

HOLY CHILD PARISH

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SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
25th 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

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

Adoration: Every Friday, 9.30 am - 11.00 am

MASS INTENTION

SEPTEMBER

TUE 26

WED 27

THU 28

FRI 29

SAT 30

(I) GREG JONES

(R) MAX ZAITLIN

(R) MARIA LADEIRA

(I) MARY-FRANCES

(R) JACK & IRENE HUGHES

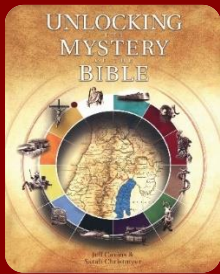


PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

THIS Sunday after the 9 am Mass.



**Suggested
donation:
\$6 per person
or
\$12 per family**



EXPLORE THE FAITH

Thursday, September 28,
at 6 pm.

Join us!

Jeff Cavins series "Unlocking
the Mystery of the Bible"
Part 3 - The Patriarchs



CWL WRITING OPPORTUNITY

There is an opportunity for spiritual
writing offered by our Parish CWL.

Interested women may
contact Minke at 431-335-7600
or minke2018@gmail.com.

CATECHISM AT HOLY CHILD

Catechism



Catechism will resume this Fall.
Please register your child as soon
as possible.

Registration forms are available in
the church foyer. Complete the
form and return it to the parish
office.

Any questions?
Contact Shirley M. at
250-462-4036



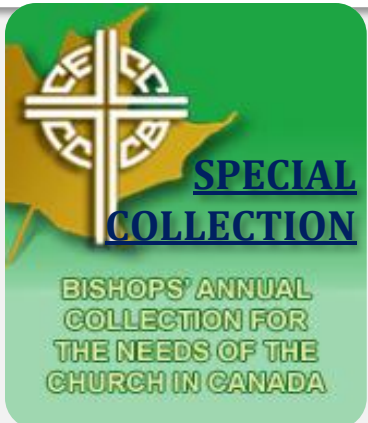
LIVING IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Let us pray together this
Monday, September 25 at 6
pm.



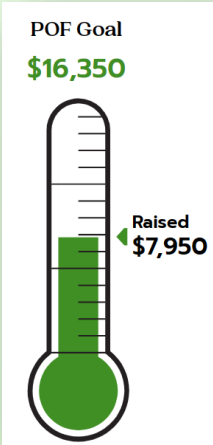
CHANGES TO VOTIVE PRAYER CANDLES IN CHURCH

Holy Child Parish is now going to use electric/flameless votive candles for prayer. This is a necessary change for insurance purposes and for the safety of our building, especially when unoccupied. Thank you for your understanding!

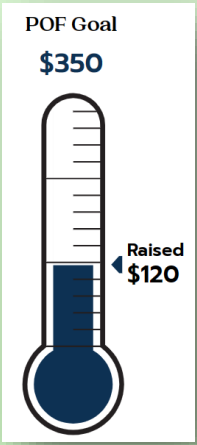


OUR PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL 2023

Our deep appreciation to all parishioners who have made a gift. Together we support the work of our Diocese and parish. Please continue to respond in prayer and generosity.



HOLY CHILD PARISH
 Goal - \$16,350
 Received - \$7,950
 Still to raise - \$8,400



OUR LADY OF LOURDES MISSION
 Goal - \$350
 Received - \$120
 Still to raise - \$230

Gifts can be made via etransfer to: etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org or online via Canada Helps at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360>. Alternatively, you could complete a pledge card, attaching your gift and returning it to the parish.



For more information on how to give contact the Pilgrimage of Faith office at the Pastoral Centre at 250-448-2725 ext. 240 or email appeals@nelsondiocese.org or logon to the Nelson Diocese website <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/> and click on the 'Donate Now' button.

CO-ORDINATORS NEEDED!

Holy Child is gearing up for the Christmas Bazaar! The date is Saturday, November 25th. We are in need of *co-ordinators* for: Kitchen, Bake Table, International Cuisine & Raffles. If you are able to volunteer your time as a co-ordinator, please call Gina, 250-486-0834.



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS REPORT AUGUST 2023

(Includes SAG donations)

Holy Child Parish	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27	Total
Collections	\$2,822.90	\$2,512.50	\$2,083.25	\$1,813.65	\$9,232.30
Budget	\$2,350.10	\$2,350.10	\$2,350.10	\$2,350.10	\$9,400.40
Balance					\$ 168.10



Our Lady of Lourdes Mission	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27	Total
Collections	\$ 165.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 211.85	\$ 936.85

We appreciate your support in helping us with our parish expenses! Thank you for all that you give!!

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"When evening came" (Mt 20:8), the owner asked his manager to call the workers from the fields and give them their wages. This week's Scriptures invite us to ponder on our 'final days / evening of life'...closing moment of our earthly journey or the final steps of our pilgrimage of faith. We will be called by our name (Ex 32:32) as all our names are written in the book of life / in the palm of His hands. The Book of Genesis reminds us that 'we are created in His image and likeness' (Ge 1:27) and we have become the apple of His eyes. Therefore, Paul encourages us to live a life worthy of our calling..."If I live, I live for the Lord, if I die, I die for the Lord. Whether I live or die, I am the Lord's." (Rm 14:21)

The good Lord will reward each of us according to our love and commitment to Him and to our loved ones. The Evangelist Mathew in 25:31 reminds us about the last judgement and elicits a few questions thoughtfully...

- 1) Did we manifest our fairness and justice to everyone?
- 2) Did we love and care for all God's creation / Did we deny justice and fairness to people depending on our whims and fancies?

Jesus would be able to decide our worth (Mt 25:40) with the following phrase, "Whatever you have done to the least of these brothers and sisters, you have done it to me. Enter into my Kingdom & Fellowship". Therefore, we are encouraged to follow the commission of God to enter into His Presence and to Participate in His Eternal Banquet. (Is 25:6)

The Evangelist Mathew also uses the expression, 'Early in the Morning' the landowner went out to look for workers. (Mt 20:1) 'Early in the Morning' refers to the 'Spring Time' experience in faith... especially when we made a decision to follow the Lord. Prophet Jeremiah (20:7) used the expression: "You have enticed me & I was enticed by you"...as a young person enticing his or her future partner. Early in the morning is that specific time that we took the decisive decision to embrace God & Faith. That particular time that we took a pledge and promised to live and share God's justice and fairness with everyone.

St. John of the Cross (1542-1591) says that 'at the evening of life', we would be judged by the Almighty God. According to him, it is a great wisdom for all to know, 'how to be silent before the Lord', as Christ stood before Pilate. (Mt 27:11-14). Since God is the Judge, He will judge us fairly!

Pope Leo XIII in his 'Social Teachings of the Church on Capital & Labour', spoke on the concept of 'Just Wage', which became a thought-provoking encyclical letter with the name "Rerum Novarum". He insisted on the concept of 'Just Wage' which is the legitimate right of every individual. It's a 'Natural Right' which should be sufficient for the family. Pope John Paul II quoted this phrase oftentimes in his addresses and was pleading for 'a living wage' that is based on 'Justice and Fairness'.

The hiring practice in the world of Labour Market would be through 'application, education, selection, merit along with signing of contracts, etc.; whereas in God's Kingdom, the invitation to live a life of grace is a free gift for all. He extends this gift to all. God only encourages but never fires anyone from His love. There's no punishment from the Divine, but always forgiving and embracing with mercy and compassion. "Would you like to be a Steward in God's Kingdom?" 1Cor 4:2 Reminds, "Stewards are to be found trustworthy"....and if we could live this commitment, our 'evening of life' will be pleasant in His Paradise.

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





Summerland Refugee Sponsorship Group

AN UPDATE FROM THE SUMMERLAND REFUGEES SUPPORT GROUP September 2023

Dear Members and Supporters of the Summerland Refugees Support Group,

As many of you are aware, the last family that the SRSG group supported, moved to Penticton this past January as there was no appropriate housing available for them to rent here in Summerland.

The Ayuen Mach family made a successful transition to Penticton! Abuk and Herjok finished off their school year at Columbia, and Yar and Mach at PenHi. Amier and Angeth, the two young adults, and their mother, Ajah, found work in Penticton while continuing to take English language classes. The youngest member of the family, Alier, continues to keep mom busy and will start Kindergarten in 2024.

The family is doing well and is very appreciative of the support that they received throughout their first year in Canada. The SRSG is no longer obligated under the federal sponsorship agreement to provide financial support, although many SRSG members have chosen to remain involved. Navigating government paperwork, providing driving lessons, and arranging transportation are just a few of the supports that continue to be offered to the family.

As this family continues to move towards being fully independent, their biggest need at this time is a vehicle. Thanks to the generosity of a local couple who have been using their own vehicle for private lessons, four members of the family have achieved their driving learners permit! Practicing their driving skills using a vehicle they will eventually use for their driving test in the fall would be very beneficial, as would owning and insuring their own vehicle. Having a vehicle would help with the children attending three different schools plus college, mom in English lessons, four part-time jobs, and grocery shopping for a family of eight!

The family is looking for a small, gas efficient, automatic car in good shape. If any of our members know of, or have, a reliable vehicle that they would like to donate or sell at a reasonable price to the family, it would be greatly appreciated.

A monetary donation can also be made to the SRSG to be used towards the purchase of a vehicle.

A tax receipt will be issued with all cash donations. Just go to www.summerlandrsg.ca/donate and click on the DONATE button.

Any leads on vehicles can be directed to Collette Shanner, contact information below.

Thank you,

Collette Shanner
SRSG Executive Member
shannersbc@gmail.com
250-809-7619

SUMMERLAND FOOD BANK

Special appeal – School lunch supplies

Juice Boxes, Cereal / Granola bars, Fruit Snacks (roll-ups, leathers), Fruit Cups, Apple Sauce Cups, Pudding Cups, Cookie & Cracker Individual Packages (e.g. Mini Ritz, Mini Chips Ahoy, Wagon Wheels)

Items at the top of our priority list are:

Breakfast Cereal
Chunky Soups
Canned Tuna
Kraft Dinner
Mr. Noodles

Please use the Food Bank donation bin in the church foyer. Thank you!

Summerland
FOOD BANK
& Resource Centre



Development and Peace

CARITAS CANADA



DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: MOROCCO EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada (DPCC) has launched an appeal in response to the earthquake that struck Morocco on 8 September 2023.

You are invited to consult the DPCC website for further information:

<https://devp.org/en/faq-development-and-peace-%e2%80%95-caritas-canadas-response-to-the-morocco-earthquake/>

RACHEL'S CORNER

"I am like the sick sheep that strays from the rest of the flock. Unless the Good Shepherd takes me on His shoulders and carries me back to His fold, my steps will falter, and in the very effort of rising, my feet will give way." St Jerome- feast day September 30

Have you felt isolated from life itself as you have struggled since the day of your abortion decision? Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and allow The Good Shepherd to scoop you up into His merciful embrace and carry you until you feel strong again.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Rachel's Vineyard Fall Retreat: is a life-giving journey for women, men or anyone who struggles with the emotional and spiritual pain caused by abortion. Our retreats offer the mercy and compassion of God as well as a pathway to forgiveness, transforming the pain of the past into hope for the future. To register please contact Vicki: 250-762 2273, info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com, www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com, f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273
Confidentiality assured.



[Click here](#) for the Summer 2023 issue

GRIEF TO GRACE

There is Healing. There is hope

Grounded in Scriptures, Prayer, and Sacraments, we offer a healing experience where you can open your deepest wounds to Jesus Christ the Divine Physician.

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 October 24 – 28, 2023 in Kelowna.

For more information, please email griefftogracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.



PRAYER LIST

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

Margaret Szucs, Vivian Dolezsar, Eugene Chorneyko, Rosa Santos, Kathryn Simpson, Toran Younge, Anne Arthur, Nick Deuling, Sandy Jaser, Malinowski Family, Carrie Malinowski, Jennifer Knoll, Reid & Anne Watson, Kian Hooshmand-Hall, Dawna Werbeski, Sheila Dalflyen, Betty & Jack Jolie, Chrissy Kozier, Richard Roess, Jack Rowland, Jo-Ann Rowland, Jody Richter, Dina Tremblay, Jenny Pilkington, Sophie Graydon, Renee Taming, Patricia Horan, Nancy Brooks, Mirjana Komljenovic, Mason Webb, Belinda D'Souza, Wills Hodgkinson, Denise McDonald (daughter of M. Harrington), Aspen Alfred, Paul & Joyce Richter, Taryn Hoskyn, Annette Lefebvre, Peter Deuling, Bill Bolger, Thiele family, Eileen McAteer, Mark Johnston, Maggie Johnston, Tara Bridge, Mark Ducheck, Sharon Mahussier, Shawn Murphy, Perry Pasqualetto, Joy Frost & family, Krista Munsie, Winnie St. Germaine, Gage Penney, Chrys Tremblay, Donna Greenwood, Sheila Le Blanc, Josie Reid & family, Jann Bouthillier, Rhonda Connell, Jared Howe Rocky Cogill, Eudora Espeut, Cathy Hughes, Grace Shaw, Darlene MacPherson, Michelle Robertson, Arin Martins, Fred & Jenny Wangler & family, Marlee David, Brady Walker.



PRAYER FOR HEALING

Father, thank you for loving us and calling us out of darkness. There are those of us in need of your healing virtue today, by His Stripes we were healed. Father, we bind up all sickness and disease, and loose your healing virtue unto your children. For those going into surgery, we loose guidance to the hands of the surgeons. Touch all the sick and shut ins today and restore health to their bodies. In Jesus' precious name,

Amen!

DAILY MASS READINGS (September 24-30)

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: [Isaiah 55](#): 6-9
Second Reading: [Philippians 1](#): 20c-24, 27a
Gospel: [Matthew 20](#): 1-16a

MONDAY

First Reading: [Ezra 1](#): 1-6
Gospel: [Luke 8](#): 16-18

TUESDAY

First Reading: [Ezra 6](#): 7-8, 12b, 14-20
Gospel: [Luke 8](#): 19-21

WEDNESDAY – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (M)

First Reading: [Ezra 9](#): 5-9
Gospel: [Luke 9](#): 1-6

THURSDAY

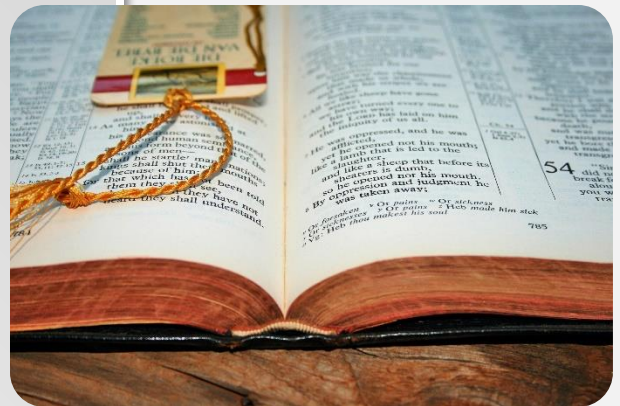
First Reading: [Haggai 1](#): 1-8
Gospel: [Luke 9](#): 7-9

FRIDAY – ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL, ST. RAPHAEL (F)

First Reading: [Daniel 7](#): 9-10, 13-14 or [Revelation 12](#): 7-12ab
Gospel: [John 1](#): 47-51

SATURDAY – ST. JEROME (M)

First Reading: [Zechariah 2](#): 5-9, 14-15a
Gospel: [Luke 9](#): 43b-45



AMEN!
precious name,
health to their bodies. In Jesus,
and shut ins today and restore
health to their bodies.

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Lectors/Commentators	Neil M.	250-494-8418
Altar Servers	Denese E-P.	250-328-9463
Children's Catechism	Shirley M.	250-494-8418
Confirmation Program	Denese E-P.	250-328-9463
Youth Ministry	Theresa B.	250-809-5862
	Denese E-P.	250-328-9463
Adult Faith Formation	Mark M.	250-494-1535
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Holy Cross School Contact	Rick B.	250-494-7039
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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.

THANK YOU

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.

Welcome to Holy Child!



Do you need to update your contact information?

New phone number, e-mail or postal address? Please contact the Parish Office

Tel: 250-494-3110

Email: summerland@nelsondiocese.org

2023
ADMISSION
OPEN

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Kindergarten through Gr. 8

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