

Pastor: Father Gerald

PARISH OFFICE

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

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 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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May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter



[ACTS 13:14, 43-52; PS 100: 1-3,5; REV 7:9, 14B-17; JN 10:27-30](#)

Throughout the Easter season, our readings have given us glimpses into the life of the newborn Church and the bold witness of the early disciples in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who would listen.

The disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life, and their example is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago.

In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we catch up with Paul and Barnabas in Antioch. While they certainly have some success in reaching many people there with the message of salvation, others are downright infuriated by their words and send them packing. Yet, we read that “the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” Overall, it seems as if Paul and Barnabas had failed in Antioch. But seeing failure has not robbed them of their joy. What’s more, they are filled to the brim with the abundant gifts of the Holy Spirit. How is this possible?

It is only possible because Paul and Barnabas saw themselves as nothing more and nothing less than stewards of Christ and His Good News. This realization brought them freedom — to offer themselves and their lives to others for the sake of the Gospel. The “results” of their efforts were up to God.

This Spirit-filled, joy-filled life is available to us all today. It can be achieved when we recognize, as did Paul and Barnabas, that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, meant to be shared with others for His glory. Of course, living as God’s stewards does not guarantee a life of ease or a life free of sacrifice. Sometimes the steward’s life involves challenges, requiring all the strength and love one has to give. In the end, there is simply no more satisfying way to live.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

May 1, 2022 - \$2,466.68

Holy Land - \$25.00

*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

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.

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

May 7- Don and Lucy Turri INT

May 13-The Tutt Family Intentions



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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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.

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>. Thank you for supporting our school!



The Grief to Grace Retreat is scheduled for **May 25-29, 2022.**

For more information call

250-878-7603 or email

g2gkelownabc@gmail.com



YOUTH OF THE DIOCESE OF NELSON

Join Pope Francis, and young Catholics from around the world for the 16th International World Youth Day Pilgrimage! World Youth Day is a week-long spiritual and cultural opportunity for youth and young adults to meet and gather for prayer and inspiration from Pope Francis and other Catholic leaders. Participants will grow in their faith and their appreciation for the power and presence of Jesus in the Church today. World Youth Day 2023 is from July 28, 2023, to August 7, 2023, in Lisbon, Portugal.

WYD is open to all young people who want to take part in a festive encounter centered on Jesus Christ together with their peers. This event is an opportunity to personally experience the universality of the Catholic Church, and to share with the whole world the hope of many young people who are committing their lives to Christ and His Church. World Youth Day is a unique way to deepen your faith and grow closer to Christ, through prayer and the sacraments, together with hundreds of thousands of other young people who share your interests and ambitions.

Cost \$ 4500 (Cad)

Interested in attending World Youth Day?

please contact:

Deacon Rod Attwell: rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org or call Phone: [\(250\) 448-2725](tel:(250)448-2725) ext 280

www.facebook.com/groups/wydnelson

MASS FOR THE UNBORN

Immaculate Conception Church will host the Annual Mass for the Unborn on Thursday, May 12, with Bishop Gregory as main celebrant. All local priests are invited to con-celebrate. Mass will be at 7 pm, followed with coffee and goodies in the hall. A video with Abby Johnson (Unplanned fame) will be presented. Resource tables from Pregnancy Care Centre, Rachel's Vineyard, and Kelowna Right to Life will be available. Please join us to pray for and support the sanctity of all human life and discover what you can do to support LIFE.

AID FOR UKRAINE

A DONATION TABLE FOR AID FOR UKRAINE will be available at the Annual Mass for the Unborn on **Thursday, May 12**. We continue the urgent appeal for **FIRST AID** items including First Aid Kits, gauze, bandages, tensors, burn cream, Lidocaine cream, Polysporin, Tylenol, Advil, surgical gloves, masks, ice and heat packs, multi-vitamins, Vitamin C, knee pads, sleeping bags, flashlights and batteries, diapers, wipes, powdered baby formula, food and pablum. Tables will be available in ICC church entrance and the hall at the reception following the mass. Thank you for your compassion and care during this time of crisis. God bless.



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 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!



OUR LADY OF FATIMA



In the village of Fatima, Portugal, on May 13, 1917, Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three peasant children: Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia, ages 10, 9 and 7, who were tending their family's sheep, when "a Lady in white, more brilliant than the sun," appeared to the children. From May through October, the Lady appeared and spoke to the children on the 13th day of each month. News of this began to spread throughout the region. The children said the Virgin told them that God had sent her with a message for everyone. She promised that God would grant peace to the entire world if her requests for praying the Rosary and repentance were obeyed. Many people believed the children had seen the Virgin, but others did not. It became known the Lady would visit the children for the last time on October 13, 1917 and had promised a sign to convince the world she had appeared. The region had been subjected to three days of heavy downpour, yet nearly 70,000 people journeyed through heavy rain and mud to witness the predicted miracle. Many intended to discredit the children's stories. Suddenly, the

"clouds separated and the sun appeared between them in the clear blue, like a disk of white fire." The people could look at the sun without blinking and while they gazed upward, the huge ball began to "dance." The fireball whirled rapidly, flinging out brilliant colors that reflected on the faces of the crowds. The fiery ball continued to gyrate in this manner, then seemed to tremble and shudder, and plunge toward the earth. The crowd was terrified, fearing this was the end of the world. However, the sun returned to its normal place in the heavens. After realizing they were not doomed, the crowd began ecstatically laughing, crying, shouting and weeping. Many discovered their previously drenched clothing to be perfectly dry. After "The Miracle of the Sun," the children were grilled many times about what they had seen and been told. Their story never changed. Our Lady's message to the world contained a frightening vision of hell, "where the souls of poor sinners go," and Our Lady pleaded for acts of prayer and sacrifice to save souls, with particular emphasis on praying the Rosary and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady also prophesied the outbreak of World War

II and the immense damage that Russia would do to humanity by abandoning the Christian faith and embracing Communists' totalitarianism. The third part was not revealed until 2000. Its revelation coincided with the *beatification of Francisco and Jacinta* (Lucia was still living). It did not contain a prediction. The vision affirmed the suffering endured by witnesses of the faith and the Church's continued struggle against secularism and anti-Christian movements with a call to prayer, praying the Rosary, and devotion to Our Lady.

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