

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 7, 2024
The Epiphany of Our Lord

IS 60:1-6; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; EPH 3:2-3a, 5-6; MT 2:1-12

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. The Gospel account of the three magi traveling to meet Baby Jesus is one that we know well. Yet, when we pause to reflect on this moment when these men met Christ for the first time, we recognize that there is much to be said for us still today.



When the magi entered the house, it says, “they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.” Clearly these men knew that they were in the presence of their King. They also came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which symbolize Christ’s kingship, divinity, and humanity.

Christ is still manifesting Himself to us today. We enter God’s house weekly, and we are in His presence. When we meet Him, do we offer Him our gifts — our time, talent, and treasure? As Christian stewards, we are called to respond with love, reverence, and gratitude.

Let us prepare our hearts to receive Christ’s many manifestations in our lives. We just need a grateful disposition to receive them.

Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

December 31, 2023 - \$4,360.33

January 1- New Years Collection - \$1,377.77

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. V4V 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

Mass Intentions

January 6- Helen Sadler RIP

January 24- Francis Sabourin

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>.

2024 DONATION ENVELOPES

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

LOOKING FOR DRIVERS

One of our parishioners needs a ride to visit his wife in KGH who had a fall and broke her hip. He is not able to drive. If anyone is willing to take him in on occasion, please contact Pat at the office for further details. If we could get a few people able to drive, he could visit his wife more than once weekly.



THE MEN'S ASSOCIATION'S MEETING

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.



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Located off the back of
Immaculate Conception Church;
entrance is off west alley/driveway.

Our Lord Jesus is inviting you
to visit Him in the
Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

Scheduled Hours available are:

<u>MON</u>	1 AM, 2 AM & 10 AM
<u>TUES</u>	7 AM & 12:00 PM (noon)
<u>WED</u>	1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM & 2 PM
<u>THURS</u>	3 PM
<u>FRI</u>	12 AM
<u>SAT</u>	2 PM

Spares are always needed. Shared times available!
For information phone Lorie: 250-448-5633



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 7, 14 & 28: The Search (a dynamic weekly video series for teens)
- Sunday, January 21: Night Hike and Snow Taffy

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

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

"It really helps to ask for forgiveness and to be
forgiven. I knew God was merciful, but I don't
think I really knew it all the way. I knew God
had forgiven me, and now I can actually feel
that God has forgiven me. I thought that what I
had done could not be forgiven, but I really did
not have any idea of how big God's loving
mercy is." **Testimonial**

Come and see if it is true. Join us on a
Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and see if you will
discover the depth of God's loving mercy and
forgiveness for you.

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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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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=oddtcreator>

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.



Each issue of *Living with Christ* contains:

- Liturgical calendar of the

month • Editorial from Gilles Mongeau, SJ • The order of Mass • Spiritual reflections for each Sunday • Calendar of saints, their biographies and a saint's quote each day • Prayer in the morning • Prayer in the evening • Prayer for Home and School • Bulletin Board of community events

If you are not yet a subscriber to *Living with Christ*, you can subscribe via website: livingwithchrist.ca, and don't forget to download our **FREE *Living with Christ* Prayer App**, available through the Apple App Store or Android Market.



The next series of online Pastoral Care Outreach Training sessions will be held in the new year via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, starting on January 20 and running until March 23, 2024 (with no session on March 9 for Spring Break). Materials are attached which can be shared with your parishes:

- ☐ A memo with information about the program
- ☐ Descriptions of the nine sessions
- ☐ Sample bulletin ads to promote the sessions
- ☐ A poster to promote the sessions

A registration sheet, which must be returned to our Pastoral Care Training Program contact person, Moira King (moiraking@shaw.ca), by January 12, 2024. Looking ahead, the Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered again in fall 2024, from September 28 – November 30 (with no session on October 12 for Thanksgiving).



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.