

**Pastor: Father Gerald**

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**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](mailto:wandawirth@telus.net)

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday: 6:30 pm**

**Sunday: 10:00 am**

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**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Thursday and Friday at 10:00 am**

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**RECONCILIATION**

Confessions are available after the 10:00 am Mass  
on Thursday and Friday or by appointment

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**CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Noreen Dunn: 250-766-3303

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**MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

**Altar Society:** Constance Gregory (250) 765-2879

**Benevolent Fund:** Bob Sellinger, 250-766-5990

**Greeters and Ushers:** Larry Girard

[lauriergirard60@gmail.com](mailto:lauriergirard60@gmail.com)

**Lectors (Readers):** Sue Taylor [jaytaylor@telus.net](mailto:jaytaylor@telus.net)

**Eucharistic Ministers:** June Bot

[bot.june@icloud.com](mailto:bot.june@icloud.com)

**Music Ministry:** Vera Gervais, 250-766-2250

**Outreach:** Shelly Twerdochlib, 250-766-0202

**Sacristans:** Lily Oddleifson (250) 766-4390

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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

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**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

**CWL**

Marian Podgornik, 778-480-6444

**St. Edward's Men's Association**

President: Michael Conyette, 250-308-4897

Email: [mconyette@hotmail.com](mailto:mconyette@hotmail.com)

**Development & Peace**

George and Karen Willoner, 250-215-5134

**ST. EDWARD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**11123 Okanagan Centre Road East, Lake Country, BC V4V 1H3**

**Phone 250-766-3146 Fax 250-766-3191**

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**March 19, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A; PS 23:1-6; EPH 5:8-14; JN 9:1-41 or JN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Lent are filled with contrasting images — God's vision versus human vision, the light of Christ versus the darkness of sin, spiritual blindness versus spiritual sightedness.



Embracing a stewardship way of life can free us from spiritual blindness, allow us to see as God sees, and help us to reflect the light of Christ's love in the way we live our daily lives.

Our Second Reading, from Ephesians, begins, "... You were once in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Because of our Baptism, we have the "light" of the Blessed Trinity dwelling within us. In the difficulties and messiness of daily life, it's easy to forget this glorious truth about ourselves. It can also be difficult to determine whether we truly are living in a way that reflects Christ's light.

The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the rightly ordered use of the gifts of time, talent, and treasure, gives us a guide we can consult on a daily basis to help ensure that we really are living as "children of the light."

In our Gospel passage from John, Christ restores sight to a man born blind. The man says that Christ "opened my eyes." These Lenten days are an excellent time for us to ask Jesus to open our eyes, too. Let us ask Him to show us where we may be suffering from spiritual blindness, perhaps even in subtle ways in our use — or misuse — of time, talent, and treasure.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let's intensify our efforts in any of these areas where we have become a little blinded so that by Easter, we are truly living as children of the light.

*Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

## **PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS**

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

March 12, 2023 - \$2,392.68

\*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](mailto: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](mailto: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 16 - Mr. & Mrs. S. Prabakaran RIP

March 17 – Ann Davies INT

March 18- Dean McNaught RIP

March 23 – Les McAdams RIP

March 25- Terry and Noreen Dunn INT  
(50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

March 30- Philippe Bourbonniere 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](mailto:etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org)  
We have already received \$3,200.00. Thank you so much for your generosity!



## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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



### **ST. EDWARD'S MEN'S ASSOCIATION**

St. Edward's Men's Association meeting will be held next Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 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 [jeterri@me.com](mailto:jeterri@me.com) if you plan to attend.



### **ST. EDWARD'S PARISH BRUNCH**

St. Edward's Parish Brunch will be held next Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **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 na hEireann. 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](mailto: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.



the  
**Catholic Independent Schools  
of Nelson Diocese**

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Superintendent of Catholic Schools
- Certified Early Childhood Educators (ECE)
- Certified Education Assistants

Please see our CISND employment page where these positions are posted

here: <https://www.cisnd.ca/employment.php>

### **WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

**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>**

### **2023 CATHOLIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE**

#### **COME WITH YOUR POWER AND MIGHT**

**April 21-22, 2023**

**West Kelowna BC - Our Lady of Lourdes Church.**

Join Fathers Obi Ibekwe and Gerald Sekanga as they examine the Word of God from Isaiah 61:1, "Rise up in Splendour! Your light has come. The Glory of the Lord shines upon you." Come, worship and rejoice in the Lord as we experience the Word of God, living and active in us, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Register April 21, 5-6:30 on site.

There is no registration fee, but a love offering will be accepted. Look for poster and brochure in your parish, or visit our

web: <https://www.holyspiritbaptizer.com/conference>

More information: call/email Marcia Lawrence 1 (250) 768-2546

[2samuel22.17@telus.net](mailto:2samuel22.17@telus.net)

All are welcome: Young adults (18-35) focus/program for children (4+)

Friday Dinner & Saturday Lunch provided. Closing mass: 5 p.m.





**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - CARITAS CANADA: *Standing for the Land* in Honduras**

Honduras’s diverse ecosystems, fertile lands and rich natural resources attract many profiteering enterprises that overexploit the land to no benefit for local communities. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada supports *Equipo de Reflexión, Investigación y Comunicación* (ERIC, Reflection, Research and Communication Team), an organization that helps communities in their struggle for land and territory and investigates human rights abuses.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Elvin Hernández, a human rights investigator at ERIC. Learn more at [devp.org/lent](https://devp.org/lent).

**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/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. \(devp.org\)](https://devp.org)

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.



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