

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

Ash Wednesday at 6:00 pm

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

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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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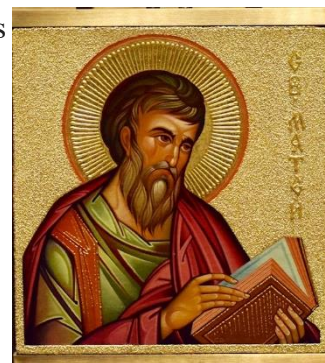
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

LV 19:1-2, 17-18; PS 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 COR 3:16-23; MT 5:38-48

“So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Talk about setting the bar high!

This verse at the end of today's Gospel passage from Matthew sets the tone for all of the readings this week.

The stewardship way of life, giving away the best of our time, talents and treasure to God for His glory and for the sake of others, is the path to holiness. Yet, it appears utterly foolish in the eyes of many.



Our Lord gives us several illustrations today of this “foolish” concept: “When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well... love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” This is the kind of action and attitude that will make us “children of our heavenly Father.” This is the high bar of holiness to which our Lord is calling us.

If your lifestyle and your priorities look a little foolish to the world around you, know that you're probably doing it right in God's eyes. At the same time, you will be filled with a peace that the world around you desperately needs. And your stewardship way of life may just draw those around to the heavenly Father and a life of holiness, too.

So, with God's grace, we can confidently press on in the stewardship way of life, aiming to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Our all-holy God desires it and deserves nothing less.

Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

February 12, 2023 - \$2,924.03

*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
February 25 – Tony Lopes RIP

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is on February 22, 2023. Mass and the distribution of ashes will be held at 6:00 pm.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the cross will be held every Friday evening at 6:00 pm throughout Lent.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Lenten Reconciliation at St. Edward's will be held Wednesday, March 15 at 4:00 p.m.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

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



CWL MEMBERSHIPS

Membership fees for 2023 are due this month. We welcome and encourage all ladies of St. Edwards to join this national organization of Catholic women. Dues (\$42.00) may be dropped in the collection basket marked "CWL". For more information on membership and upcoming events, contact Marian, Jan King, or any CWL member.



ST. EDWARD'S MEN'S ASSOCIATION

St. Edward's Men's Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21st 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, February 26th 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.



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 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.



World Wide Marriage Encounter is hosting a weekend retreat April 14-16, 2023 in Kamloops! Come join us to live your best life in love, renew your marriage and rekindle romance. For more information and to register visit: Behold Vancouver website: <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/virtual-worldwide-marriage-encounter-8#overview>

Registration closes Mar 28, 2023 check out the WWME video on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/VvQUEZ35Ufg>

PERPETUAL ADORATION AT ICC



Regular, scheduled hours available are:

Sunday	7 am, 9 am & 3 pm
Tuesday	7 pm
Wednesday	2 am, 5 am
Thursday	5 am
Friday	5 am
Saturday	4 am & 8 am

HOST FAMILY NEEDED

"Host family needed for refugees from the Ukraine. A couple and their 7 year old son are coming to Canada mid March and are in need of housing for a few months to assist while they settle in the area. Preferably within walking distance to a bus stop. If you have some extra space and are able to assist, please contact Mary Anne Woytuik at 250-300-9116 for more information. Thank you for your consideration".

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 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

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: DONATIONS FOR TURKEY & SYRIA

The [Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) (CCCCB) has issued a press release that supports the emergency aid campaign in response to the devastating earthquake that struck Turkey and Syria on February 6, 2023. The earthquake has caused widespread damage and claimed over 42,000 lives, a toll that is expected to rise significantly. Donations are accepted through the following platforms:
online <https://www2.devdp.org/en/civicism/contribute/transaction?reset=1&id=3&gl=2y0x0>. Please select "Emergency - Earthquake Turkey/Syria" in the drop-down menu.

Development and Peace: [Development and Peace – 55 years of solidarity. \(devdp.org\)](https://www2.devdp.org/en/civicism/contribute/transaction?reset=1&id=3&gl=2y0x0)

Red Cross: [Helping To Strengthen Resiliency - Canadian Red Cross](#)

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.



CATHOLIC HEALTH
ASSOCIATION OF BC

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.



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