

**ST. EDWARD'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**September 1, 2024**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"...there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile them, but the things that come out of a person are what defile them."*  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Pastor: Father Obi Ibekwe

**PARISH OFFICE**

Secretary: Pat Robinson

Office Hours: Tuesday to Thursday,  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Bulletin Announcements by noon on Thursday  
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**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday – Mass at 6:00 pm

Wednesday and Friday—Mass at 10:00 am  
Rosary at 9:30 am

Thursday - Mass at 10:00 am

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday - 4:00-5:00 pm or by appointment

**CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION**

Noreen Dunn: 250-766-3303

**MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

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(250) 765-2879

Benevolent Fund: Bob Sellinger, 250-766-5990

Greeters and Ushers: Maxine Joyce

[g.joyce@hotmail.com](mailto:g.joyce@hotmail.com)

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[jaytaylor@telus.net](mailto:jaytaylor@telus.net)

**Eucharistic Ministers: June Bot**

[bot.june@icloud.com](mailto:bot.june@icloud.com)

Music Ministry: Vera Gervais, 250-766-2250

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

Michael Conyette [mconyette@hotmail.com](mailto:mconyette@hotmail.com).

Development & Peace

George & Karen Willoner, 250-215-5134

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**DT 4:1-2, 6-8; PS 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; JAS 1:17-18, 21B-22, 27; MK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Our readings today call us to pause for a moment and consider how we respond to God's love for us each day.

Our Gospel recounts a dialogue between the Pharisees and Jesus. The Pharisees questioned why Jesus' disciples did not practice the ritual washing before eating a meal.

Jesus' response reminds us to ask ourselves 'why.' Why do we remain faithful to God's commands? Why do we pray or go to Mass? Why do we participate in the sacraments? Why do we love others?

Often, we are living our faith a certain way out of obligation, fear, or duty. But Jesus reminds us that the greatest way to live out our faith is through love. Our faith has obligations to provide us opportunities to love, honor, and praise the Lord. They are meant to aid us on our personal journey with Jesus Christ.

St. James reminds us that every moment of each day is an opportunity to respond to God's infinite love for us with love and gratitude in return.

If we approach our relationship with Jesus with this in mind, then we begin to realize that the gift of the Mass is an opportunity to worship God, the sacraments are ways to draw us closer to Him and His commandments are opportunities to love Him more faithfully.

And if we approach our day-to-day moments with this in mind, then we begin to see just how many blessings God has given us. Looking at life through the lens of gratitude helps us to see each moment as a gift with endless opportunities to respond in love.

This is how we ought to live our lives as Christian stewards — by recognizing our lives as a gift and an opportunity to love God in response to how He has loved us.

## PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

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](mailto: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.

## 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 commitment is \$18,050.00. 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](mailto:etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org) or online via Canada Helps at Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360>. We have already received \$7,205.00. Thank you so much for your generosity.

### **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 Eucharist, please inform the office and we will arrange to have someone bring it to you.**

## *Pastor's Message*

**Fr. Biju Visiting Us..... Parish Family Night On Sunday at 7pm**

Beloved friends,  
Hope you and family had a great summer. For those who were away, welcome back!  
This weekend, we are back to the swing of things. For those returning to school, those moving to a new environment of higher learning: universities and colleges, we wish all the best in your endeavours.  
For our parish, we want to kick off by welcoming everyone back and welcoming back Fr. Biju. He will be here to celebrate Mass with the Indian community and to visit with us. Please come say hi to him. He'll love to see us and to share with us how things have been going for him.  
He'll have the Syramalabar Mass on Sunday at 6pm. After Mass, our parish will gather in the hall with the Indian community to have a family time: meal, games and fellowship. Bring something to share: food, salad, desert. Bring a card game or any game you have.  
I look forward to celebrating with us this weekend and welcoming Fr. Biju back.  
Happy Sunday!

Your brother,  
Fr. Obi

## ONGOING FUNDRAISING FOR ST EDWARD'S YOUTH

It's been quite a while since we've published a reminder that our parish has an account at the **Winfield Return-It Centre** at Lakewood Mall (#4 - 11852 Highway 97N). When you take your recyclables to this location you can request that the proceeds be added to the **account for St Edward's Parish Youth!** They are open from Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. Thanks in advance. for supporting upcoming activities for the youth of our parish!

## MEN'S ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

The Men's Association has established an account at Lake Country Bottle Depot on Oceola Road, where if desired, parishioners could take beverage and alcohol containers that receive a full or partial deposit refund and designate it to the Men's Association of St. Edward's parish account #198. Funds accumulated there will be allocated to families and seniors in need and those who are working towards the betterment, growth, or solidarity of our community through activities such as Catholic faith development, faith retreats and camps.

## COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

The annual Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will be held on 29 September 2024. This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada.

As part of their episcopal ministry, the Bishops will continue to work together on relations with Indigenous peoples, important doctrinal and ethical questions; ecumenical initiatives and interreligious dialogue; international relations; evangelization, faith education and catechesis; questions of social justice; responsible ministry, and the development of a culture of life and family.

We invite all Catholics to contribute locally to this collection to support the pastoral works of our Bishops.

### PEOPLE OF FAITH PRAYER GROUP

“My Grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in weakness”. 2Corinthians 12:9

**Please note there has been a time change for the Prayer Group gatherings.**

**We will meet at 6:00 pm, St Pius X Parish, Tuesday evenings.**



Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next retreat in Canada is scheduled for September 24-28, 2024.

For the retreat website visit:  
<https://www.griegtogracescanada.org/>  
For more information, or to make a confidential

### SETON HOUSE FUNDRAISER

Monday, October 21, 2024- 6:30 p.m. Immaculata High School Gymnasium, Kelowna Featuring African Drummers, Cecelia's Classical Piano, Blakey Okanagan Irish Dancers, Nelson Diocese Clergy Choir, OLOL School Choir, Vic's Dance Band, Tony Serka, OLOL Parish Family Choir, The Filipino Dancers and more. Further information and ticket sales to follow.



You are invited to be a part of an important pro-life witness on Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 2-3 pm at <insertlocation>. At this location and hundreds of others across North America, we will form a “Life Chain,” bearing signs with messages like “Abortion kills children” and “Adoption: a loving option” and there we will pray silently for the hour. Everyone is welcome to peacefully, publicly, and safely call upon our community to protect human life. Simply show up and follow the directives of the local organizer. Let’s advocate for the innocent; as Christ Himself reminds us, “Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me” (Mt 25:40).

### 110<sup>TH</sup> WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

On behalf of the Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, the General Secretariat is forwarding to you the attached Message from His Holiness Pope Francis for the occasion of the *110<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees*, which will be celebrated on Sunday, 29 September 2024. This year’s theme is “God walks with his people”.

In preparation for the special day, the Dicastery has launched a communication campaign and the first video of a series is available on the media channel, YouTube:

In English: <https://youtu.be/k5lyibguPRE?si=nE27QzW5RPMvP5Pr>

Likewise, the Dicastery has produced resources which can be consulted and downloaded from its website at the following link:

In English: <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/news/2024/giornata-mondiale-migrante-e-rifugiato-2024-tema-messaggio-papa.html>

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
+Bishop Greg



# 2ND ANNUAL MEN'S FALL Retreat

Join the Knights of Columbus for our 2nd annual Men's Fall Retreat, where you will have the opportunity to deepen your faith and connect with your brother's in Christ. Through talks, reflection, group discussions, adoration, and prayer, You will leave with a renewed sense of purpose and a strengthened connection to your faith.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**  
Fr. Sebastian Puthenpura  
Deacon Rod Attwell

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**26** October 2024 | Seton House of Prayer

COST \$30 | INCLUDES MEALS  
REGISTRATION: PANDOSY2558@GMAIL.COM

**Men's Retreat 2024: Perfect Storms**

The Men's Retreat 2024: Perfect Storms | September 20–22, 2024, at Rockridge Canyon in Princeton, BC. This year's theme is "Perfect Storms." Through inspiring talks, the Sacraments, and outdoor adventures, Jake Khym (founder of Life Restoration Ministries) and Sam Blair (retired US Navy SEAL) will guide us through a prayerful weekend, helping us receive the perfect and transforming love of Jesus amidst life's storms. Registration opens July 13, 2024. For more information and to register, go to [liferestoration.ca/mens-retreat](http://liferestoration.ca/mens-retreat).

Have you thought about leaving a legacy? For more information or assistance contact the Diocesan Appeals Office at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. phone: 250-448-2725 ext. 240, Email: [plannedgiving@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:plannedgiving@nelsondiocese.org)

**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](mailto:g.joyce@hotmail.com)

Altar Society: Constance Gregory (250) 765-2879

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

Eucharistic Ministers: June Bot

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

**MADE FOR THIS MOMENT**

The Okanagan Pregnancy Care Centre Annual Banquet - September 26th, 2024. Evangel Church, 3261 Gordon Drive, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$30 per person, or a table of 8 for \$240. Banquet Tickets are now on sale! You can contact us at 250-763-2112 to purchase your tickets.



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JOHN  
3:16

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