

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

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Noreen Dunn: 250-766-3303

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Altar Society: Constance Gregory (250) 765-2879

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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

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President: Michael Conyette, 250-308-4897

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Development & Peace

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April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

[ACTS 2:42-47; PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 PT 1:3-9; JN 20:19-31](#)

The Christian steward approaches life with an “Easter vision” rooted in gratitude for the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today’s readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday teach us how this approach plays out in daily life and remind us that we can have complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, to heaven.

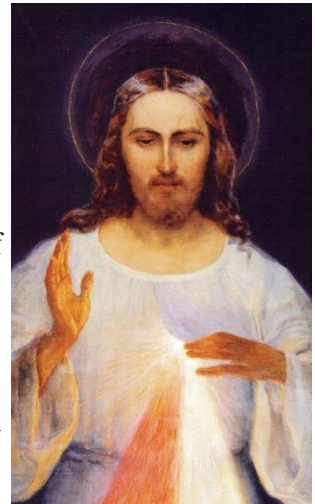
Certainly, it is challenging to live for heaven when the things of the earth — job stress, family crises, health troubles, political strife — loom large on the horizon. We can find ourselves becoming cynical like the Apostle, Thomas, in our Gospel passage today — until he had an encounter with the merciful Savior. We all recall the famous line from Thomas, who was not present with the other Apostles during Jesus’ first appearance after the Resurrection. Beaten down by the events of the last several days, Thomas refuses to believe that the others had indeed “seen the Lord” as they claimed.

Thomas stubbornly declares he would not believe their story about the Lord unless he placed his finger into the nail marks and his hand into His side. Yet, these doubts did not repel our Lord. They actually drew Him to Thomas in an extraordinary way. Our merciful Lord saw that beneath the hubris in Thomas’ statement were pain and disappointment. Our Lord is mercy itself. And so He did not condemn Thomas, but calmed his doubts and fears, and allowed Thomas to actually touch those Sacred Wounds.

What amazing grace.

When we are tempted to give in to doubts about our faith for whatever reason, all we need to do is seek the Lord — in prayer, in the sacraments, through the encouragement of our Christian communities — and just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.

Catholic Stewardship Consultants



PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

April 9, 2023 - \$4,179.53

Good Friday - \$1,476.10

*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, Agnes Gregory

***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

April 15- Donald Biner RIP

April 20 Anne Davies INT

April 21- Tracey Jones & Lindsey Parlane INT

April 22- Philippe Bourbonniere RIP

April 28- Tracey Jones & Lindsey Parlane INT

April 29- Betty Klinger INT

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 \$4,235.00. Thank you so much for your generosity!

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

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

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



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

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

PARISH YOUTH DAY

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is organizing a **Parish Youth Day on April 29, 2023, Saturday, from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm.** The activity is dubbed as "RUAH" living the spirit of God. The activity was organized with the help of Youth for Christ from Vancouver to encourage young people to get involved in the Church and know that they are not alone on their faith journey. This is open for Grade 7 to 12 students. See [stedwardparish.ca/bulletin/parish youth day](http://stedwardparish.ca/bulletin/parish%20youth%20day). In Christ through Mary, Br. Ferdinand



Ferdinand Bayarong

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"Loving Jesus with the Heart of Mary"



LIVE-IN RETREAT

Live-In Retreat at Seton House of Prayer, Kelowna.

A "Getting to Know Jesus"

Retreat,
May 19th to 21st:

The whole purpose of the Live-In is to lead those who come to a deeper personal

relationship with Jesus Christ. People who make the Live-In seem to always experience "Jesus as someone real". They experience a new peace and deeper faith. Many people say that during their Live-In, they have received a whole new outlook on life, an understanding of God's love for them, and a new desire to pray and read scripture. The program involves a series of instructions and slides on the basis of Christian life. There are a variety of speakers from all walks of life. It is Roman Catholic funded and based. It includes the celebration of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Come and see..... Brochures and Application Forms are available in the vestibule of the church. For more information, call Lily Oddleifson at 250-766-4390.

OKANAGAN IRISH SOCIETY PRESENTS

CELTIC FUSION

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What is "CRAIC" you ask? It's the Irish word for **FUN**; entertainment, and enjoyable times!

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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.

MARK THE DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023 ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE

"STAND FIRM" is the national theme for the 2023 Canadian March for Life! Join us at Immaculate Conception Parish for Mass celebrated by Bishop Gregory Bittmann at 7 pm. Following mass there will be coffee and a presentation in the hall. This theme from Ephesians 6:14 strengthens us against the backlash to the overturning of Roe V Wade in the US, and the increasing expansion of Euthanasia and MAID in Canada. Do not be afraid. **STAND FIRM.**



SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

COME AND SEE. The Secular Franciscan Order (a lay order) meets every second Sunday of every month at St. Charles Garnier Parish Hall at 12:30 pm. Join us as we follow the example of St. Francis of Assisi to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information phone Sandy Kavanagh at 250-212-3596.

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

We are pleased to inform you that the next phase of the 2023 Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit tour in the Okanagan and the Kootenays, will be hosted by Immaculate Conception Church | 839 Sutherland Avenue | Kelowna BC, from April 19th to April 23rd, in the Parish Hall.

EXHIBIT SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, Apr. 19th — Friday Apr. 21st	9:00 am — 4:00 pm 6:30 pm — 8:30 pm
Saturday, Apr. 22 nd	9:00 am — 4:00 pm 6:30 pm — 8:30 pm
Sunday, Apr. 23 rd	9:00 am — 3:30 pm

PRESENTATION SCHEDULE:

“The Holy Eucharist: God’s Lamb”
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday evenings starting at 6:30 pm

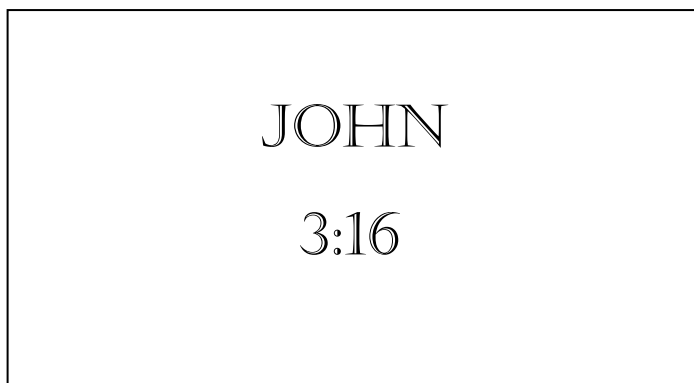
With an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions, the exhibition presents some of the principal Eucharistic Miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world, and which have been recognized by the Church.

The exhibition has already visited well over 3000 parishes in Italy, the USA, Canada and in many other countries as well and has been translated into [numerous languages](#).

All are welcome!



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