

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

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**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](mailto:wandawirth@telus.net)

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

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

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**WEEKDAY MASSES**

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

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**RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 pm 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**

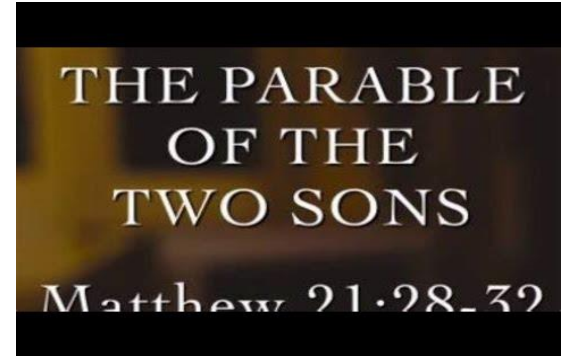
**CWL**  
Marian Podgornik, 778-480-6444  
**St. Edward’s Men’s Association**  
President: Michael Conyette, 250-308-4897  
Email: [mconyette@hotmail.com](mailto:mconyette@hotmail.com)  
**Development & Peace**  
George and Karen Willoner, 250-215-5134

**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 [lakecountry@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:lakecountry@nelsondiocese.org)**

**October 1, 2023**  
**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

EZ 18:25-28; PS 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; PHIL 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; MT 21:28-32

As Christian stewards we are called to a high and holy standard — living as Christ’s disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path. But we can move towards this goal in “baby steps.”



Jesus demonstrates this comforting truth through the parable He tells in today’s Gospel from Matthew. It is the story of two sons whose father instructs them to go out and work in his vineyard that day. While the second son agrees to his father’s request, he does not follow through — he fails to obey the father’s will. The first son tells his father, “no.” At least he is honest! And in the end, he reconsiders and obeys his father.

The first son’s honest, less-than-perfect response, is consoling to us Christian stewards. Haven’t we all felt this way at times when God’s will for us seems to be just too hard?

We can be honest with God at these times. He knows our thoughts already, after all. But when we stayed engaged in a real relationship with Him, even if it’s just to say, “I don’t think I can, Lord,” He will supply us with just the grace we need to change our minds and do what He is asking us to do.

We can even take a step backward from time to time because our Father is merciful and kind. What matters is that we keep baby stepping along, assured of the grace we need to more closely imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the stewardship way of life.

*Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

## PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

September 24, 2023 - \$4,501.78

Needs of the Church in Canada - \$627.08

\*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.*

**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

### ***Mass intentions***

September 30 – Bev Kondra RIP  
October 2- Marcus O’Sullivan RIP  
October 3 - Marcus O’Sullivan RIP  
October 4 – Robert Comer RIP  
October 5 – Robert Comer RIP  
October 6 - Robert Comer RIP  
October 7 - Mitchell Martyna RIP  
October 11 – Robert Comer RIP  
October 13 – Wanda Wirth INT  
October 14 - Nilbert Potutan RIP

## 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: [etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org) or online via Canada Helps at Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360>.

We have already received \$8,525.00. Thank you so much for your generosity!

October

*Month of the  
Holy Rosary*



***Please join us to pray the Holy Rosary at 9:30 am, before all the weekday masses (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) throughout the month of October.***



**Let the children  
come to me.**

MATTHEW 19:14

## CHILDREN’S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for grades 1 to 7 inclusive. Children must be part of grade 1 in order to enter the Year 2 class which prepares children for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Confirmation is part of Year 7 and children must complete the younger grades to participate. Catechists are needed. For more information, contact; Noreen Dunn 250-766-3303.

## CWL PIES FOR THANKSGIVING



The CWL ladies are making a variety of frozen pies. Enjoy a home-made pie with your holiday dinner. Available after Mass on Saturday and Sunday (\$10.00 each).





The Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Nelson &  
the Community of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Kelowna, BC  
cordially invite you to the  
*Ordination of Sem. Ferdinand M. Bayarong  
to the Sacred Order of Transitional Deacons*  
Through the laying on of hands of:  
MOST REV. GREGORY J. BITTMAN  
Bishop of the Diocese of Nelson

Wednesday 11 October  
4:30 PM 2023  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church,  
West Kelowna, BC Canada


Rachel's Vineyard Fall Retreat: is a life-giving journey for women, men or anyone who struggles with the emotional and spiritual pain caused by abortion. Our retreats offer the mercy and compassion of God as well as a pathway to forgiveness, transforming the pain of the past into hope for the future. To register please contact Vicki: 250-762 2273, [info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com), [www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com), Confidentiality assured.

**GRIEF TO GRACE -**



Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, **Grief to Grace** helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual,

and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next retreat in Canada is **October 24 – 28, 2023** in Kelowna. For more information please email [griefftoGracekelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griefftoGracekelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

**ALPHA IN ST. PIUS X PARISH**

Join us every Thursday evening for a meal, a short video and a great discussion. **October 5 to December 14, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, St. Pius X Parish, 1077 Fuller Avenue. Call the office at 250-762-2587 or Angela 250-317-7670 to register.** Life moves very fast. Have you ever asked yourself: Is there more to life than this? Alpha is a series of talks exploring the big questions of life. First, there is food, talk and discussion. Each talk explores different aspect of life and faith questions - all done in an honest, open, friendly and loving environment.

**Who are we to invite?**

“We share things everyday: things meaningful, entertaining, inspiring, challenging. We share moments: good or bad, big or small because what we share matters. In Alpha, we share something incredible: the hope that has transformed our lives. Today more than ever, people are searching for hope, for connection, for meaning. The life we have experienced in Jesus is available to our friends and neighbours, and it is easier to share than we think. Alpha gives us an opportunity to share Jesus with friends, family and colleagues.

**What happens each week?**

Each week we connect with each other, watch a short video and have time to discuss our thoughts and questions without needing to have all the answers. All it takes is a simple invitation. Share life. Faith. Hope. Jesus. Who will you invite? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that family member, friend or colleague or anyone who like all of us needs hope, love and all that Jesus came to offer us.” *Excerpts from Alpha Review.*



**CATHOLIC MOMS CONNECT**

We have established a Catholic moms group called Catholic Moms Connect, hosted at St. Charles Garnier. We would love to invite the moms from St. Edward parish to join us on a weekly basis from 9:30 to 11 on Wednesday mornings.

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am  
St. Charles Garnier Hall  
Childcare provided  
*Join us for prayer and fellowship*

Questions?  
Contact Abbey at  
250.899.4384



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR  
**Development  
and Peace**

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE — CARITAS  
CANADA'S RESPONSE TO THE MOROCCO  
EARTHQUAKE**

Caritas Canada has a network of allies in the Maghreb, in Tunisia and in Morocco. Our allies and partners in Morocco know the disaster-affected areas well and have access to them. They are capable of handling the present situation, and their work will have positive impacts on the lives of the earthquake survivors, and for Moroccan society as a whole. They are already there, working without fear or favor.

Our programs in the Maghreb stand in solidarity with people impoverished by economic, social and environmental crises in many places and circumstances. In Morocco and Tunisia, for example, our partners help civil society associations working with small farmers, land defenders, pro-democracy activists and migrants.

You can help. Donate by:  
Credit Card, securely online, [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org) or call 1 888 234 8533 toll-free.

By cheque or money order, please make cheques or money orders payable to Development and Peace and mail them to:

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada  
555 Rene-Levesque Blvd. West, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada H2Z 1B1

Please write Morocco Emergency at the bottom of the cheque.

Donations can also be made through the collections as long as you make the cheque payable to ST. EDWARDS CHURCH and mark in the memo that it's for the Morocco Earthquake.

You are invited to consult the DPCC website for further information: <https://devp.org/en/faq-development-and-peace-%e2%80%95-caritas-canadas-response-to-the-morocco-earthquake/>



**FREEDOM'S DOOR**

Fundraising Dinner with Inspiration and Entertainment. Enjoy appetizers and a wonderful meal followed by real life stories of hope, encouragement and

inspiration. Thursday, October 5, 2023, Reception at 5:30 pm / Dinner at 6:15 pm. Metro Church, 1265 Ellis Street, Kelowna, BC. Tickets \$30 each. Advance tickets only available from Freedom's Door, 1279 Centennial Cres, Kelowna, BC, Phone 250-717-0472, [info@freedomdoorkelowna.com](mailto:info@freedomdoorkelowna.com) Kennedy's Parable #31, 2070 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna, BC, Phone 250-762-8444, [www.kennedysparablekelowna.com](http://www.kennedysparablekelowna.com) Loaves & Fishes Book & Church Supplies, Phone 250-868-8933, 591 Lawrence Ave., Kelowna, BC.

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**Here for You.**

*Our Lady of Fatima*  
**PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY**  
**Saturday, Oct 14\*, 2023, 11:30 am.**  
ICC Procession to Rowcliffe Park.  
PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US.

**SAT. OCT 14, 2023**  
11:30 Gather @ ICC outside front entrance.  
11:40 Procession on Sutherland to Rowcliffe Park (Corner Richter & Rowcliffe)  
Noon: Pray Public Rosary in the Park  
Marian Hymns & singing  
12:45 Procession with singing, back to ICC

**JOHN**  
**3:16**

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.