

# HOLY CHILD PARISH

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**October 6 & 13, 2024**  
**27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

## MASS SCHEDULE

### HOLY CHILD CHURCH

Tuesday to Friday - 9 am\*

Saturday - 6 pm

Sunday - 9 am

\*2<sup>nd</sup> 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



### OCTOBER

\*TUE 8 (R) ALLAN NEIGEL  
\*WED 9 (I) MELISSA & JEFF WHEELER  
\*THU 10 (R) ALLAN NEIGEL  
\*FRI 11 (R) STAN TURNER  
SAT 12 (I) LUCY LADEIRA & PAUL BJARNASON

*\*Masses will be said by Fr. Gabriel during the Clergy  
Study Days.*

### OCTOBER

TUE 15 (I) JOHANNE LIBOIRON  
WED 16 (I) LUCY LADEIRA & PAUL BJARNASON  
THU 17 (I) SANDRA SUTHERLAND  
FRI 18 (I) CONNIE WEAVER  
SAT 19 (I) JENNY PILKINGTON



# LIFE CHAIN

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024**

**Join thousands across Canada standing  
against abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration!**

You are invited to be a part of an important pro-life witness on Sunday, October 6 after the 9 am Mass in front of Holy Child Church.

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. Life Chain is intended to be a somber and quiet prayer vigil. Everyone is welcome to peacefully, publicly, and safely call upon our community to protect human life. 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).

## CLERGY STUDY DAYS & CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE

Fr. Gabriel will be attending the Nelson Diocese Clergy Study Days from **October 7-11, 2024**.  
**There will be no weekday masses for the week.**  
Weekend masses will be as normal.  
Please pray for all the clergy as they gather together.

Mass on **Wednesday, October 16** will be at  
10:30 am at Summerland Seniors' Village.  
No 9 am Mass on that day.

## PRAYER LIST

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

**Sheila & Bob Dalflyen & family, Darlene Murphy & family, Gabriella & Manuel Zavala & family, Rick Bigland, Barb & Doug Webb & family, Tirian Hawkes & family, Don & Cathy Hughes.**

*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

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 6, 2024**

"Marriages are made in Heaven" is an expression with excitement & challenge. Today's Scriptures from Genesis 2:7,15, 18-24 & Mark 10:2-16 explore the possibilities of a pleasant married life for couples. The 'would-be' couples get excited for their lifelong union and commitment. This excitement about the special union & a new relationship blossoms in their heart and continues for quite some time until they face challenges. Soon they begin to understand that it is not the bed of roses...but it has its thorns too. The main concept of married state comes from Genesis 2:7, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will give him a helper as his partner". God formed the woman from the rib of the man and gave it to the man, who looked at her and said, "This at last is the bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh. This one shall be called woman" (Ge 2:21). Man and woman complement each other by building mutual trust and confidence in each other.

Today's Catholic world has a little more than 2 billion people. (But Christianity is the single largest faith-based community having a population of 3.7 billion people). In 1970 there were 3.725 million Catholic marriages (Catholic + Catholic). In 2015 this statistic dropped to 2.486 million Catholic marriages. Today in 2024, it has become slimmer...there's a sharp decline in Catholic marriages. The total divorce rate in Western Europe is about 30%. Belgium records 70% UK & North America is 50%. Portugal records 60% making the divorce rate very high in the modern world. Christopher West in his book, 'The Theology of the Body' based on the teachings of Pope John Paul II, explained that 'Marriage as an authentic expression of God's Love'. Marriage relationship is authentic when it is motivated by love, which is genuine and lasting longer, otherwise, it is an artificial love or arbitrary relationship. 'Authentic love leads to the sanctity of marriage & artificial love leads to gratification of one's desires, called lust'.

Globe & Mail in 2012 wrote an article with the title, 'The Changing Nature of Family Dynamics in Canada'. It explained that the Canadian families are complex in nature and reality, giving the various forms of unions such as 'Common law families, single parent households, step father & step mother families, same sex couples, etc.; along with multigenerational families, foster children families and sandwich generation families'. Globe & Mail concluded, our family models are both exciting and challenging. Exciting because of its variety, challenging because of its instability. Due to this ongoing situation, Canadian birth rate is decreasing in stable families and births outside of marriages are on the increase. (This is the reality in the industrial world). Single parent households are on the rise. It's a conscious choice among young adults, because it gives independence for educational and occupational reasons and endeavours.

Marriage becomes a challenge when it is contracted for 'social convenience', says Pope Francis. Special considerations like wealth, property, prestige, status, etc. impede the real purpose of marriage. When love falls short, everything dwindles & crumples. When expectations are not realized or satisfied, conflicts arise and ultimately lead to broken relationships ending the marriage relationship. This modern reality is very troubling & disturbing and it has affected the Church very much... 'very many have left the church', because the Church seems to be too hard on people in the practice of their marital vocation. Therefore, Pope Francis had come out with the 'Family Synod' to help out those who face these challenges. According to him, 'the church should radiate the goodness of God and the deep mercy of Him'. He has fondly advised all those who are responsible to dispense the Mercy of God with the mindset of Christ.

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



## CWL GENERAL MEETING

Holy Child CWL hope you can attend our general meeting on **Wednesday, October 16** at 10 am in the Church Hall!  
*All women of the parish are welcome!*

## ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY



Our parish annual public square Rosary will take place on Saturday, October 19th at 12 noon. This year it will be in front of our church.

This event is being celebrated in over 600 places across the country. Come out and join in praying for our country and its leaders and peace in the world. Contact Roy for more info.

## YOUTH BOTTLE DRIVE: *A Special Request*

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

*Please ensure the bottles are clean and, if they are bagged, they are placed in a clear or blue bag with no more than 12 glass bottles per bag.*

These are some of the requirements from the bottle depot. Also, when we went through bottles recently, there were several ants and earwigs on the youth room floor! Thanks!



## EXPLORE THE FAITH

Every Thursday at 6 pm

We are following 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.

Join us in the Church Hall. All are welcomed to attend.

## 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](mailto:holychildCWL@gmail.com)

## SPECIAL COLLECTION:

### Seton House of Prayer Fundraiser

The weekend of October 12 and 13 there will be a special second collection in support of Seton House in all parishes in the diocese. Please come to mass prepared to support the fundraiser. Donation envelopes will be provided so you can receive a tax receipt or e-transfer to [etransfer.seton@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.seton@nelsondiocese.org)



## SAVE YOUR HARVEST ITEMS!



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

## 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!

## 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!

**There will be no Bible Study on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> due to Clergy Study Days.**

Copies of the pastor's message are available every week in the foyer.

## 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.

# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 13, 2024**

'Wisdom is the fashioner of all things.' This week's Scriptures capture this concept of 'pursuit of wisdom'. The Book of Wisdom 1:7 glorifies in "The awe-inspiring presence of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom". Wisdom is a treasure which blesses people with fame, name and glory. Wisdom is the grace of God. The ancients equated wisdom with success in life, arts, politics and whatever activity they engaged in. Wisdom was the dream gift of King Solomon. God blessed him to be a good king, administrator, builder, trader and a sage (1Kgs 3:5-15). He was successful in everything and great world personalities visited with him, like Queen Sheba. The Book of Prophet Micah 6:8 codifies the following requirements to attain wisdom: 1. To love the Lord 2. To execute justice & 3. To walk humbly before the Lord. But the world considers status, gold, prestige, power, wealth & privileges as the means to gain this treasure called wisdom.

The framer of the American Constitution, Benjamin Franklin, was of the opinion that, 'if wealth is lost, nothing is lost, if health is lost, something is lost, but if character is lost, everything is lost.' Therefore, he admonished the Americans to build their character, which should be the hallmark of American Wisdom. The ancients believed in 'common sense' and considered it as wisdom...especially, honoring the deity, widows, helping the orphans, destitutes, aliens and doing good works for the vulnerable people. The Bible always recommends to treat everyone with dignity, honor, equity and never to hurt anyone. The Psalm 90 tells us that 'our human life is very brief' (maybe 80 / 90 years). It's a good idea to seek the intervention of God at each step of our way, for guidance and direction. God has prescribed each of us a specific time to be born and to vacate from this earth. During this brief existence we should strive to obtain wisdom to gain the favor of the Almighty.

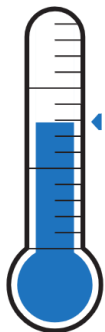
The Hebrews identified 'Torah' as 'Divine Wisdom' (the five books of Moses). Psalm 34 invites us to 'Taste the Lord & Seek the Lord'...turning to him in our desperate need, listening to him in humility of heart & spirit and loving him with our steadfastness. Pope John Paul II was of the opinion that 'We need to soak in His Presence' (Wis 8:1). The word of God helps us make a difference. It achieves its purpose because it penetrates into the deepest roots of our life / being (between soul & spirit, bone & marrow). It knows the intention of our heart. Lk 6:45 "Out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks".

Therefore, today's scriptures orient us not to develop 'spiritual complacency' with our prosperity (material wealth) as it leads to self reliance and inconsiderate / arrogant activities. Rather than this, we are invited to depend on the Providence of God. The scriptures encourage us: "In prosperity let us be grateful. In adversity, let us be thankful". Wealth and power generate false security to humans. But in order to gain 'Eternal life' we need to imbibe the attitude of gratitude and the capacity to share what we have with others. Eternal Life is a blessing / favor from the Almighty. It should flow from our 'right living'. Let us remember that the Kingdom of God is not food and drink, but it is 'Peace & Joy in the Holy Spirit' (Gal 5:22-23). Let's seek this Wisdom in today's liturgy.

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

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 etransfer to: [etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

OLOLM POF Goal

**\$350**



**GOAL ACHIEVED**

# The Hills are Alive

## Seton House Fundraiser 2024

### Featuring:

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|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>African Drummers</b>                 | <b>Vic's Dance Band</b>         |
| <b>Blakey Okanagan Irish Dancers</b>    | <b>Tony Serka</b>               |
| <b>Nelson Diocese Clergy Choir</b>      | <b>Filipino Dancers</b>         |
| <b>Our Lady of Lourdes School Choir</b> | <b>OLOL Parish Family Choir</b> |
| <b>Cecella's Classical Piano</b>        | <b>Holy Cross Guitar Club</b>   |
| <b>St. Charles Garnier Singers</b>      | <b>50/50 Draw</b>               |
| <b>Jimenez Family Singers</b>           | <b>Ukrainian Dancers</b>        |
| <b>Silent Auction</b>                   | <b>Door prizes and more....</b> |



### **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>

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)

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



## Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

KELOWNA, BC

### **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.

[info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com),

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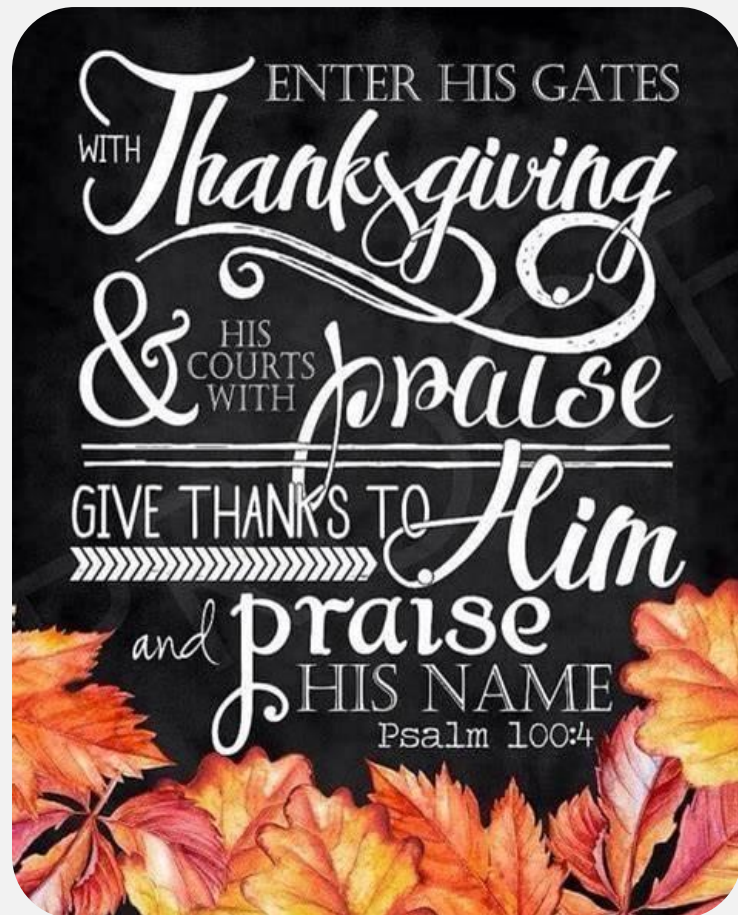
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## MINISTERS SERVING THIS WEEKEND & NEXT

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	Saturday, Oct. 5 at 6 pm	Sunday, Oct. 6 at 9 am	Saturday, Oct. 12 at 6 pm	Sunday, Oct. 13 at 9 am
<b>Greeter</b>		Julie		Louise
<b>Sacristan</b>	Roy	Trevor	Roy	Trevor
<b>Music</b>	Imelda	Imelda	Keiltys	Keiltys
<b>Lector 1</b>	Lucy	Marc	Bev	Denese
<b>Lector 2</b>	Neil	Minke	Mary-Anne	Maggie
<b>Commentator</b>	Gina	Stacee	Linda	Julie
<b>Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Scott	Maggie Madeleine	Marianne	Scott Trevor
<b>Cross Bearer</b>		Malaika		Veda
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Acolyte</b>		Zoë		Stefanie
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Acolyte</b>		Stefanie		Kasen

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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](mailto: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](mailto:summerland@nelsondiocese.org)