

HOLY CHILD PARISH

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23rd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
7th SEPTEMBER 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY CHILD CHURCH

Tuesday to Friday – 9 am*

Saturday – 5 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

(St. Barbara's Anglican Church) Okanagan Falls

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Every Friday, after 9 am Mass

Every Saturday, before the 5 pm Mass

Or by appointment

Holy Hour Adoration:

Every Friday, after 9 am Mass



MASS INTENTION

SEPTEMBER

TUE 9

(I) JOHN DACEY

WED 10

(R) PETER WERBESKI

THU 11

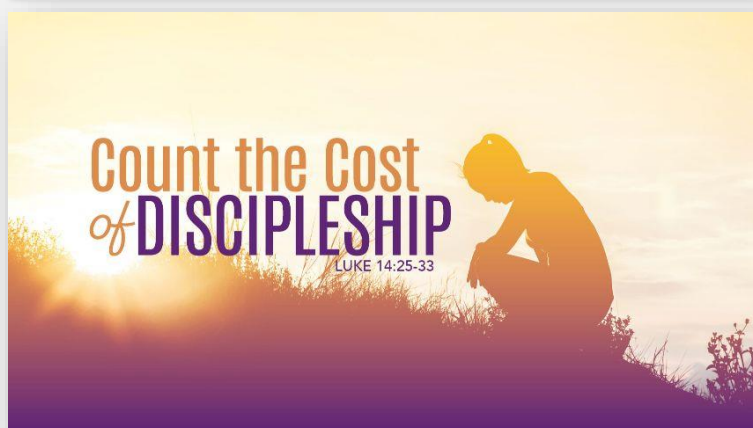
(R) COLIN RIGGS

FRI 12

(R) BERNADINE KAROWAY

SAT 13

(R) MARY NAKAGAWA-MARTIN



NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass on Monday, September 8,
at 9 am.

MASS AT DR. ANDREW'S PAVILION

Wednesday, September 10, at 10:30 am Mass will be at
Dr. Andrew's Pavilion.

No 9 am Mass in church on Wednesday.

PARISH YOUTH PRESENTATION:

Jubilee 2025

Youth Pilgrimage to Italy

On Sunday, September 7, after
the 9 am Mass, our youth will
be giving a presentation on
their recent pilgrimage to
Italy.



TALENTS, SKILLS, TIME TO SHARE

Oktoberfest is coming soon to Holy Child!

This year, we are holding a special silent auction – a
silent auction of talents, skills, or services to share with
the community!

Do you have a talent or service to share?

Yardwork, House cleaning, Car washing,
Pet sitting, Putting up/taking down holiday décor,
Baking, Organising, Tech support...



Contact Kathy T. (250-492-1133)
if you have an idea to share or if
you are not sure how to help.

OKTOBERFEST 2025 – JOIN US!

Friday, September
26,
4-9 pm in the church
hall

Join the fun! Drop in!



Traditional German cuisine and drinks will be
served. Food and drink tickets can be purchased at
the door. Eat and drink well for around \$20.

OUR PRAYERS & CONDOLENCES

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.



May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

To the family & friends
of **Muriel Loeffler**,
who passed away
on Wednesday,
September 3, 2025, in
Penticton.
May she rest in peace!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR

CATECHISM

2025-2026

Catechism start-up coming soon!

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.
We would appreciate everyone filling out one of the
forms (even if you filled one out last year). This
helps us to confirm how many will be making
sacraments and how best to prepare.
Any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to
contact Shirley M.
We are excited to be getting together again!

EXPLORE THE FAITH

Thursday, September 11, 6 pm in the Church hall -
The Shroud of Turin (to reflect the feast of the
Exaltation of the Cross).
Please join us as we explore the Faith!
All are welcome to attend.

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!



RELIGIOUS CARDS & GIFTS AVAILABLE

The cabinet in the church foyer is 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

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2025

"A Journey of Hope"

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

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.

Our 2025 parish goal is \$17,350.00.

Raised so far: \$7,650.00

LOL Mission goal is \$600.00

Raised: \$690.00 Goal exceeded!!!!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



During the announcements, we
will invite parishioners and
visitors with birthdays or
anniversaries in September to
stand and receive a blessing.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS REPORT

July 2025 (includes SAG and e-transfers)

Holy Child Parish

	Collections	Budget
July 6, 2025	\$ 3,141.55	\$ 2,769.23
July 13, 2025	\$ 2,400.65	\$ 2,769.23
July 20, 2025	\$ 2,527.65	\$ 2,769.23
July 27, 2025	\$ 2,623.35	\$ 2,769.23
Total	\$ 10,693.20	\$ 11,076.92
Balance		-\$ 383.72

Our Lady of Lourdes Mission

	Collections	Budget
July 6, 2025	\$ 340.00	\$ 184.04
July 13, 2025	\$ 195.00	\$ 184.04
July 20, 2025	\$ 260.10	\$ 184.04
July 27, 2025	\$ 333.00	\$ 184.04
Total	\$ 1,128.10	\$ 736.16
Balance		\$ 391.94

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!

YOUTH BOTTLE DRIVE

Our Parish Youth are still collecting
cans to help raise funds for our youth
activities. Drop off in the Youth room.
Thank you for your support!



PRAYER LIST

Lord, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters...

Brigitte Mercer & family, Maggie Johnston & family, Lynn Works & family

If you have a loved one you would like to add to the prayer list, or know of someone who no longer needs to be on it, please get in touch with the Parish Office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Discipleship" is the theme of this Sunday. Discipleship is a Sacred Call. 'We are all called,' explains Romans 8:28-30. He calls those people to his purpose. They are the ones He Chose, intended to become the True Image of His Son, so that His Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended, those He called, He justified, and with those He justified He Shared His Glory". Discipleship is a gift/grace given to all. Pope Francis was able to express a caution: It's not finding an entry in the 'Record Books of the Church'. It is more than that, because it is a serious commitment of giving expression to His Love and Service according to our state of life. It offers us an opening to share God's Love / Grace! All those who have a heart full of love and commitment to His Commission (Mt 28:19) are invited. Such people are foreknown and predestined, explains Psalm 139.

Jesus is encouraging us to discern whether we would be effectively able to follow Christian Discipleship. The good Lord gives us two great examples to consider before our commitment to be a disciple. 1. Example of Tower Building: It requires us to evaluate whether we have all the resources, like the plan, estimate, cost, and materials needed. Most of all to consider whether we can complete it with satisfaction. 2. Battle with another King: It requires an effective strategy, mobilization of skilled men and women to engage in combat, effective materials, especially tactics, to be successful in winning the battle. Otherwise, to engage in tactics for the negotiation of peace. Jesus is encouraging everyone to discern whether we would be effectively able to follow our Christian Discipleship.

The goal of discipleship is to enter into 'Eternal Life' through an honourable and dignified life. Christian discipleship is rooted in 'Holiness of Life'. Paul calls this ideal 'justification' = to give expression to His ideals and value systems, leading to an entrance into heaven. Saint James tells us that to be justified, we need to engage in good works and services towards divinity and humans. We become friends with God when practicing our discipleship. We are called Companions of God in this pursuit. We become partners in faith initiatives. The Church teaches the concept of 'Discipleship'. Discipleship demands a greater adherence to the master, his path and goals, with an unwavering and unrelenting commitment to the principles and value systems of Christ.

Discipleship is predominantly expressed in accepting our cross/suffering of all sorts. Paul explains in 2 Cor 4:7 this suffering: We are in difficulties from all sides, but never cornered. We see no answer to our problems, but never in despair. We have been persecuted, but never deserted. We are knocked down, but never killed. We always carry the mark of Christ in our mortal bodies. To understand God's plan in our lives, we need to pray for the Wisdom of God. King Solomon asked, "Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil" (1Kgs 3:5-9). Let us make Solomon's request our own and seek the guidance of God to practice our discipleship effectively.

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

The Hills Are Alive 2

Jubilee 2025

An annual
Seton House
fundraiser



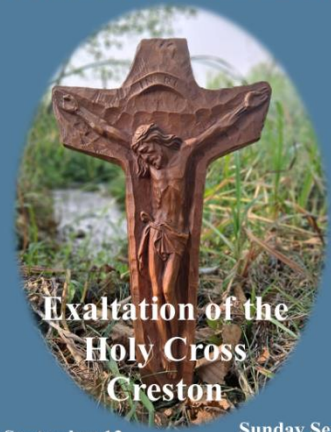
Scan or click the QR code
to purchase tickets online.

Tickets also available at
Loaves & Fishes and all
Kelowna area parish offices.

Join Us

November 1, 2025
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
ICC Parish Hall, Kelowna

"We proclaim Christ crucified...Christ the power of God
and the wisdom of God." 1 Corinthians 1:23-24



Exaltation of the
Holy Cross
Creston

Saturday September 13

4:00 pm

Praise and Worship

5:00 pm Healing Mass,
followed by
Eucharistic Adoration and
Anointing of the Sick

Sunday September 14

Homecoming
Celebration

9:30 am Mass
followed by lunch
in the Hall



One Million Children Praying the Rosary



For unity and peace
On October 7, 2025

In collaboration with:



Registration is **OPEN!**

There's something special
about CISND!

Come see what sets us apart!

Kelowna: St. Joseph Elementary, Immaculata Regional High School
West Kelowna: Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary
Nelson: St. Joseph School
Cranbrook: St. Mary's Catholic School
Trail: St. Michael's Elementary School
Penticton: Holy Cross School



Faith-based Education
in the Catholic Tradition

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Holy Cross Students to Experience Post-Secondary Life Through New Partnership with Okanagan College



Students at Holy Cross School in Penticton will soon gain a unique opportunity to experience post-secondary life firsthand, thanks to a new partnership with Okanagan College.

The initiative began in response to Holy Cross parents who expressed interest in expanding the school to include Grade 9—offering students at least one more year of Catholic, faith-based education and community. In collaboration with staff and Council, a plan was developed to create a distinctive and enriching experience—made even more meaningful by hosting classes at Okanagan College.

Through a three-year agreement between the two educational institutions, approximately 50 Grade 8 and 9 students—accompanied by their teachers—will begin attending classes this fall in the Sunoka building on the Okanagan College Penticton campus.

“We are thrilled about this new partnership with Okanagan College,” said Superintendent Pamela Guilbault. “By bringing our students

directly onto the college campus, they and their families can get a feel for post-secondary life close to home. We hope this inspires them to consider local opportunities when pursuing further education.”

She continued, “This partnership is about so much more than relocating classrooms. It’s about igniting curiosity and helping students envision bright futures rooted in the Okanagan.”

The new campus space will be named St. Carlo Acutis Legacy Academy, after a modern-day figure students can look to for inspiration and hope as they grow in faith and knowledge.

The partnership extends beyond shared facilities to include access to instructor expertise, specialized equipment, and varied learning opportunities.

Students will be able to explore a wide range of programs, including science and robotics, competitive sports, visual arts, music, international mentorship, job shadowing, and work experience.

Faith formation remains at the core of this initiative. Through the Catholic Leadership Team, students will continue to grow in their understanding and love of Christ.

“The level of instruction students will receive is high-caliber and consistent with the strong academic standards families have come to expect from Holy Cross,” added Guilbault.

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NELSON

Seton House of Prayer and Retreat Centre Guest Services Clerk

Seton House of Prayer and Retreat Centre, situated in Kelowna, BC is seeking a Guest Services Clerk.

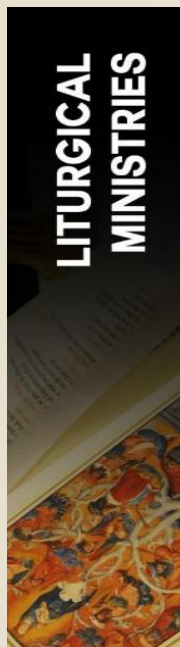
This is a part-time position averaging 20 to 25 hours per week at a pay rate of \$25/hour plus benefits. Reporting to the Financial Administrator, the Guest Services Clerk is responsible for:

- Maintaining a calendar of bookings for upcoming retreats and events.
- Scheduling caterers and cleaning staff as required.
- Welcoming all visitors and processing paperwork as required.
- Responding to all incoming inquiries and answering routine questions or directing calls to the appropriate person.
- Checking email and responding to or redirecting messages to the appropriate person.
- Picking up, sorting and distributing incoming mail and dispatching outgoing mail and courier items.
- Managing the filing system.
- Ensuring that contractors are paid.
- Managing the office supply and household goods inventory within the approved budget.
- Providing reports and other documents as required.
- Assisting in the publication and distribution of flyers, newsletters and announcements.
- Coordinating and scheduling volunteers for special tasks as needed.
- Fulfilling other duties as required.

If you have strong customer service and communication skills with the ability to multitask we invite you to submit a cover letter and resume to executive-cpc@nelsondiocese.org by September 26, 2025. Electronic submissions only please.

All things being equal, active members of the Roman Catholic Church will be given preference. We thank all applicants for their interest. Please note that only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

MINISTERS SERVING THIS WEEKEND & NEXT



MINISTRY	Saturday Sep. 6 at 5 pm	Sunday Sep. 7 at 9 am	Saturday Sep. 13 at 5 pm	Sunday Sep. 14 at 9 am
Greeter		Julia		Connie
Sacristan	Johanne	Ray	Johanne	Marc
Music	Imelda	Imelda	Keiltys	Keiltys
Lector 1	Mary-Anne	Jon	Eunice	Rick
Lector 2	Gina	Marguerite	Linda	Stacee
Commentator	Mike	Gerry	Neil	Julie
Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Roy	Ruben Rick	Marianne	Sylvia Ilse
Cross Bearer		Elizah		Zoë
1st Acolyte		Malaika		Joseph
2nd Acolyte		Francis		Malaika
Hospitality		Marc Sylvia		Louise Mark

PARISH CONTACT LIST

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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 am to 1.00 pm

Admin Assistant: Claire Nowen

PARISH CONTACT LIST

Position	Name
Parish Pastoral Council Chair	Jacques L.
Finance Council Chair	Scott A.
Sacristan	Imelda K.
Music Ministry	Celia K.
Eucharistic Ministers	Marianne B.
Lectors/Commentators	Neil M.
Altar Servers	Jacque P.
Children's Catechism	Shirley M.
Confirmation Program	Mark M. & Linda R.
Youth Ministry	Denese E-P. & Andrew W.
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 and 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:** 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