

ST. EDWARD'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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Thursday email: wandawirth@telus.net

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday - 4:45-5:15 pm or by appointment

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday—Mass at 10:00 am
(Rosary at 9:30 am)

Tuesday—Mass at 6:00 pm
(Rosary at 5:30 pm)

Wednesday—Mass at 10:00 am
(Rosary at 9:30 am)

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
following the 10:00 am Mass

Thursday—Mass at 10:00 am
(Rosary at 9:30 am)

Friday—Mass at 10:00 am
(Rosary at 9:30 am)

(Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Consecration to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus following the 10:00 am Mass

Saturday—Mass at 10:00 am

Welcome to Bishop Gregory at 9:45 am

(Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Chair:

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Chair: Joe Pereira George

Liturgy Coordinator:

Constance Gregory, 250-765-2879

Grounds and Building: Clive Halston

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

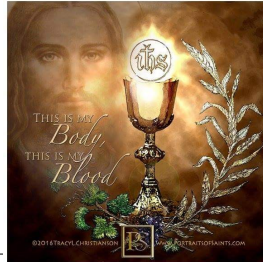
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June 22, 2025
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

*I am the living bread of heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats of this bread will live forever.*

John 6, 51

St. Edward's Church is a scent-free zone! Avoid wearing perfume, after-shave or heavily scented personal care products.

[GN 14:18-20; PS 110:1-4; 1 COR 11:23-26; LK 9:11B-17](#)

Today we observe the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This beautiful feast celebrates the gift of the Eucharist, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches is the source and summit of our Christian faith. "For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself" (CCC paragraph 1324).

The very word, Eucharist, means "thanksgiving" or "gratitude" and so this feast is especially meaningful to all of us who are striving to live as grateful stewards of all God's blessings to us. Surely the Eucharist is the greatest of all blessings because it is not only from God, it is God — the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Today's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians reminds us of the depths of love our Lord has shown us in the gift of the Eucharist, recalling Christ's words at the very first Eucharistic celebration. "The Lord Jesus... took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you." In that moment, and at every celebration of the Mass thereafter, Jesus gives us His very self in an act of complete humility and perfect love. How can we possibly show our gratitude for such a sublime gift?

We can receive the gift of the Eucharist with the greatest possible reverence and love. And, following our Lord's example, we can give ourselves generously to others in the week ahead.

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**SAVE THE DATE AND TIME
FOR BISHOP GREGORY'S MASS FOR THE PARISHIONERS
AND ONE DAY PROGRAM
FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF THE PARISH**

DATE & DAY	: June 28 (Saturday), 2025
WELCOME TO BISHOP GREGORY	: At 09.45 am
HOLY MASS BY THE BISHOP	: At 10.00 am
BRUNCH WITH THE BISHOP	: At 11.00 am
PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH	: From 11.45 am to 4.00 pm
RESOURCE PERSONS	: Fr Obi & Fr Ferdinand

All are wholeheartedly welcomed to participate in the Holy Mass offered by Bishop Gregory J. Bitman and to join the Brunch arranged by Men's Association on June 28 (Saturday), 2025.

All the children above 5 years and youth to 20 years of age are especially welcomed to attend the One Day Program inaugurated by Bishop Gregory. The program will be free of cost. The program consists of Holy Eucharist, Rosary, Spiritual Talks, Action Songs, Group Games, Mind Blowing Interactive Sessions, Quiz Competition & Singing Competition.

The parishioners as well as the participants of the program are requested to commit themselves by signing up in the sheets on the noticeboard kept at the Vestibule before June 22 (Sunday), and support the Men's Association to prepare the brunch accordingly.

Expecting everyone's co-operation,

Fr Shaiju Payyappilly Kunjuvareed, CMI

PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

June 15, 2025—\$2,932.37

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You can donate by using 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.

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

The Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal is now underway in our parish for the year 2025. Every gift is important. Our parish goal is \$19,350.00. We have already received \$4,230.00. Thank you so much! Remember to fill out your pledge card and drop it along with a cheque/cash in the collection or donate via e-transfer to: etransfers.pof@nelsondiocese.org and in the message box indicate that you want your donation to go the Pilgrimage of Faith or donate online via Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360>.

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.*

If anyone would like Father to come to your home to pray, to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, to receive the Holy Eucharist or just to visit, please inform the office and they will arrange to have Father Shaiju visit you.

Prayer Requests

Claire Schaff, Betty Klinger, Shirley Breen, Don Wirth, Georgia Colgan, Manuel Matias, Edward Schaff, Father Jim Ratcliffe, Marcel Gregory, Patrick Greaney, Fern Granger, Norman Tutt, Lia Nova

Mass Intentions

June 21-Jennine Finnigan RIP

June 23-Thomas James Emerson RIP

June 27- Greg Scanlon RIP

June 28- Pat & Kathy Greany & family INT

St Edward's Catholic Church, Lake Country Important Dates & Days to Remember in this Week

June 27 (Friday):

Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

09.30 am: Rosary

10.00 am: Holy Mass, Adoration &
Consecration to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 28 (Saturday):

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pastoral Visit of Bishop Gregory J. Bitman

One-Day Program for Children & Youth

09.45 am: Welcome to Bishop Gregory

10.00 am: Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Gregory

11.00 am: Brunch

11.45 am to 04.00 pm: Program for Children & Youth

June 28 (Saturday): Weekend Mass

05.30 pm: Holy Mass

June 29 (Sunday): Weekend Mass

09.00 am: Holy Mass



Congratulations to Felicity Ouillette who will be receiving her First Communion today - -

As you receive Our Saviour in the Eucharist today, may you feel His holy Presence in a very special way. And all throughout your lifetime may He be there by your side to give you His protection and to be your friend and guide.

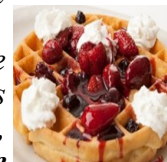


Congratulations to Avelynn Ouillette who was confirmed on May 18th at St. Charles Garnier with all the candidates in the deanery by Rev. Bishop Bittman.

St. Edward's Men's Association will host the final Brunch of the season next

*Saturday June 28 after mass, instead of the last Sunday of the month, June 29. This is to coincide with a visit from our Bishop, Most Reverend Gregory Bittman. **Please***

***sign the sign-up sheet in the vestibule, if you plan to attend the brunch after Mass.** Also, there will be no Brunches in the months of July and August as usual but they will resume in September, again on the last Sunday of the month. Please join us on June 28 and welcome our Bishop.*





THE MEN'S ASSOCIATION'S MEETING

The Men's Association meeting will be held this Tuesday, June 24, 2025. You are invited to attend Mass at 6 pm before the meeting. Following Mass, we will have supper and our meeting at 7 pm. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION— CATECHISM

Catechism classes are for all students who attend the public school, grade 1 to grade 7, so they can have a faith foundation. Completion of one year of classes before enrolling in First Communion Year is required. Confirmation is celebrated in Grade 7 and it is expected that students are part of the program from grades 1 to 6 before being confirmed.

REGISTRATION for classes commencing in September is now until June 30th. To register contact Noreen Dunn 250-766-3303 or ternor@shaw.ca

TEACHERS are needed for September classes. For more information call Noreen 250-766-3303 or email ternor@shaw.ca

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING for parents with children registered for September classes for catechism; will be held on Sunday, JULY 6th after the 9AM mass in the parish hall with Father. Please be there.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE FESTAL SHOUT OF VICTORY!

An ancient biblical act of worship, victory and celebration!

Saturday, July 5, 2025, 11am-1pm
Seton House of Prayer, 5819 Chute Lake Road,
Kelowna, BC

Let us pray in Christian Unity for God's victory over the Okanagan Valley
Prayer, Scripture, Song, FESTAL SHOUT OF VICTORY!

**Bring your trumpets, tambourines,
maracas, drums & recorders!**

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Contact: Christine 250-768-0284

For more info, go to Google Doc:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QimKqWAukyGty8JPLQTj-bj075Kre41-dgnjqPCKpDU/edit?tab=t.0>

BULLETIN

Next weekend, June 29th, will be the last bulletin for the summer months. The bulletin will resume again on September 7th.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

For Catholic Education: For the students that are graduating from high school, students that are moving to new schools, grades and communities. May God bless them, and their families in this time of transition guiding them in His divine plans.

Performers Needed! Seton House Fundraiser

Do you sing? Can you dance? Do you play beautiful music? Do you have a talent you would like to share? Calling all talented performers. The Seton House Fundraiser will be held on November 1 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the ICC Parish Hall.

If you or someone you know would like to help by performing at the fundraiser please contact Tim by emailing tkeilty@shaw.ca



Come and See!

Seton House - Wine & Cheese Social
We invite you to Come and See!

The parishioners of the Nelson Diocese supported the Seton House Fundraiser in October 2024 and we want to invite all of you to come and see the changes at Seton House! We are excited to have you come and look around.

On Friday, July 11, 2025 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. we will hold a Wine & Cheese Social at Seton House of Prayer and Retreat House.

This event is free of charge, but we do require an **RSVP by Friday, July 4** so we know how many people to expect.

Please go to your parish office to pick up a free ticket to attend or to Loaves and Fishes, 591 Lawrence Ave., Kelowna.

If you live outside of the Kelowna area or can't make it to Loaves and Fishes or one of the parish offices to pick up a ticket, please email executive-cpc@nelsondiocese.org to RSVP.

Gathering in the Spirit (GIS) 2025

JESUS HOPE OF THE WORLD August 13-16

"May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Once again the Nelson Diocese Catholic Renewal is offering a unique and life changing faith opportunity, Gathering in the Spirit 2025. Pauline Dumas McGrath is returning by popular demand for a third year. Please read her bio and more in the GIS Brochure, available in your parish.

Here are a few details to note from the brochure:

Schedule Change from previous years –

Wednesday, August 13 to Friday noon, August 15 –

Sessions at Seton House for those registered

Friday Evening, August 15, Dinner and HEALING MASS at St. Pius X - open to public

Saturday, Public Sessions, for registrants too! - St. Pius

Cost for Seton House accommodation and meals Wednesday to Saturday \$560, Commuter \$260

Speaker: Pauline Dumas McGrath

Daily and Healing Mass and Celebrant: Father Obi

REGISTER with Coordinator, Loree Renwick, email:

ndccrs2020@gmail.com (This email address will also accept e-transfers.) Register ASAP as there are only 30 spots at Seton House.

See the GIS Brochure on our website, <http://www.stedwardsparish.ca>, under Bulletin



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JOHN

3:16



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A Journey Through Grace: Our Pilgrimage to Medjugorje and Rome

By Sherin & Joe Pereira

We began our pilgrimage on the afternoon of May 18, 2025 leaving behind the familiar hills of Kelowna with hearts full of hope and anticipation. Our destination was not just a place, but a profound encounter with God — through the footsteps of saints, the embrace of Our Lady, and the sacred doors of the Jubilee Year. After a long journey through Calgary, we arrived in Rome on May 19 and were welcomed into the tranquil residence of the Oblate Sisters of the Assumption. It was there our hearts began to quiet, preparing for what was to come.

The next morning, we set out to **Nettuno**, drawn by the love of Sherin's patron saint, **St. Maria Goretti**. Walking through the **Basilica of Our Lady of Graces**, standing near her relics, and learning of her heroic forgiveness stirred something deep within us. Her purity, courage, and the grace that carried her to heaven at such a young age reminded us that holiness is not distant—it is alive, and it calls each one of us.

Medjugorje — The Heart of Our Pilgrimage

On May 21, we flew into **Mostar**, Bosnia, and soon after found ourselves in **Medjugorje**—a town nestled among mountains that reminded us of home, yet radiated a peace not of this world. By evening, we were at **St. James the Greater Church**, enveloped by prayers in dozens of languages, but united in one Spirit. The next morning, we climbed **Apparition Hill**, where Our Lady has appeared since 1981. Later, we made the difficult, even painful ascent up **Cross Mountain**. But something happened along that steep, stony path—something beyond words. We felt as though our burdens were being carried by unseen hands. Our tired legs moved forward, not by strength, but by grace. We reached the summit exhausted but transformed. A divine peace flowed into us, silencing our fears, softening our hearts, and filling us with an unmistakable sense of the **Holy Spirit's presence**.

Later that day, we went to make confession, and it was there we learned the secret of Medjugorje's grace: the local people pray and fast day and night so that God's mercy may never depart from their land. We experienced that mercy firsthand in **confession** and again in **adoration**—a moment of such peace and clarity, it brought tears to our eyes. We left Medjugorje longing to return, feeling as if **Gospa (Our Lady)** herself had taken us into her arms and whispered, "Come back again, my children."

Rome — The Pilgrimage of the Jubilee Doors

Back in Rome on May 23, with spirits renewed, we embraced the path of the **Jubilee Holy Doors**. Using only public transport, we journeyed like pilgrims of old. On May 24, we began with the awe-inspiring **Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major**, followed by **Santa Croce in Gerusalemme**, where relics of Christ's Passion are preserved—the very wood of the Cross, the Holy Nails, and the sign that hung above our Lord. We ended the day at the tomb of **St. Lawrence in San Lorenzo fuori le Mura**, where, by God's mercy, **I experienced physical healing**. It was a miracle that I can only give thanks for.

The next day brought us to the **Catacombs of St. Sebastian**, the **Archbasilica of St. John Lateran**, and the grand **Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls**. Our pilgrimage culminated in the most sacred of spaces : the **Basilica of St. Peter** in the Vatican. Attending Mass there, having passed through each Holy Door, we felt as though Heaven had drawn near.

Assisi — A Gentle Miracle

On May 26, we took a train to **Assisi**, and this day left an indelible mark on our hearts. In the land of **St. Francis and St. Clare**, we were surrounded by peace that can only be described as divine. Learning about **St. Clare and her sister St. Agnes**, and how they loved and served Jesus with unwavering devotion, awakened in us a new hunger to love Christ more deeply. We also visited the tomb of **Blessed Carlo Acutis**, the young modern apostle of the Eucharist. Standing before his simple tomb, we saw the radiant witness of a life totally surrendered to Jesus—even in the age of technology.

On our final day, we visited the **Basilica of St. Catherine of Siena**, where we were inspired by her bold counsel to popes and her profound mysticism. Later, we made our way to the Scala Sancta—the **Holy Stairs** that Jesus ascended during His trial before Pontius Pilate. We climbed them on our knees, step by step, meditating on Christ's Passion. It was humbling and painful, but deeply unifying. With each step, we begged the Lord to strip away our pride and increase our love for Him.

“What no eye has seen...”

“But, as it is written, ‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him’”. (1 Corinthians 2:9)

This Scripture became living truth for us. Through basilicas and mountains, through confession and quiet chapels, we glimpsed the **invisible reality of God's love**—radiant, tender, and relentless. We saw the grandeur of our **Catholic Church**: the beauty of her art, the strength of her martyrs, the unity of her saints, and the intimacy of her sacraments. We are **proud to be Catholic**—not with worldly pride, but with humble thanksgiving that we belong to the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

On May 28, our final morning in Rome, we stood among thousands in **St. Peter's Square**, and to our great surprise and joy, we saw **Pope Leo XIV** during the Papal Audience and received his apostolic blessing. It was a fitting end to a pilgrimage of blessings.

A Call to All

We returned to Canada on May 28 - hearts full, souls stirred, and minds awakened. We witnessed miracles. We received grace upon grace. And most of all, we were reminded how much our **Heavenly Mother** loves us, and how real our faith is.

To our beloved parish family: **we invite you**—to find the time to make this pilgrimage. Go to where Our Lady is calling. Walk through the doors of mercy. Climb the mountains of faith. Rest in the arms of Gospa. You will return not just with photos, but with a heart made new.

“To Jesus, through Mary.”

With love and gratitude,

Sherin & Joe