

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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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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January 22, 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

IS 8:23–9:3; PS 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 COR 1:10-13, 17; MT 4:12-23



Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do – rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ. Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of

Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.” We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism, we, who were once in the darkness of original sin, have been reborn into the great light that is God's grace in us. We are cherished members of God's family. What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God as His good stewards to bring His Good News to all those we meet – at work, at school, in our community and right in our own home.

And there is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life as we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus says, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now – don't wait! In this same passage, the first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt “yes” when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to “Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.” They did not hesitate but “at once they left their nets and followed him.” They put our Lord and His will first. This is the essence of a stewardship way of life – to always be ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. Do I put God's kingdom ahead of any other goals or ambitions? Do I use my talents, skills, and energy to serve my family, parish and community for God's kingdom? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions to glorify God? We too are offered a glorious mission in service of our Lord and His kingdom. What will our response be?

Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

January 15, 2023 – \$2,348.73

*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/e-transfers donations

We now have our own email address for Interac/e-transfer 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



PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2022

A **HUGE** thank you to the parishioners who contributed to our 2022 Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal. Our grand total was \$35,221.65, \$14,421.65 over our commitment to the diocese of \$20,800.00.



ST. EDWARD'S MEN'S ASSOCIATION

St. Edward's Men's Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 24th 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 if you plan to attend.



ST. EDWARD'S PARISH BRUNCH

St. Edward's Parish Brunch will be held next, Sunday, January 29th 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.

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, 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

January 21- Peter van der Gulik RIP
January 26- Josephine Clyde RIP
January 27- Sheila Perry RIP
January 28- Peter van der Gulik RIP

CWL NEWS

Planning ahead to the CWL's annual 2023 fall bazaar. Think of us as you welcome the new year and each season. We are in search of items for the treasure and silent auction tables as well as current books for the book table. From now until the bazaar nearly new and new items can be given to a CWL member at Mass, dropped off at the office during office hours or by contacting Maria Matias at 250 766 5161 and or June Bot 250 448 6255. Those items we are unable to use are to be donated to a local thrift store.



**Ash Wednesday +
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH Perpetual Adoration Chapel



The Adoration Chapel is open to the faithful. We have spots that need to be filled. Please consider signing up for an hour.

Our Lord Jesus is calling you to visit Him in The Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

Scheduled hours available are:

Tuesday 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:00 pm (noon), 1:00 pm
Wednesday 2:00 am, 5:00 am, 1:00 pm
Thursday 5:00 am, 8:00 am
Friday 12:00 am, 3:00 am, 4:00 am, 5:00 am, 12:00 pm (noon), 11:00 pm
Saturday 4:00 am, 8:00 am
Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am
Please call Lorie at 250-448-5633

Rachel's Corner

"God takes pleasure to see you take your little steps; and like a good father who holds his child by the hand, He will accommodate His steps to yours and will be content to go no faster than you. Why do you worry?"
St. Francis de Sales- Feast Day January 24

Sometimes that is all one can do after a loss due to abortion: little steps in the right direction. Take heart! That is the beginning of your healing! You are not alone as you walk, and you will not be alone on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™. Join us! Why wait?

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WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

- FEBRUARY 11

Earlier this week, the Vatican released [Pope Francis' message for the 31st World Day of the Sick](#), celebrated each year on February 11, the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Holy Father's message is entitled: **"Take care of him" - Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing.** In light of the Church's synodal journey, Pope Francis invites us "to reflect on the fact that it is precisely through the experience of fragility and illness that we can learn to walk together according to God's style of closeness, compassion and tenderness." The World Day of the Sick resonates well with the recent CCCB publication on palliative care entitled [Horizons of Hope](#) which highlights the Compassionate Community approach. It is a good opportunity to encourage the faithful to discover this program at the local level. In addition, the CCCB Office for Family and Life has gathered and developed some resources to promote the World Day. A Google Drive folder is now available to support communications in our diocese/parish. The folder includes the CCCB press release that will be issued later today, the Holy Father's message, a video on the experience of accompanying a loved one through palliative care, graphics for social media and prayers for families and parishes.

In English: [Communications Toolkit - World Day of the Sick](#)

In French: [Trousse de communications – Journée mondiale du malade](#)

ABORTION HEALING RETREAT: Many women, men, couples & relatives who have had an abortion experience, suffer emotional & spiritual pain, afraid to reveal their deep secret. We invite you to come on a Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat where you will receive God's mercy, compassion & grace replacing shame, guilt, anger, & grief. Registering now. Confidentiality assured. Our next retreat is March 10, 11 and 12, 2023. For further information and/or to register please call or email us.

www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com, info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com, 250-762-2273



Now accepting registrations for our Spring Retreat: March 10 - 12, 2023

Are you or someone you love suffering the heartbreak of an abortion experience? Take courage and consider attending a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Women, men, couples or anyone affected by an abortion experience are welcome. This retreat offers an opportunity to experience hope and healing.

Call 250-762-2273 or email info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com for information and registration. Visit www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com. Confidentiality assured.

Healing the pain of abortion...one weekend at a time

Catholic Schools' Week - January 29 to February 4, 2023

Today we begin observance of Catholic Schools' Week across the province of British Columbia. On April 1, 2022, Pope Francis said the following in his address to the representatives of Indigenous Peoples in Canada, "*Dear brothers and sisters, it is my hope that our meeting in these days will point out new paths to be pursued together, instil courage and strength, and lead to a greater commitment on the local level ... to continue taking steps towards the transparent search for truth, and to foster healing and reconciliation.*" This year's Catholic Independent Schools theme is *Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation* and together, with over 22,000 students enrolled in 79 Catholic schools throughout the province, we celebrate the ways Catholic schools create environments where our Catholic story is shared and celebrated.

The Nelson Diocese currently enrolls 1238 students in 7 schools located in Penticton, West Kelowna, Kelowna, Trail, Nelson, and Cranbrook. During this special week student learning will be highlighted, our many accomplishments will be celebrated, and we honor all those staff members, parents, Council and Parent Group members, and pastors, who have contributed to our schools' level of excellence. These activities will indeed look somewhat different than in past years due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Our sincere thanks are extended to the many parishioners throughout the diocese for their ongoing support of Catholic Education through volunteer activities, donations, financial assistance. We continue to ask for your prayers for our schools, our parishes, and our Diocese. Feel free to visit the Nelson Diocesan Schools' website for more information about the schools of the diocese (www.cisnd.ca).

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