

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
Benevolent Fund: Bob Sellinger, 250-766-5990
Greeters and Ushers: Maxine Joyce at g.joyce@hotmail.com
Lectors (Readers): Sue Taylor jaytaylor@telus.net
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Outreach: Shelly Twerdochlib, 250-766-0202
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
St. Edward’s Men’s Association
President: Michael Conyette, 250-308-4897
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Development & Peace
George and Karen Willoner, 250-215-5134

ST. EDWARD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Website <http://www.stedwardsparish.ca>
Email lakecountry@nelsondiocese.org

December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent

IS 63:16B-17,19B; 64:2-7; PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 COR: 1:3-9;
MK 13:33-37

Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it’s no wonder Advent that does not always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards.



Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ’s first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed.

Whatever we feel God calling us to do this Advent — committing to a daily Gospel reflection, visiting a lonely neighbor, or donating money to those in dire need — there is no time to waste.

Jesus makes this clear in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a man going off on a journey. Before he leaves, he “places his servants in charge, each with his own work.” We, of course, are the servants in this parable, each with a mission to accomplish in building the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us over and over in this passage to remain vigilant to the work He has given us to do because we do not know when we will be called to give an account for it.

Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!

Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

November 26, 2023 - \$2,812.68
Catholic Mission in Canada - \$25.00
Pro-Life - \$10.00

*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, Art Fomey

Mass Intentions From the Book of Remembrance...continued

November 30- Thursday
Tom Cranbear
Ann Zvonarich

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!



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!!!

POINSETTIAS



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



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AND CAROLS

**WHEN: DEC 3, 2023
4 PM – 5:30 PM
ST PIUS X 1346 GORDON**

**KICK-OFF THE ADVENT AND
CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH
CAROLS AND FESTIVITIES**

Featuring:

SERAPHIM EARLY MUSIC ENSEMBLE
Tracy Fehr and Heather Allen (Soprano)
Olivia Walsh, Contralto (Cello)
Rev Colin Cross (Bass)

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FR OBI AND THE AFRICAN DRUMMERS
JENNY AND GRAHAM (PIANIST)

No ticket required
Freewill offerings for St Vincent de Paul
For more details contact 250-762 2587

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW
kelownam4m.eventbrite.com

Immaculata Regional High School
1493 K. L. O. Road Kelowna, BC V1W 3N8 Canada

Thursday
Feb, 8
2024, 7-9:30pm




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CHRISTOPHER WEST MUSIC BY **MIKE MANGIONE**

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

Catholic Moms Connect Presents:

PEACE & PREPARATION

Womens Advent Retreat

WHERE: SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER
WHEN: DECEMBER 8-9 2023
COST: OVERNIGHT \$120 / DAY RATE \$50
INCLUDES: ADORATION, PRAYER AND WORSHIP,
OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATION AT SETON HOUSE
OF PRAYER, BREAKFAST & LUNCH ON SATURDAY



SPECTACULAR SPEAKERS:
FR. SYLVESTER ,
FR. GERALD
MARCIA LAWRENCE &
ALANET MCKINNON

TO REGISTER: SEND E-TRANSFER TO
DUCHARMEMDM@GMAIL.COM,
PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME &
EMAIL ADDRESS IN THE NOTES.
REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE
EMAILED TO YOU
QUESTIONS? TEXT MARY 778-581-9898



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
Immaculata High School	Thursday	December 7	10:00 am, 2:30 pm
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
Corpus Christi Parish	Wednesday	December 6	6:00 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
	Monday, December 25 th	10:00 am
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	Sunday, December 31 st	10:00 am
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Sunday, December 31 st	7:00 pm
	Monday, January 1 st	10:00 am

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JOHN
 3:16

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