

# HOLY CHILD PARISH

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**November 28, 2021**  
**1st SUNDAY OF**  
**ADVENT**

## MASS SCHEDULE

**TUESDAY TO FRIDAY – 9 am**  
**SATURDAY – 6 pm**  
**SUNDAY – 9 am & 10.30 am**



Sunday 10.30 am Mass continues to be livestreamed at <https://www.twitch.tv/holychildchurch>  
Sunday 10.30 am Mass can be listened to on 91.9FM and communion will be available in the parking lot.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Fridays after 9 am Mass or by appointment

Adoration: Every Friday 9.30 – 10.30 am

## MASS INTENTION



### **NOVEMBER**

**SUN 28 (9am) (R) DECEASED CWL MEMBERS**  
**TUE 30 (R) GENESSA GEVERS**

### **DECEMBER**

**WED 1 (R) ALL SOULS**  
**THU 2 (R) TASAKA FAMILY**  
**FRI 3 (R) THERESA MAROIS**  
**SAT 4 (R) JANE WASHINGTON**

## ADVENT REFLECTIONS

In Advent, the CCCB will release a video recording of a Bishop reflecting on the Gospel Reading for each Sunday. This year's reflections were inspired by Indigenous Delegation travelling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from 17-20 December 2021. Each reflection is based on one of the five essential stages of reconciliation: examen, confession, repentance, reparation (making amends), and reconciliation. It is likewise hoped these reflections will assist the faithful, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike, in preparing for Pope Francis' eventual apostolic journey to Canada. The videos were developed under the auspices of the Bishops Working Group on Coordinating Indigenous Initiatives, with the script being approved by the same, as agreed to by the Executive Committee at its Special Meeting on 12 November 2021.

The videos can be now accessed on the CCCB website at the following link:  
<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

## ADVENT SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

**HOLY CHILD PARISH,  
SUMMERLAND:  
Friday, December 3, 4-6 PM**



**SUNDAY  
MISSAL**

2021 – 2022



† Living with Christ

## SUNDAY MISSAL

Sunday Missals are now available in the church foyer, \$5. Thank you!

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY  
WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES  
2021**

***We are called to Healing, Forgiveness, Reconciliation***

We, the Body of Christ, are called to live in friendship and harmony with all peoples. We are brothers and sisters of our One Creator God. God gives everything to all of us. God creates and sustains the wonderful diversity of peoples, cultures, races and creeds.

It is a source of great sadness when our blessed diversity becomes a source of division, threat, and intolerance. Furthermore, as we deal with life's challenges and hurts, our pain can feed our fear and anger, destroying opportunities for forgiveness and healing, and preventing the journey to achieving them. Unless we take responsibility for our healing, it is difficult to move forward.

Indigenous peoples have responded to this common human situation through various traditions, seeking spiritual healing. For example, a common teaching is to seek healing by going 'on the land.' The land – whether a desert or wilderness – is the place where we encounter the Love of our Creator, inviting us to leave our baggage behind, and to encounter the God and Creator of Peace, Light and Hope. The "Sharing Circle" is another way in which a person who has been harmed can be welcomed and heard by the other member of the circle, in order to move from a place of brokenness and retribution, to a pathway of restoration and peace.

Saint John Paul II reminds us that there can be, "No peace without justice, no justice without forgiveness." And he insists: "I shall not tire of repeating this warning to those who, for one reason or another, nourish feelings of hatred, a desire for revenge or the will to destroy."<sup>1</sup>

Forgiveness becomes harder the older we get. An elderly missionary priest once reflected about an important choice we all make as we age; "One can be an angry old man or a wise old fool. Choose wisely!"

The discovery by the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation of the 215 unmarked graves and further grave discoveries at other former residential schools, has given rise to much sorrow and anguish of knowing that Catholics were among those who ran residential schools established by the federal government that operated in this country from the 1870s until the late 1990s.

Pope Francis reminds us that 'forgiveness' is not temporary or shallow. As he states in *Fratelli Tutti*:

Forgiving does not mean forgetting... Free and heartfelt forgiveness is something noble, a reflection of God's own infinite ability to forgive... Those who truly forgive do not forget. Instead, they... choose not to yield to the same destructive force that caused them so much suffering. They break the vicious circle; they halt the advance of the forces of destruction. They choose not to spread... the spirit of revenge that will sooner or later return to take its toll.<sup>1</sup>

We often have such a hard time finding and seeing God. In response to the question, why do you ask where God is, a Tlicho Dene woman once commented that we should look around, despite all the violence on the earth, it continues to provide for us. Our mother continues to provide for us, and gives us everything.

The insight of one Dene Elder is that the Creator shows us the way to healing. The Land is always giving back. Our parents and grandparents are people who have given their lives for us. We have made many mistakes. But there has been someone who has given His life for us. We have been forgiven many times by the blood of Jesus Christ. The privilege of our humanity carries with it the great responsibility of the respect and care of our brothers and sisters – especially those who deal with obstacles, injustices, or other barriers to their human freedom and blessedness.

One of these barriers is discrimination and prejudice because of the differences among peoples. The COVID-19 pandemic has made this worse, and unless we find a better and more respectful path, people's minds and hearts will be further corrupted. This better way always begins in our own lives; in our own minds and hearts. The prophet Ezekiel reminds us: "Make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!" (Ezekiel 18:31) We can work towards reconciliation, growth, and healing, when we are open to this in our own lives.

In this year of St. Joseph, perhaps this elder of our faith – the father of Jesus and husband of Mary – can teach us an important feature of this path. As Pope Francis states:

Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history. Unless we are reconciled with our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward, for we will always remain hostage to our expectations and the disappointments that follow.<sup>1</sup>

There is a proverbial Inuit saying: "A long time ago, in the future.' Let the children see our history, and maybe it will help to shape the future." Let us pray and work in such a way that our children will know that the people who preceded them took seriously the problem of intolerance and prejudice – especially during times of uncertainty and fear – and responded by working for a culture of caring and respect. What a gift we can give our young people – an example and memory that they can take forward to an unknown, but, hopeful future.

*Let us pray:*

*O God, Creator and Father of all, with humility we your children acknowledge  
the relationship of all living things. For this we thank you, we praise you and we worship you.*

*We call on you, Great Mystery, the Word made Flesh  
– our teacher, prophet and brother –  
to open our hearts to all our brothers and sisters,  
and with them to grow in the wisdom, honesty, courage and respectfulness  
shown in The Sacred Teachings.*

*Give us the vision and honesty to recognize  
that we are all brothers and sisters of one human family,  
created and sustained by the One Creator.*

*As we deal with many challenges, may we never give way to fear and anger, which can be the source of division and threat amongst peoples.*

*We look to how God always gives to us, as a remedy for sins of prejudice and intolerance.  
We see in God the Creator of all things, one who always provides and is generous  
– even given the abuses we have heaped on one another and on the earth.*

*We see in the Son, Jesus Christ  
– the innocent Victim who pours His life blood out from the Cross for all peoples.  
We see how the Holy Spirit is God's gift, alive in our world today  
– inspiring vision and hope that we can have the same mind and heart of God!*

*May Your Spirit also bless and guide the delegation of indigenous leaders and young people as they prepare to visit the Holy Father, Pope Francis,  
in the near future. May this be occasion of grace and healing,  
and make possible a renewed journey and future.*

*O Creator, show us the way to healing, forgiveness and reconciliation, and a renewed fellowship.*

+Amen

## PRAYER LIST

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

George Szucs, Christine Delaurier, Vivian Dolezsar, Eugene Chorneyko, Rosa Santos, Kathryn Simpson, Toran Younge, Anne Arthur, Nick Deuling, Olivia Whitfield-Carson, Sandy Jaser, Malinowski Family, Carrie Malinowski, Jennifer Knoll, Reid & Anne Watson, Paul & Dianne Pasqualetto, Kian Hooshmand-Hall, Dawna Werbeski, Pat Thomas, Sheila Dafluyen, Betty Jolie, Chrissy Kozier, Richard Roess, Cecilia Roess, Jack Rowland, Jo-Ann Rowland, Jody Richter, Geraldine Koropchuk, Bill Appel, Dina Tremblay, Rachel Donegan, Jenny Pilkington, Sophie Graydon, Renee Taming, Gail Brice, Patricia Horan, Jack Jolie, Nancy Brooks, Mirjana Komljenovic, Todd Brice, Mason Webb, Bob Butler, Manuela Ungureanu, Maria Ladeira, Belinda D'Souza, Wills Hodgkinson, Denise McDonald (daughter of M. Harrington), Lloyd Jolie, Linda Haworth, Maggie Johnston, Aspen Alfred, Bishop Christopher Budd, Helen Schaeffer, Mary Riggs, Vicky Bolger, Connie Weaver & family, Paul & Joyce Richter, Annette Lefebvre, Hector Cartier.



### 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

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: [Jeremiah 33](#): 14-16

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 25](#): 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)

Second Reading: [First Thessalonians 3](#): 12 - 4: 2

Gospel: [Luke 21](#): 25-28, 34-36

### MONDAY

First Reading: [Isaiah 2](#): 1-5

Gospel: [Matthew 8](#): 5-11

### TUESDAY – ST. ANDREW (F)

First Reading: [Romans 10](#): 9-18

Gospel: [Matthew 4](#): 18-22

### WEDNESDAY

First Reading: [Isaiah 25](#): 6-10a

Gospel: [Matthew 15](#): 29-37

### THURSDAY

First Reading: [Isaiah 26](#): 1-6

Gospel: [Matthew 7](#): 21, 24-27

### FRIDAY – ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (M)

First Reading: [Isaiah 29](#): 17-24

Gospel: [Matthew 9](#): 27-31

### SATURDAY

First Reading: [Isaiah 30](#): 19-21, 23-26

Gospel: [Matthew 9](#): 35 — 10: 1, 5a, 6-8

## OUR PRAYERS FOR BC

*For those who suffer loss of their homes, we pray...*

*For those who have been injured in any way, we pray...*

*For the who have lost loved ones, we pray...*

*For the very young and for the elderly—our most vulnerable, we pray...*

*For those whose families are scattered or temporarily displaced, we pray...*

*For those who need medications, food, or water, we pray...*

*For supply chains and those involved in transportation, we pray...*

*For leaders and first responders in times of tragedy, we pray...*

*For volunteers who counsel, advise, and support victims of disaster, we pray...*

**ALL THESE WE OFFER THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.**



## **LECTORS NEEDED!**

**Are you interested in being a  
Lector/Reader  
for Sunday Mass?**

**Please email Neil M. at  
nmcphedran@gmail.com. Please  
include whether you are interested in  
reading at the 9 or 10.30 am Mass.  
Thank you!**



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## **REGISTRATION IN OUR PARISH**

**Update**

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

## **CWL BURSARY FOR 2021:**

There are two annual \$500.00 bursaries available from the Nelson Diocesan Council of the CWL. One bursary gives precedence to applicants entering the Medical Science Field and the second is for applicants entering General Courses.

If you are interested in eligibility requirements and an application form, please contact Gina H. of our CWL at 250 486-0834 by December 15, 2021.

## **YEAR OF THE AMORIS LAETITA FAMILY**

As you will recall, on 19 March 2021, Pope Francis launched this initiative to mark the fifth anniversary of the apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (On the Beauty and Joy of Love in the Family), which will close on 26 June 2022 with the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome on the theme “Family Love: A Vocation and a Path to Holiness”.

All of the resources on the CCCB webpage seek to help families to grow in faith and unity, offering ways for them to learn, pray, and discern together. This initiative of the Office is likewise a way to ensure the ongoing accompaniment and support of today’s families. Below is the link:

<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/celebrating-the-amoris-laetitia-family-year/>

## **Summerland Refugee Sponsorship Society**

**They’re Here!**

The Summerland Refugee Sponsorship Society is back in business! After nearly twenty years in the refugee camp and then another two long years of waiting and uncertainty after their match with the Summerland Refugee Sponsorship Group, the Ayuen Mach family, refugees from South Sudan, have finally arrived in Summerland on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ajah and her 7 children (aged 20, 18, 16, 13, 9, 7, and 2) are currently settling into their new home while they complete all the Ministry of Health travel requirements after their two-day journey from Nairobi.

Housing is all arranged, and we have a committed Family Support Team who are ready to assist the family during their first year in Canada. We may be reaching out in due course for donations of specific household items, however there isn’t anything we need as of yet.

We do need to raise additional funds for the family’s monthly financial support. If you wish to make a tax-deductible charitable donation, you can do so online through the Community Foundation: <https://www.cfso.net/donors/donate/summerland-refugee-sponsorship-fund/>

Once the family is out of quarantine and vaccinated, we will need volunteers to help with driving and tutoring, etc. We have a Covid-19 safe Volunteer Plan based public health guidelines and, to this end, we will require any volunteer working directly with any family member to be fully (double) vaccinated as well as providing an updated criminal record check.

If you are interested in assisting in any way, please contact Mary-Anne Smirle at [msmirle@shaw.ca](mailto:msmirle@shaw.ca) or 250-494-5038 Please keep Ajah and her family in your prayers.

## This Christmas, reach out to the prisoners in our midst!

*"I was in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25:36)*

One of the seven Corporal Acts of Mercy is to visit or assist those in prison - whether they be shut-ins, the disabled, the hospitalized, or those actually serving time in jail. In Matthew 25, we find the story of the Judgement Day, when God separates the sheep from the goats. The sheep are those who showed love for God through their love for the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the homeless, the naked and the imprisoned. Regardless of the sinfulness that characterizes every human being, there is a dignity and goodness inside each one of us.

*"The king will reply; truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40).*

Every Christmas at the Okanagan Correctional Centre, the Chaplains ask the broader community to assist in creating a "Christmas Treat Bag" for every incarcerated person to acknowledge that by their very creation, there is truly a goodness in them. Since this prison opened 5 years ago; students from St. Joseph's Catholic school have colored the bags that the treats go in. Their teachers instruct the children of Christ's ministry to the marginalized and the importance of remembering that Jesus and many of the Apostles and Saints experienced the degradation and humiliation of being imprisoned themselves. The children draw colorful Christmas themed pictures and messages on these bags, and this is one of the best parts of the gift for the inmates. Christmas cards with messages of hope are sent to us from the Archdiocese of Vancouver where Catholic school children are asked to minister in this special way. It is very humbling to read the wisdom and care in these messages of hope.

The treat bags also include chocolate bars, granola bars, hot chocolate, tea, etc. that are donated by people such as yourselves. ***If you feel called to donate towards this act of mercy, please place your monetary donation in the box at the entrance of the church. Thank you very much for your generosity. And please remember to pray for our imprisoned brothers and sisters this Christmas.***

**Donation deadline: December 12, 2021**



### CCO RISE UP CONFERENCE:

January 6 – 8, 2022

Rise Up is a conference for young adults hosted by Catholic Christian Outreach, a Canadian university student movement. But Rise Up is more than a conference; it exists to motivate and inspire leaders for the renewal of the world.

Registration is available through [www.cco.ca/rise-up](http://www.cco.ca/rise-up) with early registration pricing until Nov. 30, 2021 (online and in-person options available).

## **CHURCH DONATIONS**

**There are different ways to donate:**

### **1.SAG (Pre-Authorized Giving)**

Please call the parish office for a form.

### **2. E-TRANSFER**

Log in to your bank account and e-transfer your donation to:

[etransfer.HCPS@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.HCPS@nelsondiocese.org)

Your donation goes directly into the parish bank account. Password is no longer needed. Please indicate in the message box of the e-transfer to which fund the donation is intended. For example: Sunday Offering, Special Church Care, Christmas, one of the Ordered Collections, or if it is to be split between two or more of these.

### **3. MAIL**

Please mail your donation to the parish address at the top of the bulletin.

**God bless your generous hearts!**

## **PARISH CONTACT LIST**

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Catechism	Shirley M.	250-494-8418
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Youth Coordinator		
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## **HOLY CHILD PARISH IS IN NEED OF A CUSTODIAN**

### **Custodian Position Description**

#### **(Diocesan Employment Policy for Lay Employees)**

This is a part time job – 3 HOURS/WEEK

**Summary** Reporting to the Pastor or his designate, the Custodian maintains the church and Parish centre and associated grounds. Basic Position Description: To clean and maintain the Parish buildings and grounds. Duties and Responsibilities • Clean washrooms, dust all surfaces, clean glass windows and surfaces, dry mop or vacuum all floors and remove garbage and recycle items from Parish buildings. • Ensure that the sacristy and church (e.g., pews, floors) are clean at all times. • Maintain the carpets and hard-surfaced floors periodically. • Perform and/or report necessary repairs. • Keep all equipment in good working order. • Coordinate periodic fire inspections. • Maintain the grounds, lawns and flowerbeds as required. • Clear snow and ice from sidewalks and walkways and maintain the spring, autumn and winter checklists required by the diocesan insurance policy. • Arrange for power sweeping of parking lots and line painting if required. • Maintain the cleaning supplies inventory and order supplies as needed within the approved budget. • Update and maintain records contained within the diocesan "Arson Risk Management Compliance Declaration." • Provide other duties as required.

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE FOR APPOINTMENT IF YOU DESIRE TO APPLY. THANK YOU!**