

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

Benevolent Fund: Bob Sellinger, 250-766-5990

Greeters and Ushers: Maxine Joyce at

g.joyce@hotmail.com

Lectors (Readers): Sue Taylor jaytaylor@telus.net

Eucharistic Ministers: June Bot at

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

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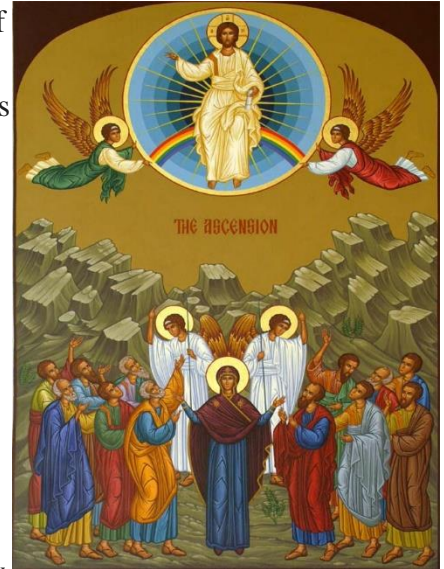
Email st.edwards@shaw.ca

May 21, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord

ACTS 1: 1-11; PS 47:2-3, 6-9; EPH 1:17-23; MT 28:16-20

Today, we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord, that glorious moment when Jesus, 40 days after His resurrection, was lifted up — quite literally — into heaven, as the apostles watched in stunned amazement. It is recounted in both our first reading, from Acts, as well as the Gospel passage, from Matthew. It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness.



But the first reading tells us that the apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long. “While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?’”

In other words, “Don’t just stand there, do something!”

This verse is a call to each one of us Christian stewards this very day. We have been given every grace and blessing through the Mass and all of the sacraments, through the Word of God, the rich teachings of our faith, and even our talents and our material possessions.

And like those first apostles, we are not meant to just stand here but to do something with these gifts — in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us. We are called, just as much as the first apostles “to be [His] witnesses... to the ends of the earth,” not with our own power, but through the power of the Holy Spirit in us.

Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

May 14, 2023 - \$2,637.68

*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

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, Agnes Gregory, Claire Schaff

***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

May 20- Duvan Astaiza INT

May 25- Felipe Astaiza RIP

May 26- Tracey Jones and Lindsey Parlane INT

May 27- Clara Inez Beca INT

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a second collection taken up today, Sunday, May 21st, for The Pope's Pastoral Works. Canadian Catholics are asked to give generously to this papal collection, which is passed on to the Holy Father for his use among those stricken by natural disasters.

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 \$6,985.00. Thank you so much for your generosity!



ST. EDWARD'S MEN'S ASSOCIATION

St. Edward's Men's Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd 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 if you plan to attend.



ST. EDWARD'S PARISH BRUNCH

St. Edward's Parish Brunch will be held next Sunday, May 28th after the 10:00 am Mass.

Please join us for ham and 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.



CWL FALL BAZAAR

If the urge has hit you to spring clean and are looking for a place to donate those nearly new and new items along with current books think of the CWL's fall bazaar. From now until the bazaar 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. The items we are unable to use are to be donated to a local thrift store.

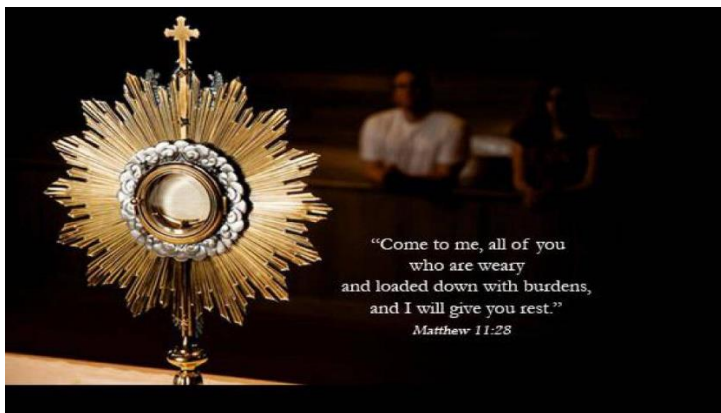
The staff and students of St. Joseph Catholic School invite you to join us for our last two school masses of the year - May 25th and June 23rd, both at 9:30 at ICC.



GATHER IN THE SPIRIT


FUN, FELLOWSHIP, FRIENDS: "FOR YOU ALONE ARE HOLY, YOU ARE GREAT AND DO MARVELLOUS THINGS."

Come! Join us in Kelowna, August 13-18, as we Gather in the Spirit, at Seton House of Prayer. Up-and-coming Catholic speaker Pauline Dumas McGrath is passionate about seeing every person become empowered and fully alive! Inspired with insights from the Holy Spirit, Pauline's unique style combines personal testimonies and creative practical applications which enhance her gift of teaching. Pauline will lead us to partner with the Holy Spirit to be activated in His Gifts and bring God's love to others, often with signs and wonders following! To register, contact Maria McManus 1-250-707-1423, or at untamedspirit@telus.net Early Bird Rate: closes June 17, and is \$675 with accommodation at Seton House, (limit 50 people). Commuter rate is \$325. From June 18-July 22, the rate with Seton House is \$725 and \$375 for commuters. Limited financial assistance is available from Pilgrimage of Faith, \$225 for Seton House and \$108.33 for commuters, please confirm with registration. Posters and brochures contain detailed information, and are in your parish and on the web: <https://www.holyspiritbaptizer.com/gathering-in-the-spirit>



SUMMIT: AN EVENING OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, June 3 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration with music, short talks, prayer, and reflection. Priests will be available for reconciliation. All ages and all parishes welcome!




SANCTITY OF LIFE VIDEO SERIES
continues @ ICC on the following dates.


WED. MAY 24:
6:30 pm 1 hr. Video
MELISSA OHDEN.
Late term abortion survivor
shares her story and
Healing ministry

THURS. JUNE 1:
6:30 pm Video
DR JOHN BRUCHALSKI,
his personal conversion story
from abortionist to
pre-eminent PRO LIFE Ob/
Gyn. An inspirational story of
love & redemption!

Coffee & goodies! Everyone welcome!



Interview with
Melissa Ohden
Survivor of attempted saline
abortion and founder of
The Abortion Survivor's Network



TWO PATIENTS
My Conversion from Abortion
to Life-Affirming Medicine
Dr. John Bruchalski
with Elise Daniel

SANTACRUZAN 2023

The Filipino Community of The Catholic Parishes of Penticton, will be hosting the Flores de Mayo Festival this May 2023. It is a festival to show our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a month-long festival devoted to the Blessed Mother where we will offer prayers, rosaries and a novena in her honor. Flower offerings will be done before Sunday masses by children during this month. The Santacruzán is the pinnacle of the month-long festival. It can be described as a sort of religious historical beauty pageant. It is held to commemorate the discovery of the Holy Cross, where Jesus was crucified and died, by Saint Helena the mother of Constantine the Great who became the first Christian Roman Emperor. The Santacruzán is a procession of young ladies as queens representing the titles of the Virgin Mary. This year the Santacruzán will be held on Saturday, May 27th, 2023, at 2:30 pm at St. Ann's Parish (1296 Main St., Penticton). A Mass will be held after the procession. The Mass will be presided by Fr. Obi and several priests from the diocese. A fellowship and gathering with a potluck dinner will be held in the Parish Hall after Mass. Please bring your favourite dish. It will be a time for "fiesta" with food music, and games for the kids and young at heart. Join us as we celebrate the rich Filipino traditions and culture. Limited spots available. Please get your free tickets after the 6pm Mass or by calling the Parish Office at 250-492-3169.

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson
Executive Assistant**

The Diocesan Office, situated in Kelowna, BC, is seeking a professional **Executive Assistant** to provide exceptional administrative support to the Bishop in a professional, courteous and efficient manner.

Located in the beautiful Okanagan and Kootenay regions of British Columbia, the **Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson** ministers to approximately 78,000 Catholics through 31 parishes and 10 mission parishes.

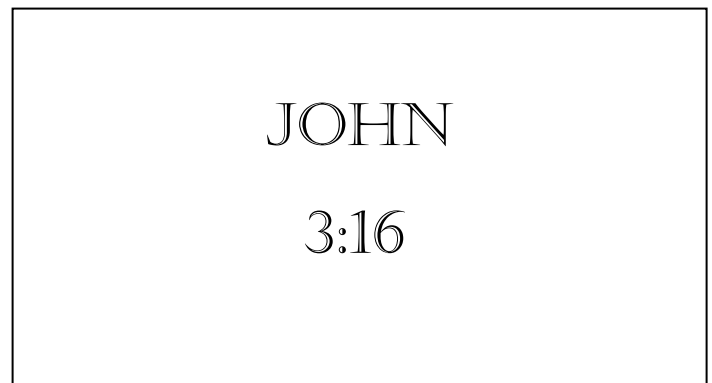
Reporting to the Bishop, the Executive Assistant maintains positive, open communication with staff, parishioners, parishes, schools, community members and service providers. Outstanding customer service skills are required to excel in this position. Additionally, the candidate has:

- Minimum of 5 years' experience as an administrative assistant, preferably at the executive level
- Excellent organizational, interpersonal and communication skills
- Sound knowledge of the Catholic Faith with demonstrated respectful and pastoral sensitivity to Catholic beliefs and practices
- Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality, discretion and compassion
- Strong organizational skills that reflect an ability to prioritize and perform multiple tasks with an excellent attention to detail
- Solid computer skills including Microsoft Office and utilization of social media platforms
- Knowledge of website maintenance and Adobe Photoshop considered an asset
- Professional demeanor and attire
- Ability to represent the Diocese of Nelson professionally in all circumstances

Interested applicants are invited to submit a cover letter, **resume and 3 reference letters, including pastor reference**, to info@nelsondiocese.org by **May 30, 2023**. **Electronic submissions only please.**

All things being equal, active members of the Roman Catholic Church will be given preference. We thank all applicants for their interest. Please note that only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Would you like to see your business advertised in our bulletin? Cost is \$100 per year or \$10.00 per month. Please contact the office.