

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 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

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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

Gordon Joyce, (250) 766-8191

Development & Peace

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September 4, 2022

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

[WIS9: 13-18B; PS 90: 3-6,12-14, 17; PHMN9-10, 12-17; LK 14:25-33](#)

Today's readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship — the stewardship way of life — is the only life that can truly satisfy.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Christ says, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Our Lord is speaking here not of emotions but rather of priorities. He must come first in all aspects of our lives. Period.

He goes on. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." In other words, it's all or nothing. Compromise is simply not possible. Christ wants us to give all of ourselves, all aspects of our individual lives, our family life, our parish over to Him and to the pursuit of His kingdom.

And just when we think our Lord might soften His message to make it a little more palatable, He goes further! "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Why is our Lord being so demanding? Only because He knows us so well and loves us so much.

He knows that if we do not live by putting Him first before all else, we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down — our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker, and He made us for more.

We are made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way life allows us to count the cost, and then run after Him with all our might.

— *Stewardship Reflections* by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)



PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

August 28, 2022 – \$2,521.68

*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 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

Marilyn Slivinski, Elizabeth Sedmak,, Agnes Gregory Gabriel Lepage, Joyce Donahue, Helen Rowland

***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 1 – Janvier Bonneau RIP
September 2 – Special Intention
September 3 – Special Intention
September 8 - Kaye King Family INT
September 10 - Kaye King Family INT

NO WEEKDAY MASS ON FRIDAY

There will be no weekday Mass here this Friday, September 9, 2022, as all priests of the Diocese will be attending the funeral of Reverend Gordon Walker. The funeral will be held at St. Charles Garnier Parish at 9:00 am. with Bishop Gregory Bittman officiating. Fellowship after Mass In the parish hall. Father Walker ministered at St. Charles Garnier Parish between 1990 and 2003.

ST. EDWARD'S MEN'S ASSOCIATION AGM

St. Edward's Men's Association AGM will be held on Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00 pm in the hall. A social and supper before the meeting at 6:30 pm. All men of the parish are welcome.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The ministry schedule for the months of September and October 2022 is now on our website. It is also posted on the bulletin board in the entranceway of the church.

BOOKS FOR ONLY A DONATION

There are some books in the foyer of the church that you can have for only a donation. These books were left over from the St. Edward's Book Club. Your donation will help offset their cost of the books. Thank you.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE EPISCOPATE



Bishop Gregory Bittman will soon mark his 10th anniversary of Ordination to the Episcopate. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving, followed by fellowship in the hall, on **Monday, September 12 at 11:30am at St. Charles Garnier Parish in Kelowna.**

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 \$12,571.65. We still need \$8,230.00 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. PIUS X 45TH ANNUAL BAZAAR

Saturday, September, 24, 2022

8:00 am – 2:00 pm

1346 Grodon Drive

Christmas Table	Treasures
Quilt Table	Books
Baking Booth	Jewelry
Snack Bar	Tea Room
White Elephant	50/50 Draws
Face Painting	Children's Toys

Bring your reusable shopping bags!

ABORTION HEALING FALL RETREAT

Many women, men and couples, who have had an abortion experience, suffer emotional and spiritual pain, afraid to reveal their deep secret. 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 250-762-2273.



We are preparing for the fall with events and seminars that you, or someone you know, may find beneficial. www.springfieldfuneralhome.com/events; information regarding grief related seminars and groups may be found at www.springfieldfuneralhome.com/grief. Please register now for events that are of interest to you and share this information with others. Seminars are free and for educational purposes only. Our website is updated regularly and some information is still being confirmed. Save the dates on your calendar, check back regularly, or call Joanne Bonk at 250-860-7077 for more information.

August 24 - Pre-Need 101 - Basics of how to start estate planning to ensure your executors job is simplified, and decisions made reflect your wishes. Fourth Wednesday of each month – no registration required. *

September 16 - Loss of a Spouse Seminar

September 20 - Grief Share – 13 week grief support group - Tuesdays at 1:00 pm

September 21 - Live N Learn - Fraud Awareness with Roy Morgan of West Kelowna Community Police

September 28 - * Pre-Need 101



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



If the death of a loved one has left you searching for God in your grief, we are here to help. *Grieving with Great Hope* is a Christ-centered grief support group with an approach rooted in the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church. It uses prayer, scripture, reflection activities, faith sharing and fellowship to help you find Christ's consolation in your grieving.

Our 2022 Fall Session will run for 5 weeks, each Thursday, 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm from September 15th to October 13th, 2022, sessions will be held in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall.

If *Grieving with Great Hope* is for you or if you wish to learn more or to register, call ICC parish office (250.762.3910) or email Deacon Rod Attwell:

rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org

****Registration is required to ensure that a participant booklet and seat is available for you.**

Note: There are no fees for the sessions, participant booklet or journal.

ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7359



First Pancake Breakfast of the Season!!
Sunday, September 11, 2022. Pancakes with Blueberries and Cream Topping, Sausage, Fruit, Coffee, Tea & Juice.

Served from 8:30 – 11:30 am.

By Donation.

Thank you for helping the Knights help others.

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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