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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Thursday and Friday at 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

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

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Eucharistic Ministers: June Bot

bot.june@icloud.com

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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

President: Michael Conyette, 250-308-4897

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Development & Peace

George and Karen Willoner, 250-215-5134

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September 25, 2022 Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AM 6:1A, 4-7; PS 146:7-10;1 TM 6:11-16; LK 16:19-31

We have all been given great power by God in the form of Time, Talents, and Treasure. Today's readings remind us that this power is meant to be used for great good. And, that failure to do so has eternal consequences.

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Luke.

We see the urgency for us to put our powers to good use in today's Gospel passage from Luke. Our Lord tells the rather chilling parable of the

rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man's death, he goes down to the netherworld while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his indifference towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out and now the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him.

Pursuit of God's kingdom and care for the poor are not trifling matters. Our Lord makes this clear to us over and over in the Scriptures and the constant teachings of our 2,000-year-old Church. We are free to ignore these teachings and live instead for ourselves. But there will be tragic results for us in the end. And, because we are made for eternity, living selfishly on this earth doesn't really bring us true happiness anyway.

So how can we use our great powers for great good? By embracing a stewardship way of life. By putting God first in all areas of our lives — in the way we spend our time, the ways we share our talents, the ways we give of our financial resources. Stewardship living calls us out of our comfort zone and into commitment to the Lord and the things that matter to Him.

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generous support of St. Edward Parish

September 18, 2022 – \$3,053.68

*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.

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

NEED A PRIEST?

If you need a priest <u>for emergencies or end of life call</u>, 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

Marilyn Slivinski, Diana Ostreig, Gabriel Lepage

**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

September 29 – Bev Kondra RIP





SPECIAL COLLECTION

The annual Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will be taken up this weekend, **24 and 25 September 2022**.

This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying,

teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada.

REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS

When leaving the church after mass and/ or Sunday coffee, please ensure all doors are securely closed behind you. Our security system will not activate properly if doors are left ajar. All parishioners going for coffee should exit through the kitchen door. Thank you for your assistance.



ST. EDWARD'S PARISH BRUNCH

St. Edward's Parish Brunch will be held next Sunday, October 2nd after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Served will be ham, waffles, eggs and fruit. Cost is \$10.00 for 12 years and over, \$5.00 for 6-11 years. Free for 5 years and under.

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 \$14,571.65. We still need \$6,228.35 to meet our commitment. Remember that funds received over our Diocesan commitment of \$20,800.00 will be returned to us. Pilgrimage of Faith donations are also accepted with no password at etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org



St. Joseph Catholic School welcomed back over 280 students from Grades Kindergarten to seven this week. We look forward to another amazing school year! The school is currently looking for a Class A (airbrakes) bus driver for Wednesdays and Thursdays (September to November and April to June) for our farm visits. If you are able to help out with this or provide any leads, please contact the school office at sjkoffice@cisnd.ca. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

STATUTORY HOLIDAY



September 30th has been declared a federal statutory holiday commemorating National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Therefore, parish offices and the Catholic Pastoral Centre will be closed on Friday, September 30, 2022. If possible, I encourage you to take in any events or

ceremonies marking this day in your community. Please be mindful that this day has been set aside to pray for our indigenous brothers and sisters and the need for truth and reconciliation amongst us all. □Bishop Gregory Bittman.

Rachel's Corner

"Like a ship's anchor hidden far beneath the water's surface, God is at work in our lives even when we don't see Him...even when we can't hear Him. So, when our faith falters, remember, we don't need to see, we don't need to hear, we just need to trust. Jesus is your anchor."

- June Hunt

Since your involvement in an abortion decision have you felt like you have been adrift in a sea of regret and anger, and you have no way to put that into words nor anyone you can tell about how it has affected you? Please join us on a Rachel Retreat and received a merciful touch from Our Lord.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273



Now accepting registrations for our Fall Retreat: October 21-23, 2022

Are you or someone you love suffering the heartbreak of an abortion experience? Take courage and consider attending a local Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Women, men, couples, grandparents are welcome. This retreat offers an opportunity to experience hope and healing. Call 250-762-2273 or email

<u>info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com</u> for information and registration. Visit <u>www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com</u>. Confidentiality assured.

LIFE CHAIN 2022

Life Chain 2022 The Kelowna Right to Life Society is hosting the annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 2nd at the corner of Harvey and Gordon. Participants are asked to meet behind the Dairy Queen at 1:45 pm to organize Life Chain Kelowna 2022. Visit prolifekelowna.ca, email kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com or call 250 870-4103 for more information.



PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 15, 2022, 11:30 am.

ICC Procession to Rowcliffe Park. Please plan to join us.

- Gather at Immaculate Conception Church at 11:30 am outside the front entrance.
- Procession on Sutherland to Rowcliffe Park (corner of Richter and Rowcliffe) at 11:40 am.
- Pray Public Rosary in the Park, Marian Hymns and singing at noon.
- Procession with singing, back to ICC at 12:45 pm.

Springfield Funeral Home presents

Catholic Estate and Funeral Planning

FREE Seminar with Complimentary Meal Thursday, October 20, 2022 5 pm St. Charles Garnier Parish Hall

> Guest Speakers Geoff White Geoffrey W. White Law Corporation

Father Cerloule Jimenez Immaculate Conception Parish

Heather Wipfli Planned Giving - Pilgrimage of Faith

Charlotte Lutzer Preplanning Director Springfield Funeral Home

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Due to the nature of the discussion, registration is limited to 18+

This seminar is for educational purposes only No sales or solicitation will occur.



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 October 11 - 15, 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 3:16



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