

**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:** Maxine Joyce at

[g.joyce@hotmail.com](mailto:g.joyce@hotmail.com)

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

**Eucharistic Ministers:** June Bot at

[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**

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

**Email** [st.edwards@shaw.ca](mailto:st.edwards@shaw.ca)

**May 7, 2023**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

[ACTS 6:1-7; PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 PT 2:4-9; JN 14:1-12](#)

The readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter present us with themes of dwelling places and home. As Christian stewards, we are well aware that this world is not our permanent home. We are merely pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life to our true home, heaven.



Yet, as we make our way to heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here — whether we are in a household of one or bursting at the seams — a true “domestic church.” In other words, the stewardship way of life begins long before we set foot on the parish grounds. Stewardship starts at home. It begins with our families — our domestic churches.

The domestic church plays a key role in our sanctification because it is the primary place where we practice intimate and selfless love of other persons.

In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” This is a beautiful image of the glory that awaits us and the personal love our Lord has for us in preparing the perfect “spot” for each one of us who remain faithful to Him.

Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making our homes true “domestic churches” where we honor God with our prayer, our thoughtfulness to each other, and our generous hospitality to all.

Let us never forget that stewardship starts at home!

*Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

## **PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS**

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

April 23, 2023 - \$2,120.38

\*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, 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](mailto:st.edwards@shaw.ca)*

### **Mass intentions**

May 6- Tracey Jones & Lindsey Parlane INT

May 11- Luis Felipe Astaiza RIP

May 13- Michael Scott RIP

May 18- Tracey Jones & Lindsey Parlane INT

May 26- Tracey Jones & Lindsey Parlane 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](mailto:etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org)

We have already received \$6,985.00. Thank you so much for your generosity!

## **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE — CARITAS CANADA**

**Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2023!** Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected \$7,216.00. This sum, along with donations made online, will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or to donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working!

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

**SHARE YEAR ROUND.** From February 22 to May 28, 2023\*, those who become monthly donors (*or increase their monthly donation*) will have their annual contribution matched dollar for dollar. This initiative is made possible by a \$160,000 matching fund endowed by benefactors and religious communities who generously support our work. Development and Peace's monthly giving program allows you to make a real difference in the struggle of our partners in the Global South. <https://www2.devpc.org/en/civicism/contribute/transaction?reset=1&id=2> or call toll-free 1-888-234-8533.

*\*Or until the matching fund runs out.*

## **STORAGE ROOM CLEAN-UP**

St. Edward's Men's Association is cleaning out the storage room and putting items in the church hall. Parishioners are invited to drop by the hall on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> between 10:45 am and 12:00 noon to see if there is anything they would like and take it.



## CATHOLIC MOUNTAIN STAR

Catholic Mountain Star is back! Article submission deadline for the **year 2023** first issue is on **Monday, May 15th**. Please limit articles to 600 words (fit one page of 8 ½" x 11" paper) using size 11 font. News articles for parish or caption information limit to 1 or 2 sentences. **Please email all submissions to [catholicmstar@gmail.com](mailto:catholicmstar@gmail.com).**

## COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY CARE BEING WITH VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Gain the confidence to journey and visit with those who are suffering, socially isolated, sick, or dying, to renew their hope and purpose in life. **FREE Online Training – Live on Zoom!** Workshop is two sessions, each session is two hours: Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 7-9 pm EST and Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 7-9 pm EST. Register Now: Meeting capacity is limited to 100 participants. **Register at: [beingwith.org](http://beingwith.org) & click Events.**



## LIVE-IN RETREAT

Live-In Retreat at Seton House of Prayer, Kelowna. A “Getting to Know Jesus” Retreat, May 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>: 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.



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.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is the family event of the year, showcasing the students and fine arts program of St. Joseph Elementary School. (Suitable for ages 5+). May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Mary Irwin Theatre at the Rotary Centre for the Arts. Tickets are now open to the public. Three performances to choose from. Adult/Student 14 + - \$25.00, Child 13 and under \$15.00. The Mary Irwin Theatre will open 30 minutes prior to showtime. Ushers will assist to ensure everyone is seated comfortably. Concession is available at intermission of evening performances. Purchase Tickets by credit card from website: [www.stjoseph.buyticketsnow.net](http://www.stjoseph.buyticketsnow.net) or by e-transfer email request to [sjkbk@cisnd.ca](mailto:sjkbk@cisnd.ca) with e-transfer to [sjk.activities@cisnd.ca](mailto:sjk.activities@cisnd.ca) (in memo please note performance time).



### OKANAGAN CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMP

September 8-10, 2023

**Camp Winfield, Lake Country**

- BBQ's and Breakfast
- Pool and Waterslide
- Campfire and Social- Teen/Tween Activities
- Saturday Night Mass
- Talks for Men, Women and Teens by Clay Imoo

**Registration Fees:**

Registration Opens May 1st, Early Bird Rate: \$275 After May 15th : \$300

Non Camping Day Rate: \$100 per family or \$50 for Single

Registration closes June 15th

Register Online at [www.okanagancatholic.ca](http://www.okanagancatholic.ca)

 [facebook.com/okanagancatholicfamilycamp/](https://facebook.com/okanagancatholicfamilycamp/)




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OKANAGAN IRISH SOCIETY PRESENTS

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Tuesday, May 9, 2023 | Kelowna Community Theatre  
 Doors @ 5:30 pm | Performance @ 6:30 pm  
 Tickets: \$33 Available at [BoxOffice@Kelowna.ca](mailto:BoxOffice@Kelowna.ca)  
 All proceeds in support of Seton House of Prayer

Celtic Fusion - Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30pm  
 at Kelowna Community Theatre. Please  
 get your tickets soon for best seating to  
 enjoy a fun, family oriented evening out to  
 support Seton House of Prayer. Tickets  
 may be purchased online  
 at [https://theatre.kelowna.ca/upcoming-  
 events/celtic-fusion](https://theatre.kelowna.ca/upcoming-events/celtic-fusion) , click on tickets,  
 choose your seats and follow the  
 prompts. Or, call 250-469-8940. Or, in  
 person at the Kelowna Community  
 Theatre 1375 Water Street in advance of  
 the show (box office hours are Monday to  
 Saturday 10am – 4pm). It will be a great  
 evening of entertainment and your  
 support is greatly appreciated!

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