

Pastor: Fr. Obi Ibekwe
Associate Pastor: Fr. Biju Antony

PARISH OFFICE

Secretary: Pat Robinson
Parish Office Hours:
Tuesday to Thursday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Bulletin Announcements by noon on Thursday
email: wandawirth@telus.net

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday – Mass at 6:00 pm
Thursday - Mass at 10:00 am
followed by Adoration and Benediction
Wednesday and Friday – Mass at 10:00 am
Silent Adoration with the Rosary at 9:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 pm or by appointment

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Noreen Dunn: 250-766-3303

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

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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
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Clive Halston

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

CWL
Marian Podgornik, 778-480-6444
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November 5, 2023
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

MAL 1: 14B-2: 2B, 8-10; PS 131: 1-3; 1 THES 2: 7B-9, 13; MT 23:1-12

There is no question that Jesus had a way with words. The Word of the Lord is filled with what we are very familiar with in our society — soundbites if you will, which convey so much meaning. The last verses of today's Gospel from St. Matthew contain one of those short statements which carry so much more meaning. Jesus says, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."



In those two sentences are found the key to a stewardship way of life, which revolve around service and humility. There is no question that these are powerful words. They reveal to us all that we need to understand to be a true disciple of Christ. In his letter to the Philippians St. Paul wrote, "Though He was in the form of God, He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Phil. 2:5-8).

True humility will be ultimately exalted by God. Our society teaches us to strive to reach the top, but Jesus is reminding us that we need to regard others as more important than we are. We have two choices in life perhaps, to be self-exalters, or to be God-exalted. Is there any doubt as to what we as Christians should pursue?

Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

October 29, 2023 - \$4,411.88
World Mission Sunday - \$120.00
Development & Peace -\$300.00

*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.*

Anyone who is housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please inform the office and we will arrange to have someone bring it to you.

Prayer Requests

Claire Schaff, Betty Klinger, Larry and Paula Meade, Shirley Breen

Mass Intentions

November 4- Philippe Bourbonniere RIP
November 8- M.r & Mrs. Gaspar Timbreza RIP
November 11- Edgar Potutan RIP
November 18- Vicente Potutan RIP
November 22- Bill Berchtold RIP
November 25- Hugh Flynn RIP

Pastor's Message

The weather is gradually changing. It's not even winter yet but Fr. Biju thinks this is already very cold. I said to

him: 'Welcome to Canada, brother.' 😊

Last Week's Bazaar

I was very impressed to see how things unfolded. The hall was beautifully decorated. The CWL and the men did a lot of work. I sensed that it was truly a time to build community. I wasn't planning to buy anything but I ended up spending close to \$50. I couldn't resist it. The items were tempting. Thank you one and all for making it a successful event.

Evening Mass - Tuesdays at 6pm beginning next week November 7. We had evening Masses on November 1 and 2. These Masses were well attended. Thanks to our choir for making the celebrations beautiful.

A few working people have been asking if we could have Mass in the evening once a week. I asked the people who attended the evening Masses if they would like an evening Mass and they said yes. It will be at 6 pm. My hope is that we can have a gathering every once in a while after the Mass for adult faith formation, card playing, and other fun community building events. Please do not hesitate to share ideas with Fr. Biju and me. Having an evening Mass on a Tuesday would also give Fr. Biju and me an opportunity sometimes to visit other priests in the Kootenays and spend the whole of Monday with them and come back on Tuesday. I hope this works for our community. Thank you for your understanding.

Book of Remembrance

We have the Book of Remembrance in the foyer. We are still collecting names. We really would like to pray with you for your deceased loved ones. Check the bulletin to see which day your loved ones would be prayed for. I invite you - if you can - to join us for Mass that day.

We are thinking of you and praying for you. Please pray for us, too.

God love you.

I wish everyone a wonderful weekend!

Happy Sunday!

Your brother,
Fr. Obi

**MASS INTENTIONS FROM THE BOOK OF
REMEMBRANCE**

November 3

Philippe Bourbonniere

Mr. & Mrs. Gaspar Timbreza

Deceased members of the Wladyka family

November 4

Deceased members of the Poitras family

Deceased members of the Robinson family

Deceased members of the Radcliffe family

Deceased members of the Fieber family

Deceased members of the Keating family

Deceased members of the Largon family

Deceased members of the Morales family

Sam & Olga Wirth

Henry & Thelma Rawe

Bonnie Murphy

November 5

Vicente Potutan

Brigida Potutan

Benigno Potutan

Alex Potutan

Edgar Potutan

Nilbert Potutan

Dr. Juliana Pausanos

Celistina Dvompur

Sixto Pallega

Bernanda Pallega

November 7

Beverly Kondra

Elmer & Hazel Thorne

Tony Capachierti

November 8

Peter Skalicky

Barbara Skalicky

Dwayne Perry

November 9

Sister Kathleen Harrigan

Deceased members of the Greaney family

Deceased members of the Carpe family

November 10

Mary & Michael Martyna

Kathleen & Stephan Oddleifson

Deceased members of the Jinglo family

November 11- Saturday

Deceased members of the Godfrey family

Deceased members of the Sheehan family

Deceased members of the Drought family

George Grover

Shelley Toohey

Allan & Marie-Louise McMechan

Mitzi Lemoine

Connie Ellis

Jose Afonso

Catarina Gil

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH



Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal is now underway in our parish – We are grateful to all those who have donated. Every gift is important. Our parish goal is \$18,850.00 and we are counting on 100% participation. Remember to

fill out your pledge card and drop it along with a cheque/cash in the collection or donate via etransfer to: etranfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org or online via Canada Helps at Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360>.

We have already received \$17,150.00. Thank you so much for your generosity!

HEALING MASS AT ST. PIUS X PARISH

On Sunday, November 12th at 6:00 p.m., there will be a Healing Mass held at St. Pius X Parish. Mass will conclude with the Anointing of the Sick. Everyone is more than welcome to attend.



Kelowna Catholic Youth Group

If you are in grades 7-12 and want to deepen your faith with other Catholic teens, please join us!

Upcoming events ...

- Sunday, November 5 from 6:15 to 8:15 pm: Altaration Series on the Mass
- FRIDAY, November 10 from 5:00 to 8:30 pm Cookie Baking for St. Vincent de Paul
- Sunday, November 19 from 6:15 to 8:15 pm: Altaration Series on the Mass

Registration form and sign-up required.

For more details, sign-up links and/or registration forms, go to www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca



**Corpus Christi Parish is hosting
their annual Turkey Supper on
Saturday, November 11,**

2023. Seating times are 4:30 pm & 6:00 pm, with take-out between 5:00 & 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 each. You can pre-purchase your tickets at the Parish office - 750 Rutland Road North, or reserve tickets by calling 250-765-6869.

You're invited to
The 7th Annual

Celtic & Christmas Concert

The Gift of CHRISTMAS

Music by

Ceol na hEireann

on Sunday

November 12, 2023

from 2 pm until 4

Admission by Donation

Refreshments provided by ICC Youth Group

**All proceeds go to Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Invincible Housing Project**

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

50/50 DRAW

Springfield Funeral Home presents
Catholic Estate and Funeral Planning
FREE Seminar with Complimentary Meal
Thursday, November 16, 2023 5 pm - 7pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre

Guest Speakers

Father Cerlouie F. Jimenez
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Mark Brade, Lawyer
Pushor Mitchell LLP

Steven Flamank
Planned Giving - Pilgrimage of Faith
Diocese of Nelson

Charlotte Lutzer
Preplanning Director
Springfield Funeral Home

LIMITED SEATING REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.springfieldfuneralhome.com/catholic
or call 250-860-7077

Due to the nature of the discussion, registration is limited to 18+

This seminar is for educational
purposes only. No sales or
solicitation will occur.



Are you **Called** to be a Permanent Deacon?



The deacon's ministry has three dimensions: *liturgy*, *word* and *service*. At the Mass, the deacon proclaims the Gospel, may be invited to preach the homily, and assists at the altar. In addition to their duties related to *service*, the deacon may also

baptize, witness, and bless marriages, and preside at funeral liturgies outside of the Mass. Deacons may be married or single, they may have full-time careers or be retired.

If you are a Catholic male registered in a parish within the Diocese of Nelson, between the ages of 35 and 60, and would like to learn more about the Permanent Diaconate, please contact the Director of Permanent Diaconate, Father Cerlouie Jimenez:

cerlouie.jimenez@nelsondiocese.org

Applications for the Fall 2024 class will be accepted until 1 March, 2024

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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.

CWL BAZAAR 2023

