

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

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lauriergirard60@gmail.com

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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

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Development & Peace

George and Karen Willoner, 250-215-5134

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February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7; PS 51:3-6,12-13,17; ROM 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19;
MT 4:1-11

As we begin the beautiful and challenging season of Lent, our readings this week remind us why we need these 40 days so much. They also suggest a particular strategy we Christian stewards might take as we make the journey toward Easter.



Our first reading takes us all the way back to Genesis, reminding us of our Creator and the loving care and lavish gifts He gave to our ancestors, Adam and Eve. He created them out of pure love and provided abundantly for them.

Life was good in the Garden! Until the first couple allowed just a sliver of doubt in the goodness of God to enter their minds.

Swayed by the words of the serpent, they became ungrateful and distrustful despite God's great love for them and all the gifts of creation He had provided. Sound familiar? These are the same temptations that threaten to pull us away from God today.

Our Gospel passage from Matthew shows us by the example of Jesus Himself one way that we can attain spiritual strength and grow to become more effective disciples and stewards. In this passage, we find our Lord in the desert, fasting for 40 days and 40 nights. Like Adam and Eve, He is confronted by the evil one. But unlike our fallen parents, our Lord triumphs definitively over the devil's lies and sends him slithering away.

How did He do it? By knowing the Scriptures and by proclaiming them confidently. And by His perfect trust in the Father.

This Lent, let us embrace this 40-day spiritual reset. Let us prioritize our use of time by committing to prayerful study of the Scriptures and trusting more deeply in the Father's love. We will surely be better stewards by Easter.

Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

February 19, 2023 - \$2,177.38

*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, 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*

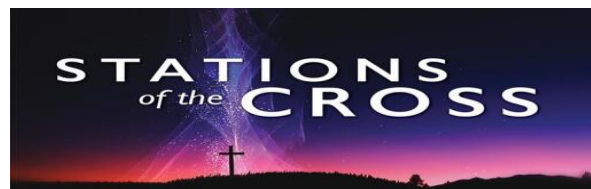
Mass intentions

February 25 – Tony Lopes RIP

March 2- Mr. & Mrs. S Prabakaran RIP

March 3- Mr. & Mrs. Srinivasan Murthy RIP

March 4- Markam Krishna Chelty RIP



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

LENTEN RECONCILIATION 2023

Lenten Reconciliation at St. Edward's parish 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 PARISH BRUNCH

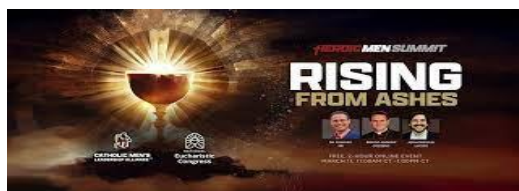
St. Edward's Parish Brunch will be held today, Sunday, February 26th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us for ham & eggs, tomatoes, hash browns, coffee, juice, waffles, fruit and fellowship! Cost is \$10.00 for 12 years and over, \$5.00 for 6-11 years. Free for 5 years and under.

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".



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 on March 10-12, 2023. Come and experience God's mercy, compassion & grace replacing shame, guilt, anger, & grief. Confidentiality assured. www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com, info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com, 250 -762-2273.



MEN SUMMIT RISING FROM ASHES

Free, 2-hour online event, March 11, 11:00-1:00 CT. Lent begins with ashes, reminding us of mortality, and the call to penance. But it is also a call to rise, rise to greatness. Dr. Edward Sri, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, and John Michael Lucido are coming together to challenge our thoughts on the Eucharist. How we can see it as a source of transformation and power. Join thousands of men in this free event. Never look at lent the same again. It's time to rise. Register free today, visit heroicmen.com.



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>



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - CARITAS CANADA

A Movement of Solidarity

Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice.

With the help of our 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change. Our Lenten campaign, *Stand for the Land* focuses on people's defence of their territories in Colombia and Honduras. To learn more about our movement and to join us, visit devp.org.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: DONATIONS FOR TURKEY & SYRIA

The [Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](http://www.cccb.ca) (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.devp.org/en/civicrm/contribute/tranfact?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. \(devp.org\)](http://devp.org)

Red Cross: [Helping To Strengthen Resiliency - Canadian Red Cross](http://www.redcross.ca)

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.

NORTH OKANAGAN DEANERY LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Parish/School	Day	Date	Time
Immaculate High School	Wednesday	March 1	10:30 am & 1:00 pm
Corpus Christi Parish	Wednesday	March 1	6:00 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes School	Thursday	March 2	10:30 am
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Thursday	March 2	4:00 pm – 6 pm
St. Charles Garnier Parish	Thursday	March 9	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
St. Joseph's School	Tuesday	March 14	10:30 & 2:30 pm
St. Edward Parish	Wednesday	March 15	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
St. Pius X Parish	Thursday	March 16	5:00 pm
St. Francis of Assisi Parish	Thursday	March 23	3:30 - 5:00 pm
Immaculate Conception Parish	Thursday	March 30	3:00 pm



JOHN

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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.