

**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

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**January 8, 2023**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

IS 60: 1-6, PS 72:1-2,7-8, 10-13; EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6; MT 2:1-12

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas season, we observe today the great Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word “epiphany” means manifestation and throughout the Christmas readings we have seen that the newborn King is eager to reveal Himself



to all those willing to accept His presence in their lives. From poor and humble shepherds to the international group of magi featured in today's Gospel passage, Jesus makes it clear that He offers Himself as a gift to everyone.

We also see throughout the scriptures that God uses what is familiar to us to draw us to Himself. In the case of the magi – astrologers – He uses a star. Our Lord continues to speak to each one of us today. But we must be alert to “hear” and “see” Him in our daily lives.

How can we become better attuned to the ways God is speaking to us? We must strengthen our spiritual “senses” by spending time with the Lord in prayer every single day. In the same way that we set professional goals or exercise goals, we can set spiritual goals to ensure that we are taking the time to listen intentionally to God daily.

When we establish a regular, intentional time for prayer, we will find that the Lord continues to speak to us throughout the day. We will more easily recognize the “stars” He places before us to draw us into closer relationship with Him. We will begin to see that He is indeed present in our lives at every moment.

*Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

## **PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS**

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

January 1 – \$2,672.23

New Year's Day Collection - \$1,775.00

\*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, 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**

January 7- Peter van der Gulik RIP

January 12 – Tom Craig INT

January 13 – The Craig Family INT

January 14- Tom Berchtold INT

January 19- Philippe Bourbonniere RIP

January 21- Peter van der Gulik RIP

January 28- Peter van der Gulik RIP

## **PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2022**



Thank you to the families who have made a gift to the year 2022 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 raised \$16,671.65. We are short

\$4,128.35 to meet our Diocesan commitment of \$20,800.00. Pilgrimage of Faith donations are also accepted with no password at [etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org)

## **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.

## **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.**





**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@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.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.

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## Rachel's Corner

*"I will deliver them from every place where they were scattered on the day of dark clouds I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest. The lost I will search out, the strays I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, and the sick I will heal;" Ezekiel 34:12,15,16*

After a loss due to an abortion decision, one can feel so very lost and in many ways. It is a wonderful thing to know someone is seeking you and wants to bind up your wounds and wipe away every tear. Our Lord wants to embrace you and hold you tight so you can know His mercy. Will you allow Him?

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## 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:**

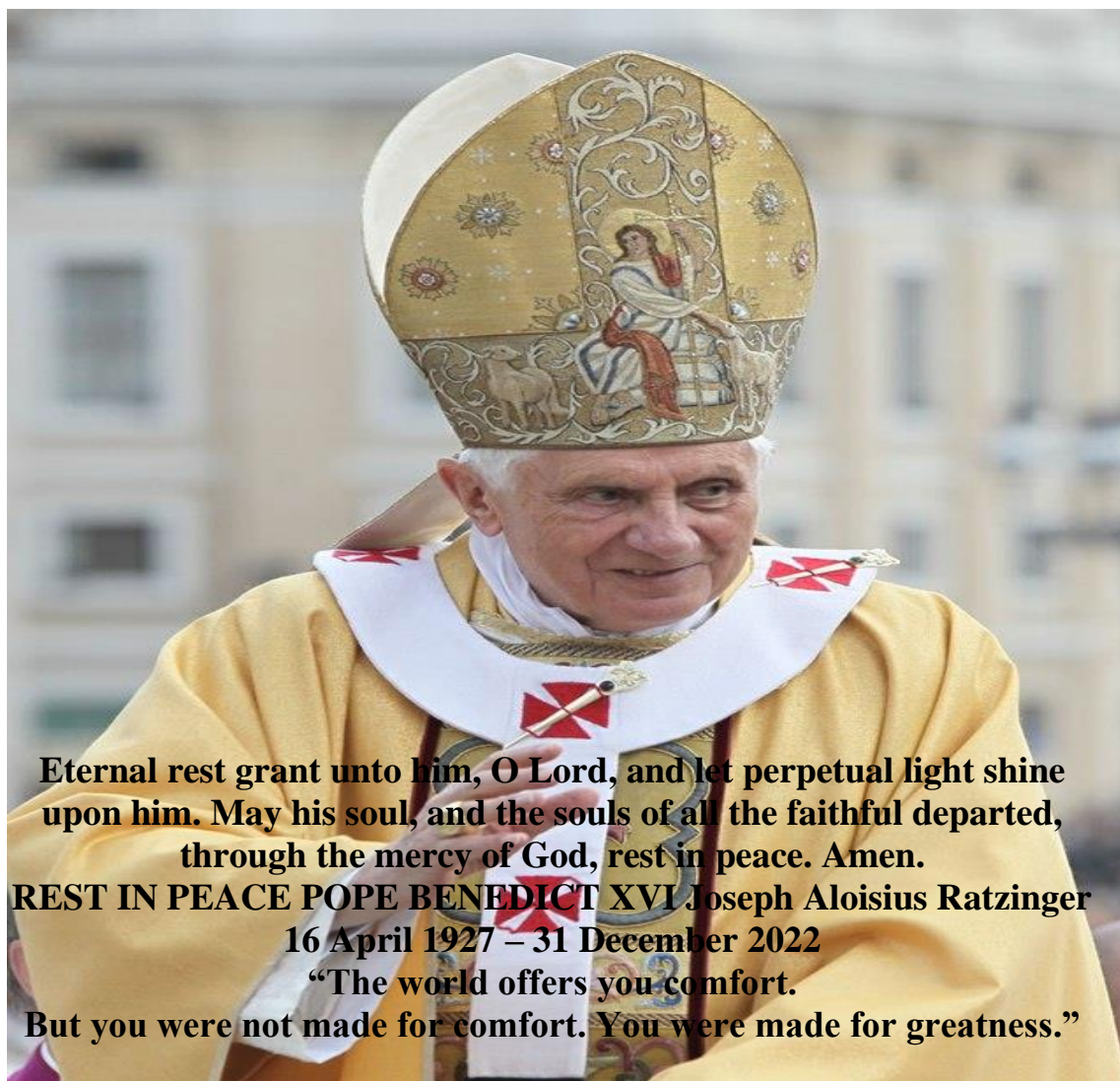
Deacon Rod Attwell:

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)





**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

**REST IN PEACE POPE BENEDICT XVI Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger**

**16 April 1927 – 31 December 2022**

**“The world offers you comfort.**

**But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.”**

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