

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

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lauriergirard60@gmail.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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December 11, 2022
Third Sunday in Advent

[IS 35:1-6A, 10; PS146:6-10; JAS 5:7-10; MT 11:2-11](#)

Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day.

Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.



Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith, we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord... Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."

This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life. In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain.

We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

December 4, 2022 – \$2,912.68

*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

Diana Ostreig, Gabriel Lepage, Carmela DiMarco, Phillip Dos Santos, Art Fomey, Dionne Moores

***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

December 10 - Kathleen and Sollie Oddleifson RIP
December 15- Betty Klinger INT
December 16- Lucille Jakubec RIP
December 17- May Sirianni & Josephine Clyde RIP
December 22 – Coralee INT
December 23 – Tom Craig INT
December 29 – The Craig Family INT
December 30- Peter Van der Gulik RIP
December 31- Pete Weiler 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 \$16,671.65. We

still need \$4,128.35 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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IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A TAX RECEIPT FOR 2022, DONATIONS MUST BE IN BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Our Advent Reconciliation here at St. Edward's is this Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

2022/23 MISSALS AVAILABLE

Please *do not* remove the 2022/23 missals from the church pews. There are some missals available for purchase in the entranceway of the church. The cost is \$7.00 each.

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Anyone wishing to donate POINSETTIAS, in memory of their loved ones, for the Church at Christmas, may do so by bringing them on the weekend of December 17/18.



Once again, we have produced the *Journey through Advent* video series, which includes reflections on the Gospel readings of each Sunday in Advent. Originally proposed by the Executive Committee, *Journey Through Advent* is a joint project between the CCCB's *Office national de liturgie*, the *National Liturgy Office*, and the *Office for Evangelization and Catechesis*. The links to the videos, in [French](#) and [English](#), are released on the CCCB website each Monday for the upcoming Sunday celebration. We are very grateful to Bishop Joseph Dabrowski and Archbishop Paul-André Durocher for their generosity in preparing and recording these spiritual and pastoral reflections.

*St. Charles Garnier Parish
Advent & Christmas
Music Festival
Wednesday, December 14, 2022
6:30 pm*



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

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

*Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule
At St. Edward Parish*

*Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day – 10:00 am
Saturday, December 31, New Year's Eve – 6:30 pm
Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day – 10:00 pm*

Advent
Reconciliation



PARISH	DATE	DAY	TIME
St. Pius X Parish	December 22	Thursday	5:00 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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