

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

New Year's Eve, Saturday: 6:30 pm

New Year's Day, Sunday: 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

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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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

President: Michael Conyette, 250-308-4897

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Development & Peace

George and Karen Willoner, 250-215-5134

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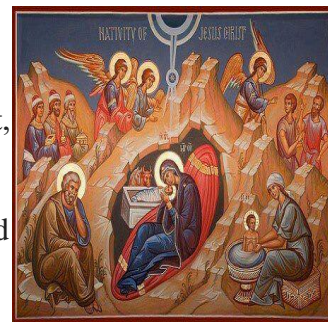
Email st.edwards@shaw.ca

December 25, 2022

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

IS 52: 7-10; PS 98: 1-6; HEB 1: 1-6; JN 1: 1-18

It is Christmas! Our Gospel reading on this festive holy day is the opening words of the Gospel of John. St. John says, "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him." That is why we



celebrate today. Pope Francis opened his

sermon on Christmas day last year by saying this: "In the darkness, a light shines. An angel appears, the glory of the Lord shines around the shepherds and finally the message awaited for centuries is heard."

At Mass on Christmas Eve we hear, "I proclaim to you good news of great joy; today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord." It is this joy we need to feel, this joy we need to carry to others. Many have expressed the joy of today. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said this about Christmas: "Joy is the true gift of Christmas. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we give will certainly come back to us... Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives."

The angel Gabriel greeted our Blessed Mother Mary with the Greek word, *Kaire!* That means "Be joyful." God is near us today; He is so near that He became a child. Let us take that joy and share it with others; let us take that joy and change our lives and the lives of others. When we say "Merry Christmas" let us mean it with every fabric of our being.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

December 18, 2022 – \$3,598.68

*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

NO WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK

There will be no weekday mass on Thursday, December 29th or Friday, December 30th.

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The ministry schedule for the months of January and February is now available on our website. It is also posted in the vestibule.

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 29 – The Craig Family INT
December 30- Peter Van der Gulik RIP
December 31- Pete Weiler RIP
January 5- Kay Saunders INT
January 6- Pat Tutt INT
January 7- Peter van der Gulik RIP
January 12 – Tom Craig INT
January 13 – The Craig Family INT
January 14- Tom Berchtold INT

2023 DONATION ENVELOPES

Your 2023 donation envelopes are ready to be picked up in the vestibule.

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.

BURYING THE DEAD

The following ink, bit.ly/cccb_buryingthedead provides a pamphlet called: *Burying the Dead, Grieving Well: A Guide for Catholics on Bodily Disposition and Grief*. The pamphlet proposes to the faithful and to all people of good will a reflection on the ways we treat the bodies of the deceased and live out our grief when faced with the death of a loved one. It deals with death and the various forms of bodily disposition, as well as the Catholic liturgical and pastoral practices that accompany the grieving process.



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

Rachel's Corner

"You can't keep birds from flying overhead. But you can keep them from building nests in your hair."

Ed Delph, *Learning How to Trust Again*

Have your memories, thoughts, and feelings about your loss due to an abortion decision been tormenting you with regret, shame, and sadness? Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and see how you are not alone on that, and how you can learn to not allow those things to take root in you, becoming a part of you, as you seek your healing.

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DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

What is COP 15? It is about protecting biodiversity and it's happening right now in Montreal. Biodiversity concerns everything we eat or drink, plants, animals, water, trees, medicines. We need to heed Pope Francis' call to all the churches to protect biodiversity in all we do and buy or don't buy. We can act by writing to our political representatives urging action, not just words. In Advent we are preparing for the coming of God into the world as a poor person, born in a stable, his parents almost immediately fleeing with him to Egypt as a refugees to protect the Saviour of the world, who promises to bring justice to the poor. We are Jesus' hands in this world. It's up to us to act. One useful action is to sign the Development and Peace petition for better laws for Canadian mining companies working outside of Canada—People and Planet First. Another is to write to your representative in Ottawa urging action on COP 15, not just promises. See the link below for prayers for this month.

<https://laudatosimovement.org/news/laudato-si-encounter-monthly-prayer-guide-december-2022/>

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.**



61st Annual Charity Appeal

Win \$100,000 in prizes
1st Prize 2023 Toyota RAV4
2nd Prize \$30,000
3rd Prize \$10,000
4th Prize \$5,000
5th - 14th \$1,000 each! –

Early Bird draws

Tickets only \$5.00

<https://kofcdraw.net/c6233>

Main draw: Saturday, January 28, 2023



A Prayer for Christmas

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen

Robert Louis Stevenson

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JOHN

3:16



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