

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 and Friday or by appointment

LENTEN RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 4:00 - 5:30 pm

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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Website <http://www.stedwardsparish.ca>

Email st.edwards@shaw.ca

March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

[EX 17:3-7; PS 95:1-2, 6-9; ROM 5:1-2, 5-8; JN 4:5-42 OR JN 4:5-42](#)

Today's readings on this third Sunday of Lent present us with the theme of "thirst" and show us that a stewardship way of life can both satisfy our spiritual thirst for Christ and help us to satisfy Christ's thirst for souls.



Our first reading, from the book of Exodus, begins with the words, "In their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses." What little faith and lack of trust they show after all God has done to free them from slavery. But Moses cried out to God for help, and sure enough, God provided generously to satisfy their thirst. He continues to provide generously for us these many centuries later.

Our Gospel passage from John recounts the life-changing encounter Christ has with the Samaritan woman at the well beginning with His words to her, "Give me a drink." Then, He adds, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Christ is speaking the very same words to us today. These two verses encapsulate the call to stewardship. Christ asks us to "give him a drink" by sharing what we have with Him and with others for His sake. Yet, it is Christ Himself who provides the water — the living water that is His grace.

God has chosen to include us in His plan for bringing all people to salvation through Him. We live out our part in His plan through a stewardship way of life. This Lent, let us resolve to respond to His call with passion and commitment. Let us do our part to quench His thirst.

Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

March 5, 2023 - \$3,047.73

*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

Mass intentions

March 9 - Dan McNaught RIP

March 10 - Markam Krishna Chelty RIP

March 16 - Mr. & Mrs. S. Prabakaran RIP

March 18- Dean McNaught RIP

March 25- Terry and Noreen Dunn INT

March 30- Philippe Bourbonnier RIP



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

This year our Diocesan commitment is \$18,850.00 and anything over and above this will be rebated back to our parish. You can fill out your pledge card and drop it along with a cheque/cash in the collection, or donate via e-transfer to: etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org

We have already received \$3,200.00. Thank you so much for your generosity!



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Edwards - Wednesday, March 15th 4-5:30 pm

St. Pius X - Thursday, March 16th 5 pm

St. Francis of Assisi - Thursday, March 23rd 3:30-5 pm

Immaculate Conception - Thursday, March 30th 3 pm

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

The CCCB video series *Journey through Lent* will be available once again on the CCCB website. This year's Lenten reflections are delivered by His Eminence Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada, and the Most Reverend Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth.

English: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent-2023/>

Every Monday throughout Lent, a video will continue to be posted on the CCCB website in English and in French for the following Sunday's eucharistic celebration.

This video series, featuring reflections on the gospel reading for each Sunday of Lent, is a joint project of the *Office national de liturgie*, the *National Liturgy Office*, and the *Office for Evangelization and Catechesis* (English Sector).



CHRISM MASS

You are invited to the annual Chrism Mass at 7:00 pm on Monday April 3, 2023 at the Cathedral of Mary Immaculate in Nelson. Those who have registered for dinner are invited to a social get-together at 4:15 pm in the Catholic Centre at St. Joseph School. Dinner will follow at 5:00 p.m. We also invite all couples celebrating special wedding anniversaries (25,30,35,40,45,50 years and longer) to join us for dinner. In order to honour the jubilarians, it would be helpful if we had the names of the jubilarians who will be present by March 23. Also, in order to determine how many to expect for dinner, please notify St. Edward's Parish Office before March 23 if you plan to attend.



CWL FALL BAZAAR

Spring is on its ways! Please think of the CWL and their fall bazaar when spring cleaning and downsizing. We are in search of items for the treasure and silent auction tables as well as

current books for the book table. From now until the bazaar nearly new and new items can be given to a CWL member at Mass, dropped off at the office during office hours or by contacting Maria Matias at 250 766 5161 and or June Bot 250 448 6255. Those items we are unable to use are to be donated to a local thrift store.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

CONCERT, LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE

Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm in St. Edward's Parish Hall. Featuring a light lunch, bake sale, cake raffle and live Celtic music and singing by Ceol nah Eireann. Proceeds to support Seton House of Prayer. Sponsored by the St. Edward's CWL. Everyone welcome!



AID UKRAINE PROJECT

The Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kelowna is expanding it's. **AID UKRAINE PROJECT.** The current urgent need for medical assistance, facilities and equipment has prompted its latest appeal: **TO RAISE \$35,000. TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF AN**

AMBULANCE/ BUS FOR UKRAINE. Donations may be sent by cash or cheque to: Dormition of the Mother Of God Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1091 Coronation Ave. Kelowna. V1Y 7A8. Note on donation: Aid Ukraine. And by etransfer to: dormitionetransfer2020@gmail.com.

Income tax receipts will be issued.

Continued urgent need for First aid supplies of bandages, gauze, sterile gloves, pain meds, burn cream, Polysporin Cream, Lidocaine Cream, First Aid Kits, flashlights & batteries may be dropped off to the Ukrainian church, or to ICC office. God Bless your Lenten journey.

AN AID UKRAINE Display table will be located in the lobby of The Kelowna Rockets Hockey Game. Saturday, March 25 at 7 pm. at Prospera.



St. Joseph Catholic School Grade 1 students will be hosting our school mass at ICC on April 11th at 9:30am; please join us.



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>

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 griegtograckelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

OKANAGAN IRISH SOCIETY PRESENTS

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.



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - CARITAS CANADA

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - CARITAS CANADA: Colombia: defence of land and territory

Colombia is home to nearly 10 per cent of the planet's biodiversity, yet it is also one of the most dangerous countries for people defending their land and territory against exploitation. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, the *Asociación Campesina de Antioquia* (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia) supports peasant communities affected by armed conflict in defending their lives and territories and in building a culture of peace through filmmaking and art. This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Raquel Soto, a participant in ACA's documentary filmmaking school. Learn more at devp.org/lent.

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.devop.org/en/civcrm/contribute/transact?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.



JOHN

3:16



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