

HOLY CHILD PARISH

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September 22 & 29, 2024
25th & 26th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY CHILD CHURCH

Tuesday to Friday - 9 am*

Saturday - 6 pm

Sunday - 9 am

*2nd WEDNESDAY of the month -
10.30 am at Summerland Seniors' Village or
Dr. Andrew Pavilion

OUR LADY OF LOURDES MISSION

Sunday - 11 am

Willow St. at 11th Ave. (St. Barbara's
Anglican Church) Okanagan Falls, BC



Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Every Friday, after 9 am Mass
Every Saturday, before the 6 pm Mass
Or by appointment

Holy Hour Adoration:

Every Friday, after 9 am Mass

MASS INTENTION

SEPTEMBER

TUE 24 (R) MARIA LADEIRA
WED 25 (I) SALLY WEBSTER
THU 26 (R) ALLAN NEIGEL
FRI 27 (R) ELSIE & BERT JAY
SAT 28 (R) AL DUPONT

OCTOBER

TUE 1 (I) ANNETTE LEFEBVRE
WED 2 (R) ELSIE & BERT JAY
THU 3 (R) MARGARETE TUMBACH
FRI 4 (R) ELSIE & BERT JAY
SAT 5 (R) PAUL



OKTOBERFEST 2024

Friday, September 27,
4-8 pm in the church hall.

Traditional German cuisine and
non-alcoholic drinks will be
served. Tickets for food can be
purchased at the door.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed
Tuesday, September 24 - Friday, September 27.
Please contact Fr. Gabriel for urgent matters.

RELIGIOUS CARDS & GIFTS AVAILABLE

The cabinet in the church foyer is now organized
by the CWL as a fundraiser. You can buy religious
cards for all occasions, rosaries, hand-made
jewelry, religious gifts and so much more.
Prices are marked on the individual items,
and if not marked, by donation, to the CWL.
Cash accepted during office hours or
e-transfer holychildCWL@gmail.com



DIOCESAN CLERGY STUDY DAYS October 7-11, 2024

Advance notice: No Mass in church on Tuesday through Friday, October 8-11.
Saturday and Sunday Mass as normal.

PRAYER LIST

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS...

Sheila & Bob Dalflyen and family, Marc Veillette & family, Deacon Pat & Darlene Murphy & family, Gabriella & Manuel Zavala & family, Rick Bigland, Barb & Doug Webb & family, Tirian Hawkes & family.

If you have a loved one that you would like on the prayer list or if you know of someone who no longer needs to be on the list, please contact the Parish Office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 22nd Sept 2024

"What does the Lord require of you?" (Micah 6:8) explains this concept thoughtfully in today's gospel (Mark 9:30-37), "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me". There are three things the Prophet Micah was able to tell us, namely: 1. Walk humbly before the Lord (humility) 2. Execute justice (be a righteous person) & 3. Love tenderly (be cordial with others). Pope Francis was able to spark a beautiful thought that 'we are called to care for others attentively, especially those, who most need our service, love and closeness and cannot repay it at anytime'. Receiving such needy people is a Godly activity (they are called 'anawim'=who depend on God for everything). We are invited to accept lovingly to show kindness and to share our charity / goodwill. This receiving has to be done in Jesus' Name, for his glory and not for our glory or gratification. The Church invites us to receive the orphans, destitutes, strangers, migrants, refugees, oppressed, suppressed, marginalized, alienated, strangers and displaced children of God in our lives & communities.

According to James 1:27, "Pure religion is based on social justice". It is our moral obligation to care for the less fortunate. The Book of Deuteronomy 10:18 repeats, "Let justice be done to the widow, orphan and the destitute". The gospel of Luke 6:31 reminds, "Just as you wish people to do for you, do the same way to them". This golden rule is the guiding principle for our Christian Life. In no way we should be 'mean to any one'. Let us not despise, be not contemptible, do not reproach and persecute or avoid the disadvantaged people...because they are God's children (Anawim of God).

The Gospel of Mark 9:36-37 illustrates a profound lesson for all believers. Jesus used the image of the child (Anawim = who depends on God) to drive home the following lessons.

1. Humility & service. The context of the passage is a discussion among the disciples about who among them is the greatest. Taking a child, Jesus explained, "Whoever wants to be first, must be last of all and servant of all". Jesus emphasizes that true greatness in His Kingdom is not about power or status, but about humility & service. By placing a child at the center, who in Jewish society & culture had no social status or power, Jesus highlighted that 'Greatness' comes from serving those who are often overlooked or considered insignificant.
2. Receiving the least. Jesus further explained that receiving the least, like the refugees, orphans, the forgotten and the underprivileged and also caring for them in His Name, is considered service to God himself. That's why he said, "Anyone who welcomes a little child like this one on my behalf welcomes me". This is a radical shift from the world's perspective.
3. The Kingdom's value system: The world's conventional understanding of greatness is rooted in power, prestige, importance, first place, self promotion and so on, but the Kingdom of God operates in a different way. It's the place where the last become first, and the least become the greatest. So, if you wish to be truly great in the sight of God, embrace "Servanthood". Serve others like our several Saints: St. John Bosco, St. Mother Theresa, St. Maximillian Kolbe, St. Margaret Bourgeois and so on.

In all these activities, we reflect God's great love. Welcoming the least makes us humble and creates an interconnectedness of our relationship. When we serve others who can't offer us anything in return - we are participating in God's Economy of Love, which is called selfless love. The first reading from Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 reminds us that living a righteous life often brings untold challenges and difficulties. Those who live according to the 'Standards of God = Just / Righteous Life' are persecuted. Like Jesus they would be rejected. might face suffering despite their innocence. We are the members of the 'pure religion', according to James (3:16, 4.3), which stands in stark contrast to the jealousy and selfish ambition that led to conflict and disorder. Therefore, James advises us to examine our desires & motivations, reminding us that true fulfilment comes from uniting our lives with God's Will and serving everyone with the **mindset of Christ.**

All the best. In the Service of the Church! Gabriel

EXPLORE THE FAITH

Thursday September 26, 2024

**THE MASS
EXPLAINED**

**THE MASS
READINGS
EXPLAINED**



Our study group will start a video series: "The Mass Explained". This program looks at what we, as Catholics, do at every mass, why we do it, what it means and the Biblical and theological roots of the signs, gestures and actions of the priest and participants.

The video is led by Dr. Brant Pitre. Join us at 6:00pm in the Church Hall for this important study and discussion. All are welcomed to attend.

CATECHISM AT HOLY CHILD

If you haven't already done so, please register your child as soon as possible. Registration forms are available in the church foyer. Our classes will continue to be held on Wednesdays. Any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact Shirley M.

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. GABRIEL



Every Thursday, after the 9 am Mass. Join us as we dig deeper into the Word of God! Everyone welcome! Copies of the pastor's message are available every week in the foyer.

YOUTH BOTTLE DRIVE

Our Parish Youth are still collecting cans to help raise funds for World Youth Day. Drop off in the Youth room. Thanks!

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE



We are in need of volunteers to help provide refreshments after the Sunday Mass. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to welcome visitors to our parish. Can you help with one Sunday? Sign up sheet in the foyer.

CHURCH PARKING LOT



The Summerland Fire Department have requested we remove one parking spot by the exit in the southeast corner. The space has been blacked-out so please only park within the yellow-lined spaces. Thank you!

SAVE YOUR HARVEST ITEMS!



Please start to save your harvest items for our Christmas Bazaar. Possible items include nuts, squash, canning goods, jams, etc.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS REPORT

August 2024

(includes SAG and e-transfers)

Holy Child Parish

	Collections	Budget
August 4	\$3,147.92	\$2,673.08
August 11	\$2,782.32	\$2,673.08
August 18	\$3,002.42	\$2,673.08
August 25	\$2,688.22	\$2,673.08
Total	\$11,620.88	\$10,692.32
Balance		\$ 928.56

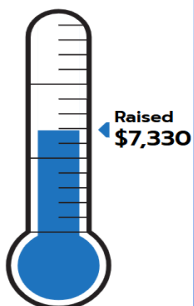
Our Lady of Lourdes Mission

	Collections	Budget
August 4	\$230.00	\$184.04
August 11	\$408.00	\$184.04
August 18	\$245.00	\$184.04
August 25	\$275.00	\$184.04
Total	\$1,158.00	\$736.16
Balance		\$421.84

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!

HCP POF Goal

\$15,000



PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2024

Thank you sincerely to the parishioners who have generously supported our appeal.

Our Pilgrimage of Faith is crucial in helping our parish and the larger diocese financially.

Together, we can achieve our goal and continue to serve our community with faith and generosity.

Remember to fill out your pledge card and drop it along with a cheque/cash in the collection, or e-transfer to: etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

OLOLM POF Goal

\$350

Raised **\$350**



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 29th September 2024

"Do not be an obstacle for anyone. Do not cause anyone to stumble" (Mk 9:42-48). 'Stumble' is explained as 'unsteady walk...causing us to fall'. Steady walk would be following the principle/rule /command. Psalms 24:3-4 asks this question: 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His Holy Place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully' & 27:11 explains: 'Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path'. Causing the faithful to fall from their steady moral & spiritual life is due to the diluted teachings of our moral concepts, principles, commandments (employing false/alternative ways/facts). This is called 'escapism' which is scandalizing someone by unlawful thoughts, explanations and actions. Therefore 'scandal' is an attitude or behaviour that leads another to evil. The Canon Law of the Church #s 2284 & 85 cautions: "To scandalize someone is a grave sin/offense". The person who gives scandal becomes his or her neighbour's tempter. Therefore, such people commit/incur the sin of scandal by commission/omission".

Consider the following examples: 1. Enticing people for personal gains (The Safe Environment Policy of the Church explained this as 'Grooming') 2. Saying one thing and doing another thing ('I love you' expressed in words, but in real life 'hating /disowning') 3. The concealment of truth willfully from lawful authorities is 'Scandalous'. I wish to explain a particular court case for this purpose. An infant was killed by the boyfriend of the mother of the child. When this case was scheduled, the biological father of the child was present at the court hearing. The biological mother of this child was aware that her present boyfriend killed her child. But she concealed the truth, she did not disclose the truth to the court authorities. Her present boyfriend and herself combined 'bundled the dead body of this infant' and threw it in the sea, thinking that nothing would be known to the court or public. In fact, they concealed the truth wantonly. But it was found out after a few months. They were charged for this 'heinous and detestable crime'. 'Illicit affair' / relationship goes against morality and also against the Commandment of God. It's a grave matter to kill an infant/child for personal gratification saying that this baby/child is possessed by evil spirits, which amounts to witchcraft.

Let's remember that scandals ruin families, individual lives and communities. Let us also remember our final destination after death: 'After life /Eternal life'. Who decides our final destiny after death? We all have our 'Human free will' and we decide our ultimate destiny. Divine love, divine justice & divine grace impels us for a deep union with God. When we do good and avoid evil, we have a 'happy life' and when we engage in good pursuits avoiding evil, we are entering into an intimate union with the Divine. C.S. Lewis explains this concept: "Heaven is union with the Divine & separation from the Divine is a horror". Therefore, St. Paul in Romans 14:7 wrote: "Heaven is the kingdom of God". It is where Peace, Joy and Justice exist. Heaven is a state of life, we should be ready to get into this state of life through our honorable living by following the Commandments, principles and concepts of our faith. Let's implore the good Lord Jesus to guide us in this pursuit & help us reach that destination.

All the best. In the Service of the Word!

Gabriel

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on 28-29 September 2024. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the Collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

Sunday,
September 29

**BISHOPS' ANNUAL
COLLECTION FOR
THE NEEDS OF THE
CHURCH IN CANADA**

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RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Has abortion left you feeling empty and alone? Rachel's Vineyard retreats are available for any man, woman, or family member, who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from an abortion experience, this retreat is for you. Register now for our October retreat in Kelowna. For more information, call Vicki: 250-762 2273. Confidentiality assured.

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www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com,

The Hills are Alive

Seton House Fundraiser 2024

Featuring:

African Drummers

Blakey Okanagan Irish Dancers

Nelson Diocese Clergy Choir

Our Lady of Lourdes School Choir

Cecella's Classical Piano

St. Charles Garnier Singers

Jimenez Family Singers

Silent Auction

Vic's Dance Band

Tony Serka

Filipino Dancers

LOLO Parish Family Choir

Holy Cross Guitar Club

50/50 Draw

Ukrainian Dancers

Door prizes and more....



Tickets can be purchased now!

All ticket sales will be done through the online link. Donations can also be made online.

<https://theromancatholicdioceseofnelso.regfox.com/seton-house-fundraiser>

If you need assistance buying tickets, please contact Claire in the parish office.

Monday, October 21, 2024 | | Immaculata High School Gymnasium

Doors @ 5:30 p.m. | | Performance @ 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: Adults \$30, Students \$15 (13-18), Children \$10 (12 and under)

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

**MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND
REFUGEES 2024**

[Click here](#) to read the message [God Walks with His people](#)

God walks with His people

Prayer

God, Almighty Father,
we are your pilgrim Church
journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven.

We live in our homeland,
but as if we were foreigners.

Every foreign place is our home,
yet every native land is foreign to us.

Though we live on earth,
our true citizenship is in heaven.
Do not let us become possessive
of the portion of the world
you have given us as a temporary home.

Help us to keep walking,
together with our migrant brothers and
sisters,
toward the eternal dwelling you have
prepared for us.

Open our eyes and our hearts
so that every encounter with those in need
becomes an encounter with Jesus, your Son
and our Lord.

Amen.

World Day of
Migrants and
Refugees

29-IX-2024



"God walks with His People"

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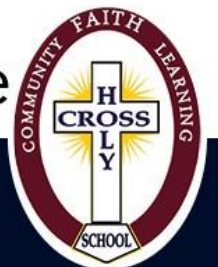
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MINISTERS SERVING THIS WEEKEND & NEXT



MINISTRY	Saturday, Sept. 21 at 6 pm	Sunday, Sept. 22 at 9 am	Saturday, Sept. 28 at 6 pm	Sunday, Sept. 29 at 9 am
Greeter		Julia		Julie
Sacristan	Raul	Trevor	Roy	Johanne
Music	Mark	Mark	John	Celina
Lector 1	Gina	Mary-Anne	Linda	Maggie
Lector 2	Neil	Stacey	Bev	Gerry
Commentator	Lucy	Minke	Neil	Louise
Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Marianne	Ruben Trevor	Roy	Livio Julie
Cross Bearer		Elizah		Veda
1st Acolyte		Francis		Stefanie
2nd Acolyte		Malaiki		Zoë

PARISH CONTACT LIST

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PARISH OFFICE:

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Admin Assistant: Claire Nowen

PARISH CONTACT LIST

Position	Name
Parish Pastoral Council Chair	Jacques L.
Finance Council Chair	Scott A.
Sacristan	Roy M.
Music Ministry	Celia K.
Eucharistic Ministers	Marianne B.
Lectors/Commentators	Neil M.
Altar Servers	Denese E-P.
Children's Catechism	Shirley M.
Confirmation Program	Mark M. & Linda R.
Youth Ministry	Theresa B. & Denese E-P.
Adult Faith Formation	Mark M.
Safe Environment Rep.	Alicia B.
Development & Peace	John M.
Homebound Eucharist	Terri W.
Greeters	Johanne L.
Holy Cross School Contact	Rick B.
Knights of Columbus	Roy E.
Catholic Women's League	Sandra S.

Please call the parish office to contact a coordinator.

WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN SUPPORT

HOLY CHILD PARISH:

1. **Sunday Envelopes:** A set of offering envelopes can be assigned to you & pickup arranged.
2. **SAG/Pre-Authorized Giving/ Direct Deposit:** This method of supporting the church is convenient & practical. The form is available on the welcome board in the foyer.
3. **E-transfer Donations:** Alternately donations can be made by e-transfer. Log in to your bank account and e-transfer your donation to:
etransfer.HCPS@nelsondiocese.org Please indicate in the message box of the e-transfer to which fund the donation is intended (Sunday Offering, Special Church Care, etc.)
4. **Mail:** Please mail your donation to the parish address at the top of the bulletin.

REGISTRATION IN OUR PARISH



If you are new to our parish or have not yet registered, registration forms can be found on the welcome board in the foyer. Please complete the form and place it in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office.



Do you need to update your contact information? Please contact the Parish Office on 250-494-3110 or email summerland@nelsondiocese.org