

**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**

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**WEEKDAY MASSES**

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**Thursday and Friday at 10:00 am**

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**RECONCILIATION**

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

**President:** Michael Conyette, 250-308-4897

**Email:** [mconyette@hotmail.com](mailto:mconyette@hotmail.com)

**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)

**November 27, 2022**  
**First Sunday in Advent**

**IS 2:1-5; PS 122:1-9; ROM 13: 11-14; MT 24:37-44**

Today we begin the beautiful season of  
Advent — a season of preparation.

For what are we preparing? The celebration of  
the birth of our Savior, and the anticipation of  
His second coming. These are weighty tasks  
with eternal consequences.



So, let us as Christian stewards make the words of the Prophet Isaiah  
our motto for the season: “Come, let us climb the Lord’s mountain to  
the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways and  
we may walk in his paths.” In the weeks leading up to Christmas, it  
seems everywhere we turn we are pushed to spend more, do more,  
entertain more, and generally rush around at a frantic pace — all to  
create a “perfect” Christmas day. In contrast to this worldly pressure,  
the Church’s guidance to use these weeks as a time to focus on our  
spiritual lives can indeed seem like a mountain climb.

But the intentional and wise use of the gift of time is exactly what the  
Christian steward is called to do, and with even greater intensity during  
Advent. How can we use our time to prepare for a holy celebration of  
Jesus’ birth on December 25 and for his second coming at a date we do  
not know?

We can push back against the world’s pressure to have the “perfect  
Christmas.”

Scale back on the material kind of gift-giving, the complicated menus,  
the unessential trappings of the season so that we have more time for  
the spiritual preparations: Confession, weekday Mass, adoration,  
family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, and acts of kindness. In  
the end, we will be prepared to celebrate a truly meaningful Christmas,  
we will have become more like our Savior, and we will be ready for  
Him to come again.

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

## **PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS**

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

November 20, 2022 – \$2,868.68

\*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](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**

Marilyn Slivinski, Diana Ostreig, Gabriel Lepage, Carmela DiMarco, Flo Walsh

*\*\*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**

November 26- Gaspar & Rosalina Timbrza RIP  
December 1 – Lindsay Parlane and Tracy Jones INT  
December 2 – Betty Klinger INT  
December 3 – Mary and Michael Martyna RIP  
December 8 - Alex and Betty B. INT  
December 9 - The Sampayan Family INT  
December 10 - Kathleen and Sollie Oddleifson RIP

## **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 \$16,871.65. We

still need \$3,928.35 to meet our commitment.

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

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## **ST. EDWARD'S MEN'S ASSOCIATION**

St. Edward's Men's Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the hall. There will be a social and supper before the meeting at 6:30 pm. All men of the parish are welcome. Please email Terry Wilson at [jeter@me.com](mailto:jeter@me.com) if you plan to attend.



## **ST. EDWARD'S PARISH BRUNCH**

St. Edward's Parish Brunch will be held next Sunday, December 4th after the

10:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us for ham & eggs, tomatoes, hash browns, coffee, juice, waffles, fruit and fellowship! Cost is \$10.00 for 12 years and over, \$5.00 for 6-11 years. Free for 5 years and under.

## **SPRINGFIELD FUNERAL HOME - EVENTS**

### **Christmas Candlelight Service –**

Christmas Candlelight Service is planned for Sunday, December 4th at 2:00 pm. We do not want you to miss this event so we are sending one more reminder as seating is limited. We often receive comments after this service how meaningful, appreciated, special or needed the service was in honoring their loss. This will be a time of quiet reflection, hope and healing; remembering loved ones through music, a candle lighting ceremony, photo tribute and messages of hope. Reception and light refreshments will follow. Personalized keepsake gift available. Please take the time to register at [www.springfieldfuneralhome.com/events](http://www.springfieldfuneralhome.com/events). If you have already registered, thank you.

Immaculata High School Fine Arts  
presents

## Christmas with the arts

Immaculata High School gym

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

6:30-8:30pm

Performance and Art by Grade 8, 9, & 10 Band,  
Grade 8 & 9 Drama, Grade 8 & 9 Visual Arts and  
Grade 11 & 12 Studio Arts. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Admission by Donation. Silent Auction of Artwork.  
Wine and appetizers, 50/50 draw and Bake Sale.



## THE FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT

During the first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the soon-coming birth of the King of Kings.

- The **1st Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.
- The **2nd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.
- The **3rd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.
- The **4th Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

## LITTLE FLOWERS OF ST. FRANCIS FRATERNITY

Men and women who wish to deepen their Catholic faith in the charism of St. Francis of Assisi are welcome to explore the vocation of the Secular Franciscan Order. Secular Franciscans are an Order within the Roman Catholic Church. The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity gathers monthly for prayer, formation, and fellowship. For more information, contact Sandy Kavanagh at: **250-212-3596.**



## ATTENTION ALL YOUTH & PARENTS

### Act now as Registration is closing\*

Join Pope Francis, and hundred of thousands young Catholics from around the world for the 16th International World Youth Day Pilgrimage! **World Youth Day 2023 is from July 25, 2023, to August 9, 2023, in Lisbon, Portugal.** Participants will grow in their faith and their appreciation for the power and presence of Jesus in the Church today.

WYD is open to all young people (18-35 years)\*\*, 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.

### For more information on registration, cost, itinerary please contact:

Deacon Rod Attwell:

E-mail: [rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org)

Text or Call: 250.212.3990

\*Registration is required immediately, as flights and accommodations must be booked. \*\*Minors (under 18 years) must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

[www.facebook.com/groups/wydnelson](https://www.facebook.com/groups/wydnelson)



## NORTH OKANAGAN DEANERY ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

| Parish/School                | Date        | Day       | Time               |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Immaculate High School       | November 29 | Tuesday   | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm |
| St. Joseph's School          | December 6  | Tuesday   | 10:30 am & 1:00 pm |
| OLOL School                  | December 1  | Thursday  | 10:30 am           |
| Our Lady of Lourdes Parish   | December 1  | Thursday  | 4:00 -5:30 pm      |
| St. Pius X Parish            | December 22 | Thursday  | 5:00 pm            |
| Corpus Christi Parish        | December 6  | Tuesday   | 6:00 pm            |
| St. Edward's Parish          | December 14 | Wednesday | 5:00 pm            |
| St. Charles Garnier Parish   | December 13 | Tuesday   | 6:30 pm            |
| Immaculate Conception Parish | December 15 | Thursday  | 3:30 pm            |

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