

**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)

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**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

**ST. EDWARD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**11123 Okanagan Centre Road East, Lake Country, BC V4V 1H3**

**Phone 250-766-3146 Fax 250-766-3191**

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**January 29, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Zep 2:3 – 3: 12-13; Ps 146: 6-10; 1 Cor 1: 26-31; Mt 5: 1-12A**

The Gospel Reading for today is what is popularly called the Sermon on the Mount. Many think it is the absolute epitome of Jesus' teachings. To be sure it tells us how we are to live our lives, the attitudes we are to have. We must remember that those who were waiting and hoping for the Messiah expected a military leader, one who would lead them in battle against their oppressors.



In His Sermon on the Mount Jesus gives a more accurate perspective of Who He is. He begins what we call the Beatitudes (the word means "blessings") with "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." In a sense we are all "poor in spirit." Without the guidance and strength provided us by the Lord there is no way we can escape this poverty of spirit, of spirituality, if you will.

That is why we often say that living God-centered lives is at the very core of stewardship. Being a disciple of Christ translates into being a steward of our many gifts and blessings. Some scholars believe that Jesus may have given this sermon often during His ministry. Those who followed Jesus and became the earliest Christians, the first members of the Church, were fond of quoting and referring to what the Lord said on this occasion. As stated, Jesus provides us with the secret of living a good life. If we rely on Him and follow Him, we will be blessed.

*Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

## **PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS**

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

January 22, 2023 – \$1,854.68  
Development & Peace - \$100.00

\*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, 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***

January 28- Peter van der Gulik RIP  
February 2- Mella Gray RIP  
February 3- Bill Wharton RIP  
February 4- George Kane RIP  
February 9- Mella Gray RIP  
February 10- George Kane RIP  
February 11- Helen Curran INT



## **ST. EDWARD'S PARISH BRUNCH**

St. Edward's Parish Brunch will be held today, 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.

## **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.



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## **CELTIC FUSION**



What is "CRAIC" you ask? It's the Irish word for **FUN**; entertainment, and enjoyable times!

**CELTIC FUSION** will supply all of the above and more!

You don't want to miss this family friendly entertainment .

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023**  
**Kelowna Community Theatre**  
**Doors @ 5:30 pm**  
**Performance @ 6:30 pm**  
**Tickets: \$33**  
**Available at: [BoxOffice@Kelowna.ca](mailto:BoxOffice@Kelowna.ca)**

Proceeds in support of Seton House of Prayer.



**Rachel's Vineyard**

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@rachelvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com) for information and registration. Visit [www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com](http://www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com). Confidentiality assured.

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

**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.

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### Rachel's Corner

*"I came here full of fear and discovered that I could release all my pain here, and now I feel an immense peace and relief. I have learned on this retreat, that I am worthwhile...what I did is in the past and does not define who I am."*

-Testimonial from Retreat

*Have you believed that your abortion experience defined who you were? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and release all that keeps you from His tender and merciful love, which is the only definition you need.*

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**Ash Wednesday +**  
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### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Earlier this week, the Vatican released [Pope Francis' message for the 31<sup>st</sup> 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](#)



**Ready, Set, Learn!**



**ST. JOSEPH**  
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
 Kindergarten Program  
 Expanding Learning Opportunities Beyond the Classroom

Do you have a child entering Kindergarten this fall? Would you like to know why St. Joseph Catholic School is a great choice for your family? Join us at our Ready, Set, Learn! Kindergarten sneak peek and discover why St. Joseph has the most innovative Kindergarten program in Kelowna! These interactive information sessions will take place on Thursday, Feb. 2nd at 3:30 or 5:00pm.

RSVP to [sjkoffice@cisnd.ca](mailto:sjkoffice@cisnd.ca) or 250-763-3371

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## 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](http://www.cisnd.ca)).

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