

ST. EDWARD'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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PARISH OFFICE

Secretary: Pat Robinson
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 Mass: 5:30 pm
Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday- 4:30-5:15 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 mass
Thursday—Mass at 10:00 am
(Rosary at 9:30 pm)
Friday—Mass at 6:00 pm
(Rosary at 5:30 pm)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following
the 10:00 am Mass
Saturday—Mass at 9:30 am
(No Rosary)

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Noreen Dunn: 250-766-3303

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

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jaytaylor@telus.net
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PARISH COMMITTEES

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)
Chair: Cara Reed
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Chair: Joe Pereira George
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*St. Edward's Church is a scent
- free zone! Avoid wearing
perfume, after-shave or
heavily scented personal care
products.*



April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

ACTS 2:42-47; PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 PT 1:3-9; JN 20:19-31

The Christian steward approaches life with an “Easter vision,” rooted in gratitude for the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today’s readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that this vision is meant to shape our daily lives and that we can place complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, toward heaven.

It can be difficult to keep our focus on heaven when earthly concerns — job stress, family struggles, health problems and political division — press in around us. At times, we can become like the Apostle Thomas in today’s Gospel, struggling to believe amid disappointment and uncertainty. Absent when Jesus first appeared to the other Apostles after the Resurrection, Thomas refused to accept their testimony that they had “seen the Lord.”

He insisted that he would not believe unless he placed his finger into the nail marks and his hand into Christ’s side. Yet Thomas’ doubts did not repel our Lord — they drew Him near in an extraordinary way. Jesus saw beyond the doubt to the pain beneath it. He did not condemn Thomas, but calmed his fears and invited him to touch His Sacred Wounds.

What amazing grace.

When we are tempted to doubt, we need only seek the Lord — in prayer, in the sacraments and through the encouragement of our Christian community. Just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.

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PARISHIONERS OFFERINGS

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

Easter Collection—\$5,191.37
Development & Peace—\$221.21
Holy Land -\$1,510.00

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

Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal is now underway in our parish for the year 2026 – Every gift is important. Our parish goal is \$18,250.00. We have already received \$3,750.00. Thank you so much! Remember to fill out your pledge card and drop it along with a cheque/cash (cheques made payable to the The Roman Catholic Bishop of Nelson) in the collection or donate via etransfer to: etransfers.pof@nelsondiocese.org or online via Canada Helps at 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

Norman Tutt, Manuel Matias, Bishop Bittman

Mass Intentions

April 8- Vincent & Joan Sherry INT
April 9- Terry Dunn INT
April 10- Emily Muldoon RIP
April 11- P.J. O'Looney RIP
April 14- Vincent & Joan Sherry INT
April 18- Art Fomey RIP

CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2026

Morning Holy Mass at 09.00 am
Confession at 02.30 pm
Novena at 03.30 pm
Holy Mass at 04.00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIME CHANGE

There will be no Friday morning Mass on Friday, April 17th; it will instead be in the evening at 6:00 pm WITH ROSARY AT 5:30 pm.

Dear Parishioners,

As part of our Pilgrimage of Faith for 2026, our parish is called to contribute \$18,250 to the Diocese. In addition, we are raising \$9,000.00 to repair and reupholster the parish hall chairs for the comfort and use of our community. We kindly ask for your generous support to help us meet these important needs. Together, let us continue to build and care for our parish home with faith and unity.

THE MEN'S ASSOCIATION'S MEETING



The Men's Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. 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 see the invitation letter on our website under Bulletin.**

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)

Pre-authorized Giving (PAG) allows parishioners to make their regular Sunday offering using the “direct debit” system. When you participate in PAG, your regular Sunday offering is only withdrawn from your account once a month and deposited into the parish account. This is a convenient way of donating as your offering is deducted automatically. If you wish to increase or decrease the amount or withdraw from the PAG plan simply drop a signed note in the collection basket or stop by the parish office. More information can be found in the brochure. Brochures are available in the vestibule of the church and on our website under “Bulletin”.

THE CATHOLIC MOUNTAIN STAR

The Catholic Mountain Star is now available. If you would like a copy, please contact St. Edward's Parish Office with your email address and they will email you a copy. It is also available on our website under Bulletin.

KELOWNA CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

The Kelowna Catholic Young Adults are excited to invite you to “**To the Heights**”, an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, worship, Holy Mass, and fellowship for young adults.

This new initiative, led by Fr. Ferdinand, Youth Coordinator of the Diocese, aims to bring together young adults from across Kelowna and all parishes, creating a space where we can pray, worship, and grow in fellowship as one community.

Location: St. Charles Garnier Church

When: Every 3rd Sunday of the month

Adoration: 6:00 PM

Holy Mass: 7:00 PM (Fellowship after the Mass)

Our first gathering will be on **Sunday, April 19th**.

We warmly encourage everyone to come and bring friends! Please help spread the word — our hope is to build a welcoming and vibrant community for all young adults in Kelowna.

YOUTH RETREAT

We are excited to invite youth from your parish to this year’s NET Ministries retreat, themed “*Dare to Hope*.” This day will encourage young people to discover hope in God’s love, especially in the midst of life’s challenges.

All students in Grades 6–12 across the diocese are welcome. The retreat will include large group sessions as well as age-appropriate breakout groups.

Date & Time: APRIL 26, SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: St. Ann’s Parish Hall, Penticton, BC

Mass: 11:00 a.m.

Optional Dinner: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

There is **no cost** to attend. All meals and expenses are covered.



Grade 8–12 Kelowna Catholic Youth Group News **From the Tomb to Testimony – Youth Night**

Last week was all about the Resurrection—this week is about *your story*.

Come hang out as we help you start putting your faith into words -- how God is real and working in your life right now. We’ll have games, time with friends, and a chance to build your own personal testimony (no pressure -- we’ll guide you through it).

Sunday, April 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Immaculate Conception Parish Center (use EAST entrance).

Want to stay in the loop or sign up for upcoming events? Check us out at: www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca

SUMMIT: AN EVENING OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, May 9 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration with music, short talks, prayer, and reflection. Priests will be available for reconciliation. All ages and all parishes welcome! If possible, please bring a plate of snacks to share for the social to follow in the hall.

CALLED & GIFTED

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do in your church or broader community, and He has gifted you for that purpose. Over 4 sessions, Called & Gifted will help you reflect on your life and discover the spiritual gifts God has placed within you. Whether you’re seeking clarity, renewal, or a deeper sense of meaning, this journey can help you recognize how God is already at work in your life and how to take that next step. April 28 & 30, May 5 & 7 from 6:00–8:30 pm at Seton House of Prayer (Dining Room). Register online using the www.nelsondiocese.org.

Christ-Centered Bereavement Support



Catholic Bereavement Support Program

Immaculate Conception Church, Kelowna

5 Weeks: Thursdays from April 23 to May 21

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Info and Registration:

Andrea at ICC Parish Office: 250.762.3910, or

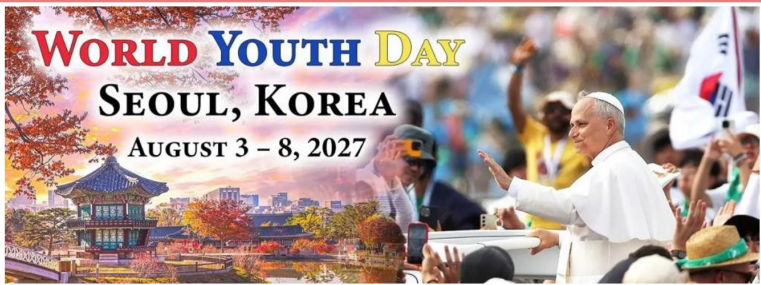
Tania Tavares: taniastemarietavares@gmail.com

Register by: April 13

No cost to attend; participant book & journal provided.

POPE LEO XIV’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

"Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer".



Young Adults of the Diocese of Nelson

World Youth Day 2027 is from
July 27th, 2027 - August 11th, 2027 in Seoul, Korea

**Dates include both Days in the Diocese and WYD*

Join Pope Leo XIV and hundreds of thousands of young Catholics (18 - 35 years old) from around the world for the World Youth Day Pilgrimage!

Participants will grow in their faith and their appreciation for the power and presence of Jesus in the Church today.

Interested? Save your spot!
 E-transfer \$500 to
etransfer.DPC@nelsondiocese.org
before May 10, 2026

Add "WYD 2027 deposit" + "your full name" + "your parish" in the e-transfer message

Priest Chaplain: Fr. Ferdinand Bayarong
 For more information, please contact:
 Deacon Rod Attwell
rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org



Catholic Men's Conference

April 24 & 25

Immaculate Conception Church, Kelowna

One in Christ, United in Mission

Keynote Speaker: Fr. Larry Richards

Author of *Be A Man: Becoming the Man God Created You to Be*

Early Bird Registration — Before April 15:

- Regular: \$65
- University Student: \$15

Register or learn more:

Visit www.heroicmen.ca and scroll down to the **Kelowna Conference.**

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MARCH FOR LIFE

Immaculate Conception Parish will host the ANNUAL MASS, to respect and honor LIFE. This year marks 57 years of legal abortion in Canada.

The NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE will be held in Ottawa on Thursday, May 14. Our MASS will be celebrated: THURSDAY, MAY 7, CELEBRANT: Bishop Gregory Bittman, 7 pm at ICC. Coffee in the hall after. The Theme of this year's March is. "FOLLOW ME. Matthew 4:19. A call to action! "Stand for LIFE". Join us to pray for Canada. To end abortion, Euthanasia, MAID, IVF. Contraception. All assault the dignity of life created by God! Mark your Calendar. Join us to STAND FOR LIFE !

KOREAN LANGUAGE MASS

Okanagan Korean Catholic Community (OKCC) cordially invites Korean people and anyone who would like to attend to:

KOREAN LANGUAGE MASS
ST. PIUS X CHURCH, KELOWNA ON APRIL 19, 2026 AT 3PM.

CONFESSION AT 2:30pm

Fellowship at 4-5:30 pm.

By Fr. Park Francisco, of Vancouver
St. Andrew Church

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 FUNERAL HOME
Here for You.

JOHN

3:16

Would you like to see your business advertised in our bulletin? Cost is \$100 per year or \$10.00 per month. Contact the office.