

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

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MINISTRY COORDINATORS

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lauriergirard60@gmail.com

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bot.june@icloud.com

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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

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

CWL

Marian Podgornik, 778-480-6444

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February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

IS 58: 7-10; PS 112:4-9; 1 COR 2:1-5; MT 5:13-16

Today's readings are part pep talk and part marching orders for us Christian stewards. They offer wonderfully clear guidance on what matters most to God in the way we prioritize our lives and the way He intends for us to use the gifts He has given us.



The first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, gives us very straightforward instructions: "Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own." The Lord gives no wiggle room here — care for our brothers and sisters in need is a "must do" for the Christian steward.

But note how generous our God is to us when we do these things. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your wound shall quickly be healed." The more we give ourselves away the more we will find ourselves, and "light shall rise" for us in the form of more of God's grace in our lives and more joy and peace in our hearts.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew sends us out on our stewardship way with a bang as Jesus declares to us, His disciples, that we are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." But, He adds, salt no longer gives flavor if allowed to go stale — light cannot bring its blessed brightness if left hidden. Therefore, we must act! We must live our lives so that others will see the things that we do — the ways that we serve others, care for the vulnerable, prioritize our family relationships and above all, our love for God — and then give Him glory.

This is the stewardship way of life. Let's give it our all!

Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

January 29, 2023 – \$2,459.28

*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 4- George Kane RIP
February 9- Mella Gray RIP
February 10- George Kane RIP
February 11- Helen Curran INT
February 16—Helen Curran INT
February 17- Sheila Perry RIP
February 18- Gotlieb Binner RIP

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

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

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Earlier this week, the Vatican released [*Pope Francis' message for the 31st 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](#)

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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

Proceeds in support of Seton House of Prayer.



Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program

The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program is

underway. The 2023 program is now receiving applications. We are privileged to offer fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province of British Columbia. Applications are accepted from

January 1, 2023 until June 30, 2023 with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference may be found on our web site (kofcbc.org) after Jan 1, 2023.

Requests for application should be addressed to:

Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon
2809 Mara Drive, Coquitlam, BC V3C 5T9
Attn: Herb Yang, Bursaries Chairman
Or email: herbykofc@gmail.com

Deadline for requests for application is June 1, 2023.

We would like to congratulate the many recipients once again over the past years and look forward to the opportunity to assist many more young people in the advancement of their education.



Each issue of *Living with Christ* contains:

- Liturgical calendar of the month
- Editorial from Gilles Mongeau, SJ
- The order of Mass
- Spiritual reflections for each Sunday
- Calendar of saints, their biographies and a saint's quote each day
- Prayer in the morning
- Prayer in the evening
- Prayer for Home and School
- Bulletin Board of community events

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THE STORY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

On February 11, 1858, a “young lady” appeared to 13-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. One of Bernadette's chores was to collect wood for the fire. Bernadette and two companions headed off to the Gave River to collect pieces of wood. The two companions ran ahead and left Bernadette

struggling to keep up. As Bernadette was taking off her shoes to make her way through the river, she was startled by a peculiar wind and rustling sound. Bernadette looked up towards the grotto and the caves on the riverbank. Near the opening of the grotto, she noticed the cave was suddenly filled with golden light. Lifting her eyes, she saw a lady of great beauty, dressed in a pure white robe with a blue sash, a rosary clasped in her hands and yellow roses at her feet. The beautiful lady smiled at Bernadette and asked her to say her Rosary but when she finished, the lady had vanished.

Bernadette returned there the next Sunday and again saw the beautiful lady. The third time Bernadette went to the grotto, the beautiful lady asked Bernadette to come every day for 15 days; to tell the priests to build a chapel there; and to pray for the conversion of sinners.

Bernadette followed the requests, but the priests, town's folk, and her family doubted Bernadette's visions. On March 25, the Lady finally told Bernadette that she was Mary, the mother of Jesus, and that her purpose in appearing to Bernadette was to warn her to pray and make sacrifices for sinners. Bernadette's daily visits to the grotto caused quite a stir. Eventually, everyone believed her, and crowds of people began to gather and watch Bernadette as she obediently did the things the lady asked of her. They watched her scrape away soil beside the grotto until a spring of water started to trickle out. The grotto at Lourdes became a place of worship and the Lourdes Holy Water was sacred for performing healing miracles. The spring still provides 27,000 gallons of water daily.

Today, Lourdes remains one of the most frequented shrines in the world. More than 3 million visitors come each year to the Grotto where the Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette 18 times in 1858.

from Catholic News Agency

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/qLrKPsfSCDu48Xb8>

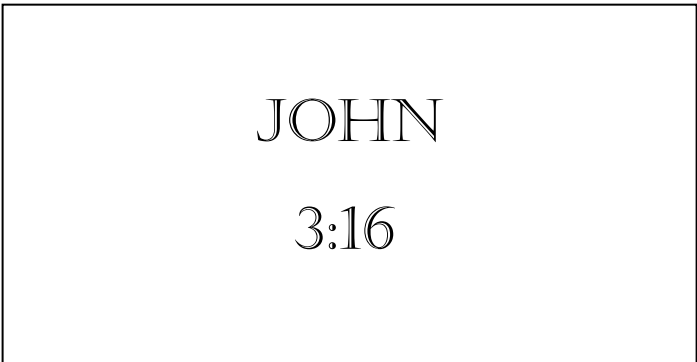
Looking forward to being a part of a really great thing for our youth. Please email me if you have any questions.

Trevor Buller.
Youth Coordinator
Catholic Parishes of Penticton



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