

**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 or by appointment

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**LENTON RECONCILIATION:**

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 4:00 pm

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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

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

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**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**

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**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

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**March 5, 2023**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

GN 12:1-4A; PS 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 TIM 1:8B-10; MT 17:1-9

Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us, as Christian stewards, the motivation to continue our 40-day journey toward deeper holiness.



The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable home and way of life, he recognizes that all he has is a gift from God, puts his trust in God, and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, and the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus, when our Lord reveals Himself in His true glory and the Father says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The apostles who witnessed this were awestruck. But our loving Savior reassured them saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us take these two verses, "Listen to him," "Rise, and do not be afraid" to heart. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others — and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us.

*Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

### **PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS**

*Thank you for your generous support of  
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February 26, 2023 - \$2,217.68

\*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 9 - Dan McNaught RIP

March 10 - Markam Krishna Chelty RIP

March 11 - 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**

Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal launches this weekend. This annual appeal provides funding for capital project rebates, catholic education, social and pastoral programs, and many other key services in our Diocese as well as to our parish. This year our goal 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 \$900.00. Thank you for your generosity.

### **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.

### **JOURNEY THROUGH LENT**

As Lent has begun, I wish to inform you that 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.

The videos for **Ash Wednesday** and for the **First Sunday of Lent** will be posted on the CCCB website, as well as the diocesan website.

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

French: <https://www.cecc.ca/evangelisation-catechese-et-education/ressources-video/cheminer-ensemble-durant-le-temps-du-careme-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).



### **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](http://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>**



This is an invitation to Development and Peace's virtual workshop for our Share Lent campaign. This year's theme is *Stand for the Land*. The meeting will take place at 6:30p.m. PT on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. **Please feel free to extend this invitation (and Zoom link) to anyone in your network!** Here is the link to register for the workshop:

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZMvdeGprjktHdAjFIHw5HAX35Bhp5o7zyh>**

## **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - CARITAS CANADA**

### **The courage to Create Hope**

To delegates at the 4th World Meeting of Popular Movements, Pope Francis said, "...you have the ability and the courage to create hope where there appears to be only waste and exclusion."

These are the words that inspired the choice of "Create Hope" as a five-year guiding theme at Development and Peace — Caritas Canada. The courage to Create Hope is rooted in actions big and small - for to drive away anguish and despair, it is best to act. Every action we take has a positive effect on us, our neighbours, our great human family, our children and their descendants. What will you do this Lent to Create Hope? Join our campaign at [devp.org/lent](http://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.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.



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](mailto:griegtograckelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.



## NORTH OKANAGAN DEANERY LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Parish/School	Day	Date	Time
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



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