

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

Altar Society: Constance Gregory (250) 765-2879
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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

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

CWL
Marian Podgornik, 778-480-6444
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Development & Peace
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December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent

IS 40:1-5, 9-11; PS 85:9-14; 2 PT 3:8-14; MK 1:1-8

We serve a merciful and patient God. In His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts He has given us.



The most precious gift He has given us is His own Son, Whose birth we are preparing to celebrate.

St. Peter describes the loving kindness of the Father in our Second Reading today, saying God “is patient with you, not wishing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance.” Yet, in the same passage we receive this warning: “The Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar... and the earth and everything on it will be found out.”

How are we to assimilate these two truths — the merciful love of God and the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living as His disciple? St. Peter tells us we should conduct ourselves “in holiness and devotion.” Indeed, this is the goal of our Advent “reset” — to return to living lives focused on Christ, in gratitude for all He has done for us.

In our Gospel passage from Mark, John the Baptist instructs us to “prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” We must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let’s be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading of the Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service.

In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for all His gifts to us.

Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

December 3, 2023 - \$2,680.68

Donations for Poinsettias - \$250.00

Benevolent fund - \$100.00

OFFERINGS FOR ST. EDWARD **NEW**

ST. EDWARD'S QR CODES ARE HERE!! Next week you will notice that our pews have a QR code attached (and will be posted here in our bulletin)! These have been used in other parishes with GREAT success to enhance donations and ease to parish giving. Here's the general process although each device is different.

- 1) With the camera on your phone, place the QR code in the center.
- 2) A yellow "Square Link" box will appear, touch that.
- 3) It will take you to an ST EDWARD'S site where you can donate. When requested, use "Sunday Collection" as the reason for the donation. Follow the prompts (it should be relatively simple) and pay with your credit card.
- 4) When complete, you will get a text or an email to confirm your donation.
- 5) NOTE: Because you have to include your name and address during the process, you WILL get a tax receipt for your donation.
- 6) NOTE: This is an encrypted system and has been used with success AND privacy in numerous places before (including churches).

OTHER WAYS TO DONATE: Pre-Authorized debit forms are available by email or mail if you are interested in signing up for donations through the SAG program. Email or call the office 250-766-3146 for more information. Another way you can donate is to use an eTransfer from your online banking. All you have to do is create a new "payee" (eg. St. Edward Parish) and use the email etransfer.stedwardswinfield@nelsondiocese.org. In the message box indicate that you want your donation to go to Sunday Collection. Regular offering envelopes will CONTINUE to be collected at Offertory at each mass. Extra envelopes will be available in the pews if you wish to use them, and still wish to donate with cheques or cash. You can also mail your Offerings to: St. Edward's Church, 11123 Okanagan Centre Road East. Lake Country, B.C. V 4V 1H3. Please call or email our offices to register with our parish, or to arrange for Weekly Offerings Envelopes; 2024 envelopes will be available soon! We thank you for your continued charity to help us create the programs and cover the costs needed to run our parish.

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, Art Fomey, Jenna King, Laura Mercer

Mass Intentions

December 2- John Gerald Toner RIP

December 8- Kathleen Flynn RIP

December 9- Kathleen Flynn RIP

December 15- Kris Durr RIP

December 16- Thomas Kayani 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 or online via Canada Helps at Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360>. We have already received \$17,350.00. Thank you so much for your generosity!



POINSETTIAS

If you would like to contribute toward poinsettias for Christmas in honor of your loved one, there are envelopes available in the entranceway of the church and also in the pews. Your gift is appreciated, thank you.

Rachel's Corner

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Parish Christmas Potluck And Christmas Party December 10th, 5:00 pm

Come join Father Obi and Biju for a wonderful Christmas celebration featuring great food, music and Community Spirit! Sponsored by the Men's Association and Catholic Women's League. Mark your calendars!

All parishioners wishing to attend must pick up a FREE ticket to the event for each person attending.

This will ensure we have prepared enough food and seating for all, as well include you for Raffle prizes from Santa! Tickets available after mass or from the parish office Tuesday - Thursday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guests are asked to bring a potluck dish (appetizer, salad, vegetable dish, casserole, or dessert) to share to compliment the turkey/ ham served by the Men's Association. **VOLUNTEERS needed** to distribute door prizes, raffle prizes, potluck set up, decorating, etc. before and during event. If you are able to help please call Jan King at 250-766-4357. Thank you. Ho!Ho!Ho! Hope to see you there!!!



For more information - <https://vimeo.com/260114539>
Link to online tickets - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/made-for-more-kelowna-canada-tickets-740570645737?aff=oddttdtcreator>

THE FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT

During the first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the soon-coming birth of the King of Kings.

- The **1st Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.
- The **2nd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.
- The **3rd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.
- The **4th Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Kelowna Catholic Youth Group



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

www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca

events! www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca
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NORTH OKANAGAN DEANERY 2023 ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULES

Parish/School	Day	Date	Time
St. Joseph's School	Tuesday	December 19	10:30 – 11:45 am, 12:30 – 1:45 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes School	Friday	December 15	10:45 – 11:45 am, 12:45 – 1:45 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Thursday	December 21	4:00 pm
St. Pius X Parish	Monday	December 18	5:30 pm
St. Edward Parish	Wednesday	December 20	5:30 pm
St. Charles Garnier Parish	Wednesday	December 20	5:30 pm
Immaculate Conception Parish	Thursday	December 14	3:30 pm
St. Francis of Assisi Parish	Wednesday	December 13	6:00 pm



I am bringing you good news of great Joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a saviour who is the messiah, the Lord. Lk. 2:10-11

May the Lord bless you at Christmas and throughout the New Year from Father Biju,
 Father Obi and the community of St. Edward’s Catholic Church

Parish Christmas Party	Sunday, December 10 th	5:00 pm
Reconciliation	Wednesday, December 20 th	5:30 pm
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 24 th	10:00 am
Christmas Masses	Sunday, December 24 th	7:00 pm
	Christmas Eve Carols	6:30 pm
	Monday, December 25 th	10:00 am
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Sunday, December 31 st	10:00 am
	Sunday, December 31 st	7:00 pm
	Monday, January 1 st	10:00 am

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.