

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

PARISH OFFICE

Secretary: Pat Robinson
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Tuesday to Thursday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
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WEEKEND MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

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
Grounds and Building
Clive Halston

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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October 8, 2023
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

IS 5:1-7; PS 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; PHIL 4:6-9; MT 21:33-43

We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Yet, in our fallen state it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God.



In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus uses the image of a vineyard to teach the importance of using our blessings well. He tells the story of a landowner who plants a vineyard and leases it to tenants before he goes on a journey. Instead of tending the vineyard, the tenants mistreat the servants in the vineyard and even the son of the landowner, whom they kill. When the landowner realizes what the tenants have done, he puts them to death and leases his vineyard to tenants who “will give him the produce at the proper times.”

By Baptism, we have received the gift of salvation and membership in Kingdom of God — we are now “tenants” called to work in the “vineyard” and produce fruit for its owner, our Heavenly Father. Jesus makes it clear that we if we squander the gift of salvation, we will lose it. It is a sobering truth.

So, let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God's glory.

Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

October 1, 2023 - \$3,582.93

Needs of the Church in Canada - \$1,020.00

*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



There will be no daily masses this week due to the priest's retreat.

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 or online via Canada Helps at Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360>.

We have already received \$14,350.00. Thank you so much for your generosity!

CWL PIES FOR THANKSGIVING



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



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.



PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, Oct 14th, 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



Aid to the Church in Need
(ACN Canada) Religious
Freedom in the World Report
2023. The Summary is
available in PDF format ready to

be downloaded at the following link:
<https://acninternational.org/religiousfreedomreport/>



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,
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 griegtograncelowna@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.



Have you thought about leaving a legacy?

You can help ensure that the vitality of the Diocese of Nelson and its mission to spread the Gospel are sustained well into the future with a Legacy Gift. You may make a bequest through your will, a trust, retirement assets, privately held securities, real estate, a life insurance policy, shares or stocks. Legacy Gifts provide future financial support to the Diocese and affirm the importance of faith in the life of the donor.

Donations can be made to the Catholic Foundation of the Nelson Diocese Society which provides vital support for evangelization, retired Priests, vocations, building preservation, the poor and Catholic education. Donations can also be made to your Parish.

For more information or assistance contact the Diocesan Appeals Office at the Catholic Pastoral Centre.
phone: 250-448-2725 ext. 240
email: plannedgiving@nelsondiocese.org



To conclude the month of October, *MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY*, a Mass and Living Rosary will be Celebrated on Tuesday October 31st at Immaculate Conception Church.


Please join us for this special Mass being offered for the clergy & religious of our Diocese.



Confession from 4:30-5:00 pm.
Holy Mass at 5:15 pm.
LIVING ROSARY at 6:15 pm, followed by an outdoor procession, tentatively scheduled, with prayers and hymns.

If you want to play a part in the Living Rosary, please arrive by 6:00 pm (we need ~60 people).

Bring your children, family and friends!



 **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 4:30 PM | 11 October 2023
Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
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