

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

Eucharistic Ministers: June Bot at

bot.june@icloud.com

Music Ministry: Vera Gervais, 250-766-2250

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

Email: 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
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Website <http://www.stedwardsparish.ca>

Email lakecountry@nelsondiocese.org

December 31, 2023

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14; PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; COL 3:12-21; LK 2:22-40

Today, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Just as the Holy Family is holy, we are also called to be holy. This holiness is achievable by living as disciples of Christ.



St. Paul calls us to put on “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.” Let us “give thanks to God the Father” by being good stewards of His love and mercy to all our family members.

Today's Gospel says a lot about trust and surrender to our Lord. When Simeon and Anna prophesized about what was to come, Jesus' parents were “amazed at what was said about him.” We can imagine that two parents would be taken back by these words! Yet, the Holy Family surrendered their lives to God and had unwavering faith and trust in His plan.

God’s plan will fulfill our hearts more than we could have ever imagined. Like the Holy Family, we just need to trust, surrender and be attentive to God’s voice.

Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generous support of
St. Edward Parish

December 24, 2023 - \$3,816.17
Benevolent fund - \$100.00
Christmas Collection \$3,612.55

OFFERINGS FOR ST. EDWARD **NEW**

ST. EDWARD'S QR CODES ARE HERE!! We only have one on the table in the vestibule. 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, Jenna King, Laura Mercer

Mass Intentions

January 6- Helen Sadler 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. 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 \$20,050.00 (\$1,200.00 over our commitment). Thank you so much for your generosity!

2024 DONATION ENVELOPES

Your 2024 donation envelopes are ready to be picked up in the vestibule.



SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES (OCDS)

Carmelite Seculars, together with the Friars and Nuns, are sons and daughters of the Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and of St. Teresa of Jesus. As a result, they share the same charism with the religious, each according to their particular way of life. It is one family with the same spiritual possessions, the same call to holiness (*cf Eph 1.4; 1Pet 1:15*) and the same apostolic mission. Secular members contribute to the Order the benefits proper to their secular state of life (*Constitutions #1*). For more information, please contact:

Laurent 1-778-212-1945 or Loretta 250-448-5633

Prayer Group

Come join us!

“My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect in weakness”

2 Corinthians 12:9

Greetings! All are welcome to join us...

When: Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm -8:30

Where: St Pius X Parish

We gather with Thanksgiving, to Praise and Worship our Awesome God from whom all good things come.

There will also be sharing of God's Word, time for intercession, testimonies and individual prayer ministry.

All in an atmosphere of trust, love and support.

For more information, please call Piera 250-215-7100.

Rachel's Corner

“Having faith does not mean having no difficulties,
but having the strength to face them, knowing we
are not alone. -Pope Francis

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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!

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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

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW
kelownam4m.eventbrite.com

Immaculata Regional High School
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2024, 7-9:30pm

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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

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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3:16

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