

**Pastor: Father Gerald**

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**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](mailto:wandawirth@telus.net)

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday: 6:30 pm**

**Sunday: 10:00 am**

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**WEEKDAY MASSES**

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

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**RECONCILIATION**

Confessions are available after the 10:00 am Mass  
on Thursday or by appointment

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**CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Noreen Dunn: 250-766-3303

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**MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

**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**

**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**

**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

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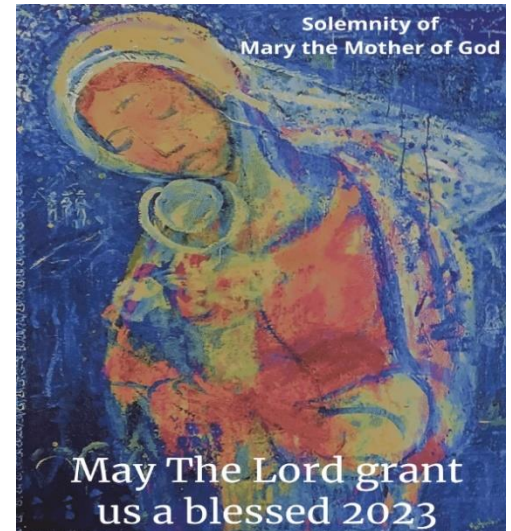
**January 1, 2023**

**Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**

**World Day of Peace**

**Today's Gospel Reflection: Luke 2:16-21**

New Year's Day is always a good time to start anew. It is actually the most opportune moment to reflect on what has happened in the previous year and to look forward to a better year. Why not start with how we related with God, with other people and with our own self? After all, it is these relationships that truly matter in our life.



In the gospel reading above, we see Mary the Mother of Jesus, reflecting things in her heart. We too are invited to do the same. Perhaps in the previous years we tended to react rather than reflect. Perhaps we were prone to judge or gossip rather than meditate and contemplate especially the Word of God. This new year can be a year of more reflection and hopefully we become wiser and thus, we will have better relationships.

With Mary, Joseph and the Child Jesus, we reflect on the status of families, our very own family most especially. We pray that this new year will bring about a new dawn of loving relationship between husbands and wives, between parents and children and between brothers and sisters.

With the shepherds in the above reading, we reflect on the kind of news that we hear and that we spread. May this new year be a year of Good News and less, if not nothing, of misinformation and disinformation. May we learn to bring joy to others rather than lies and deceit. The world today is full of treachery and a lot of people are in despair. May we be the "shepherds" who will spread hope and love to these people. In this way, we give glory and praise to God in heaven.

## **PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS**

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

December 25, 2022 – \$3,772.68  
Christmas Day Collection - \$7,156.30

\*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**

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](mailto:st.edwards@shaw.ca)*

## **Mass intentions**

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

## **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.

## **2023 DONATION ENVELOPES**

Your 2023 donation envelopes are ready to be picked up in the entrance of the church. **Please do not take/use envelopes that do not belong to you.**

If you would like a box of envelopes for 2023, please contact the office, [stedwards@shaw.ca](mailto:stedwards@shaw.ca) or 250-766-3146.

We also have the 2023 Calendars available, **with many thanks to Springfield Funeral home**. These are also in the entrance of the church.

## **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 link, [bit.ly/cccb\\_buryingthedead](http://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](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)

## Rachel's Corner

*"I am fortunate that my wife had been on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat several years ago. She had already helped me start the healing process. This was a beautiful finishing touch."* Testimonial

Some men are finding their finishing touch on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, and others are just beginning to open that door to see what's inside. Wherever you are on your journey, you are most welcome! Give yourself that chance! You deserve it.

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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





I said to the man who stood  
at the gate of the year,  
"Give me a light that I may  
tread safely into the unknown."  
And he replied:  
"Go into the darkness  
and put your hand  
into the hand of God.  
That shall be to you  
better than light  
and safer than a known way."

Minnie Louise Haskins

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## Office of the Bishop

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Christmas 2022

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*"To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Christ, the Lord." (Lk 2:12)*

This Good News of our salvation in Christ is once again proclaimed around the world. Although the Christmas story may seem ever old, we always celebrate it as something new, for Jesus' birth is all about new life and life to the full.

May our voices resound with the angels in heaven as we join in praise with them saying: *"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom He favours,"* (Lk 2. 14) as we celebrate the gift of Jesus and the new life He brings.

May the Christ-child shower each of you with His peace and His love -

✠ Gregory J Bittman  
Bishop of Nelson