

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

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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

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President: Michael Conyette, 250-308-4897

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December 4, 2022

Second Sunday in Advent

IS 11:1-10; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; ROM 15:4-9; MT 3:1-12

On this Second Sunday of Advent, our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans encourages us to focus our Advent preparations in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love.



This is the essence of Christian hospitality, a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us.

The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us stewards to answer the call of John the Baptist, in our Gospel passage from Matthew. His words apply just as much to us today as they did to the people awaiting the Savior's arrival. John says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" And he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." There is a definite connection between repentance and effective hospitality.

So how can we make repentance a regular part of our everyday lives? We can make an "examination of conscience" a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said "yes" to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will. We can (and should!) go to Confession this Advent. We can reach out to a family member or friend where there is distance or discord and make peace.

As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, and far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

November 27, 2022 – \$2,784.18

*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

***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 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

December 15- Betty Klinger INT

December 16- Lucille Jakubec RIP

December 17- May Sirianni & Josephine Clyde 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 PARISH BRUNCH TODAY



Our Parish Brunch will be held today, 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.

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.



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

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.**



BISHOP EUGENE COONEY

Bishop Eugene Cooney will celebrate his 91st Birthday on December 10! Join in to send birthday hugs to him. He will be thrilled to hear from you. Include your name and return address inside the card to enable him to correspond. Cards may be mailed to: Bishop Emeritus Eugene Cooney, Providence Care Centre, Suite # 138, 149 Providence Blvd. SE, Calgary, Ab. T2X 0X2



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."



NORTH OKANAGAN DEANERY ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Parish/School	Date	Day	Time
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 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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