for-kids.php>.



## 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](mailto:paul.gabias@ubc.ca). All applications must be received on or before May 30<sup>th</sup> to be considered.



## BISHOP THOMAS J.

## LOBSINGER, OMI MEMORIAL BURSARY PROGRAM

The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program is underway. The 2022 program is now

receiving applications. We are privileged to offer fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province of British Columbia. Applications are accepted from January 1, 2022 until June 30, 2022 with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference may be found on our web site ([kofcbc.org](http://kofcbc.org)) after Jan 1, 2022.

### **Requests for application should be addressed to:**

Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon

2809 Mara Drive, Coquitlam, BC V3C 5T9

Attn: Herb Yang, Bursaries Chairman

Or email: [herbykofc@gmail.com](mailto:herbykofc@gmail.com)

We would like to congratulate the many recipients once again over the past years and look forward to the opportunity to assist many more young people in the advancement of their education.

## CATHOLIC KIDS'

## CAMP FUNDRAISER

Three children from our parish are raising funds to attend wonderfully formative

Catholic camps, Arcatheos (boys) and Captivenia (girls) in Alberta this summer. They are seeking bottles to help achieve their goal of \$500 each. Please bring your returnable bottles to mass. A marked box will be outside the kitchen door for collection or they can be given directly Sunday mornings until the end of June. Thank you for your support of our youth!





## 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](mailto: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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250-255-7223

Email [g2gkelownabc@gmail.com](mailto:g2gkelownabc@gmail.com)

Website: [www.griegtograce.org](http://www.griegtograce.org)



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