

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

Altar Society: Constance Gregory (250) 765-2879

Benevolent Fund: Bob Sellinger, 250-766-5990

Greeters and Ushers: Larry Girard

lauriergirard60@gmail.com

Lectors (Readers): Sue Taylor jaytaylor@telus.net

Eucharistic Ministers: June Bot

bot.june@icloud.com

Music Ministry: Vera Gervais, 250-766-2250

Outreach: Shelly Twerdochlib, 250-766-0202

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

Email: mconyette@hotmail.com

Development & Peace

George and Karen Willoner, 250-215-5134

ST. EDWARD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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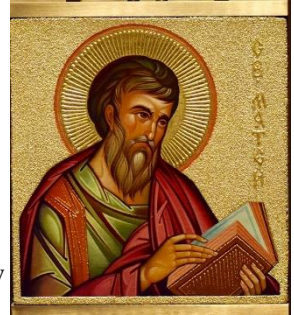
Email st.edwards@shaw.ca

February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SIR 15:15-20; PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 COR 2:6-10; MT 5:17-37

Today's readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card — or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day?



Our first reading, from the book of Sirach, teaches that our good God has given us freedom to make this choice — “Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.”

The concept of stewardship helps us to live out the fundamental choice to put God first. Stewardship is not meant to be a mere external exercise that we participate in on an occasional basis. It is meant to be embraced as a way of life a life that involves a continuous conversion of heart.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus illustrates the difference between an external observance of the law and a true conversion of heart, saying, “You have heard that it was said... you shall not kill... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.” Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms, that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others.

In the week ahead, let us examine the state of our hearts to ask ourselves if we have chosen to allow stewardship to become a way of life for us. Only then we will experience its true depth and heart-changing possibilities. The choice is ours.

Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

February 5, 2023 - \$2,929.68

*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, 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

February 11- Helen Curran INT
February 16—Helen Curran INT
February 17- Sheila Perry RIP
February 18- Gotlieb Binner RIP
February 23- Gotlieb Binner RIP
February 24- Helen Curran- INT



WITH SYMPATHY

The parish extends our deepest sympathy to the family of parishioner Tony Lopes. May he rest in peace in the eternal light of God.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Your 2022 income tax receipts are ready to be picked up in the vestibule.

DONATIONS FOR TURKEY AND SYRIA

There have been several enquiries about parishioners wanting to make donations for assistance to Turkey and Syria. Please see the links below.

Development and Peace: [Development and Peace – 55 years of solidarity. \(devp.org\)](http://DevelopmentandPeace.org)

Red Cross: [Helping To Strengthen Resiliency - Canadian Red Cross](http://HelpingToStrengthenResiliency-CanadianRedCross.org)

Tax receipts are issued directly to the donor from these organizations. Also, any donations made through the Red Cross are matched by the Canadian Government.



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

ABORTION HEALING SPRING RETREAT: Many women, men, couples and grandparents who have had an abortion experience, suffer emotional & spiritual pain, afraid to reveal their deep secret. We are now registering for our Spring Retreat Weekend. Come and experience God's mercy, compassion & grace replacing shame, guilt, anger, & grief. Confidentiality assured. www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com, info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com, 250 -762-2273

OKANAGAN IRISH SOCIETY PRESENTS

CELTIC FUSION

Are you ready for

CRAIC

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

Proceeds in support of Seton House of Prayer.



LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

(Registration closes February 22nd)

Join Pope Francis, and hundred of thousands young Catholics (18 – 35 years old) from around the world for the 16th International World Youth Day Pilgrimage! **World Youth Day 2023 is from July 24, 2023, to August 11, 2023, in Lisbon, Portugal.** Participants will grow in their faith and their appreciation for the power and presence of Jesus in the Church today.

Return flight (from Kelowna to Lisbon), simple accommodations, most meals, WYD registration fee: \$2900.00 per person

Deacon Rod Attwell:

E-mail: rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org

Text or Call: 250.212.3990

GRIEF TO GRACE



Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured

physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse find healing. The next retreat is May 23 – 27, 2023 in Kelowna. For more information please email griegtograncelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

CHABC's \$500 Bursary for Graduating Students

The board of directors of the Catholic Health Association of BC is pleased to announce that it will grant a \$500 bursary to a graduating student who is enrolled in a Catholic secondary school or who is a member of a BC or Yukon parish and enrolled in a public secondary school or who is home-schooled. Interested students are invited to submit a 500 word essay to the Association by April 7, 2023, that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care. While in some places in our province public health care facilities have reduced or eliminated funding for spiritual, religious and pastoral care to patients and residents, the provision of this service is recognized in our Catholic and other faith-based care facilities as a core service. There is a recognition that care and attentiveness to spiritual health is an integral part of holistic care. In your essay, please explain why you believe that care for the spirit is just as significant as care for the body, and why spiritual care is particularly important in tending to the sick and dying, to their families, and to those who care for them.

Applicants must demonstrate a clear understanding of spirituality in care as opposed to focusing on religious beliefs and services. Essays must be sent by email to info@chabc.bc.ca. Applicants must include a return address as well as information about the school he or she attends and the date and place of their graduation ceremony. We require all of this information before submissions will be considered. Emailed submissions must be sent prior to midnight on April 7, 2023. A committee of the CHABC board of directors will evaluate all submissions that are received by the specified due date and announce the recipients of the bursaries before May 5, 2023.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 61ST ANNUAL CHARITY WINNERS

Draw Date January 28, 2023

2023 Toyota RAV4 – Reno Ouano

\$30,000.00 – Guillermo Francisco

\$10,000.00 – Joseph D'Souza

\$5,000.00 – Susan Dievert

For all the early bird winners go to kofccharity.ca

Happy Valentine's Day

Hi Families!

It's time to get excited! This February, we're super happy to announce a retreat experience especially for our youth!

On the weekend of February 17th – 20th, The Catholic Parishes of Penticton will be welcoming a travelling retreat team from NET Canada (National Evangelization Teams). NET is a reputable company with teams in many countries, who specialize in connecting with youth and bringing them a meaningful, Christ-centered experience. Whether your child is a practicing Catholic/Christian who is looking to take the next step in their faith, or one who doesn't know Jesus, but is looking to better understand their identity and purpose in life, this retreat will be impactful! As a youth coordinator who has been getting to know this role, this team is on a whole different level! I highly recommend signing up if you can.

This weekend will be broken into two different retreats: One for our junior youth (grades 6-9) and one for our senior youth (grades 9-12). Notice that grade 9 is in both categories. This is because for this border-age, I would like them to choose whether their experience would be more impactful with the younger group, or with the older group.

The junior youth retreat will run Friday, Feb 17th 5:30pm -10pm and Saturday, Feb 18th, 9am – 3pm
The senior youth retreat will run Saturday, Feb 18th 5:30pm – 10pm and Sunday Feb 19th 8:30am – 2:30pm

All meals and costs associated with this retreat are being covered by the Catholic Parishes of Penticton, it's affiliate groups, and individual donations. So, there is no cost for your child to attend! There will be plenty of fun, plenty of growth, plenty of meaning... there's no down side. And if they really can't come for both days, please at least come for one.

For this event, I will require a formal registration, as there are multiple meals to plan and I have to give the retreat team numbers ahead of time.

Please register as soon as you're able at this link <https://forms.gle/qLrKPsfSCCDu48Xb8>

Looking forward to being a part of a really great thing for our youth. Please email me if you have any questions.

Trevor Buller.
Youth Coordinator
Catholic Parishes of Penticton



JOHN
3:16



Would you like to see your business advertised in our bulletin? Cost is \$100 per year or \$10.00 per month. Please contact the office.