

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

Phone 250-766-3146 Fax 250-766-3191

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

Email lakecountry@nelsondiocese.org

January 21, 2024

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10; PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 COR 7:29-31; MK 1:14-20

Today's readings call us to be decisive in our faith.

Simon, Andrew, James, and John demonstrate this decision for us in their response to Christ's calling, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ.



Imagine if Simon and Andrew looked at their Savior and said, "Thanks for the offer, but we will finish up fishing and meet you later." That is no way a disciple should respond to Christ's call. Yet, that is how we often respond to Jesus' offer to us, "Come after me." We can easily fall into the misconception that we have plenty of time to live active discipleship. But as faithful stewards of our time, we must change our ways and immediately follow Christ more intentionally, because Christ is calling us to act now.

These men became members of Jesus' 12 apostles. They surrendered their entire lives to follow Christ. We, too, are called to surrender our lives to the Lord so that He may work through us. We might think, "God isn't calling me." But indeed, He is. Just as He called four ordinary fishermen, He is calling each one of us. Renewing and reevaluating what God might be asking of us throughout our lives is a key component of our stewardship journey.

As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves: what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? And if not now, when?

Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

January 14, 2024 - \$2,150.18

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, Georgia Colgan, Fiona Lim-de Souza

Mass Intentions

January 18- Frank Shields RIP
January 20 - Reid & Lily Oddleifson INT
January 24- Francis Sabourin RIP
January 27 – Josephine Clyde RIP

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH



Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal is now underway in our parish for the year 2024 – 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>.

SOUTH GATE

Please note the gate closest to the rectory will be closed until the snow goes.



THE MEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Men's Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. You are invited to attend Mass at 6 pm before the meeting. Following Mass, we will have supper and our meeting at 7 pm. Please email Terry Wilson at jeterry@me.com if you plan to attend.

ST. EDWARD'S PARISH BRUNCH

St. Edward's Parish Brunch will be held Sunday, January 28, 2024 after the 10:00 am Mass. Please join us for ham & eggs, tomatoes, hash browns, coffee, juice, waffles, fruit and fellowship! Cost is \$10.00 for 12 years and over, \$5.00 for 6-11 years. Free for 5 years and under.



VOCATION LIVE-IN

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of February 10 -11 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information and application, see VOCATION LIVE-IN on our website under bulletin or phone 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@sck.ca



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

from The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order. We have changed our gathering venue to Our Lady of Lourdes

Parish in West Kelowna as of January 2024!

Regular Monthly Gatherings:

When: Third Sunday of the Month

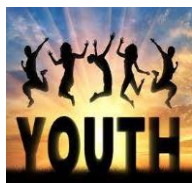
What Time: 1:00 PM

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish West Kelowna (Parish Conference Room)

Contact: our Fraternal Minister Sandy Kavanagh, OFS 250-212-3596

or Fraternal Secretary: Christine Reeves, OFS 250-575-2043

If you want to deepen your Catholic faith in the St. Francis of Assisi and St. Claire tradition, you are welcome to join us for prayer and formation and embark on a journey towards Gospel to life and life to Gospel



Kelowna Catholic Youth Group

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

Upcoming events ...

- Sunday, January 21: Night Hike and Snow Taffy
- Sunday, January 28: The Search (a dynamic weekly video series for teens)

Youth Group Registration Form and Event Sign-Up required. For more details, sign-up links and/or our registration form, go to

www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca

'Live simply so that others can simply live.'

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

For News and Announcements from the Diocese of Nelson visit:

<https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/news>

BLESSED MARIE ANNE BLONDIN BURSARY

The Catholic Foundation is accepting applications for the Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary.

Please submit applications to

CatholicFoundation@nelsondiocese.org

Or mail to: Catholic Foundation, 3665 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna, BC V1W 4M7

Applications will be accepted until January 31, 2024.

The application is posted on the Nelson Diocese website

https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1069767&type=d&pREC_ID=1358622

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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VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND

with
CHRISTOPHER WEST MUSIC BY **MIKE MANGIONE**

For more information - <https://vimeo.com/260114539>

Link to online tickets -

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/made-for-more-kelowna-canada-tickets-740570645737?aff=oddttdcreator>

Rachel's Corner

You never go away from us, yet we have difficulty in returning to You. Come, Lord, stir us up and call us back. Kindle and seize us. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love. Let us run. - St. Augustine
Has it felt sometimes like God has abandoned you? Or is it just beyond what you can handle to ponder reconciling with Him? Let God do the hard part! He is ready and yearns to hold you in His arms again! Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

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250-762-2273

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



Discerning a Vocation to Permanent Diaconate?

The Diocese of Nelson is hosting an online information session, for Catholic men aged 35 to 60 who are interested in learning more about being a deacon. If you feel God is calling you to become a

permanent deacon, consider attending an Online Information Session:

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Monday, February 12th, 2024

You are encouraged to attend with your spouse (if applicable). Register no later than Monday, February 5th, 2024 by emailing rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org. A link to join the online session will be sent once you are registered.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Nelson, which encompasses the Okanagan and Kootenays of beautiful British Columbia, is recruiting for the position of Diocesan Financial Administrator. The office is located in Kelowna at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. The Financial Administrator is responsible for oversight of all financial operations of the Diocese and provides strategic financial guidance and effective advisory support to the Bishop. This position oversees 35+ parishes and the 7 Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Diocese (CISND). This Financial Administrator ensures compliance with regulatory requirements and fosters long-term financial sustainability of the Diocese. The posting can be found at this link:

https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/jobs/show_job.jsp?REC_ID=1516

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Mass is the central act of worship in the life of a Catholic. It is about spending time with God, offering ourselves to Him, giving Him thanks, and receiving His graces and blessings. We are currently in need of more volunteers for the various liturgical ministries. If you are at all interested in joining any of our groups and would like more information, we would encourage you to contact the individuals below:

Greeters and Ushers: Maxine Joyce at g.joyce@hotmail.com

Altar Society: Constance Gregory (250) 765-2879

Lectors (Readers): Sue Taylor jaytaylor@telus.net

Eucharistic Ministers: June Bot bot.june@icloud.com

Sacristans: Lily Oddleifson (250) 766-4390

It is a tremendous blessing and very rewarding to serve in this way. Please prayerfully consider joining our teams.



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.

Hi Families!

Last year, the Catholic Parishes of Penticton hosted a powerful youth retreat weekend put on by NET Ministries. This year, we are excited to announce that NET is returning with new themes, new leaders, new activities and of course, a powerful energy centered towards Christ.

On the weekend of February 10th – 11th, The Catholic Parishes of Penticton will be welcoming the travelling retreat team from NET Canada (National Evangelization Teams). NET is a reputable company with teams in many countries, who specialize in connecting with youth and bringing them a meaningful, Christ-centered experience. Whether your child is a practicing Catholic/Christian who is looking to take the next step in their faith, or one who doesn't know Jesus, but is looking to better understand their identity and purpose in life, this retreat will be impactful! I highly recommend signing up if you can. Once again, this weekend will be broken into two different retreats: One for our junior youth (grades 6-9) and one for our senior youth (grades 9-12). Notice that grade 9 is in both categories. This is because for this border-age, I would like them to choose whether their experience would be more impactful with the younger group, or with the older group. If they aren't sure, put them in the Senior retreat so they can participate with their fellow high schoolers.

The Junior Youth retreat (Grade 6-9) will run Saturday, February 10th, 2024 10am - 6pm @ St. Ann's Church, Penticton. This will include 5pm mass. Afterwards, there will be an optional dinner offered. The Senior Youth retreat (Grade 9-12) will run Sunday, February 11th, 9am - 5pm @ St. Ann's Church, Penticton. This will include 11am mass. Afterward, there will be an optional dinner offered.

All meals and costs associated with this retreat are being covered by the Catholic Parishes of Penticton, it's affiliate groups, and individual donations. So, there is no cost for your child to attend! There will be plenty of fun, plenty of growth, plenty of meaning... there's no down side. And if they really can't come for the whole day, maybe they can attend at least some of the day.

For this event, I will require a formal registration (even if you're already registered for my youth group), as there are multiple meals to plan and I have to give the retreat team numbers ahead of time.

Please register as soon as you're able at this link [NET Retreat ~ Penticton, BC ~ February 2024 \(google.com\)](#)

Looking forward to an exciting weekend. Please email me if you have any questions.

Trevor Buller.

Youth Coordinator
Catholic Parishes of Penticton