

# HOLY CHILD PARISH

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**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**  
**24<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

### 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

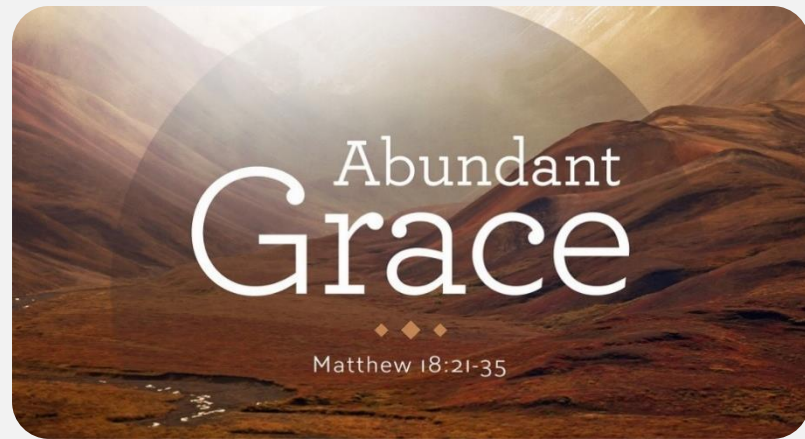
Adoration: Every Friday, 9.30 am – 11.00 am

## MASS INTENTION



### SEPTEMBER

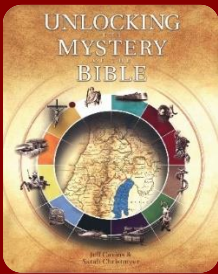
TUE 19 (R) MARIA LADEIRA  
WED 20 (R) MAX ZAITLIN  
THU 21 (I) ANNIE ZIEBARTH  
FRI 22 (I) FR. BEN & OUR HOLY CHILD  
PARISH FAMILY  
SAT 23 (R) MARIA LADEIRA



## EXPLORE THE FAITH

Thursday, September 21,  
at 6 pm.  
*Join us!*

Jeff Cavins series "Unlocking  
the Mystery of the Bible"  
Part 2 – The Early World

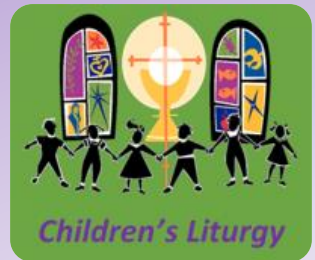


## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This Sunday, the children and  
youth of the parish are in charge  
of the Sunday Mass celebration.

*Join us!*

*Thank you to our children, youth,  
parents and teachers!*



## CWL GENERAL MEETING

Join us for Holy Child Parish  
Catholic Women's League  
General Meeting, on

**Wednesday, September 20 at 10 am.**

## 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 18 at 6  
pm.





## **CHANGES TO VOTIVE PRAYER CANDLES IN CHURCH**

Holy Child Parish is moving towards the use of electric/flameless votive candles for prayer.

This is a necessary change for insurance purposes and for the safety of our building, especially when unoccupied.

You will be informed of the change over date.

Thank you for your understanding!



## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST!**

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Sunday, September 24 after the 9 am Mass.

More details to follow.

## **Are you getting married in the Catholic Church this fall?**

The next marriage prep session starts Oct 4 at 6:30pm. Attendance can be virtual or in person in Penticton.

Contact Deacon Peter d'Aoust or Lynn Hale for more information.

[lhaleaoust2012@gmail.com](mailto:lhaleaoust2012@gmail.com)  
or 250-460-0378

## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

"Christian Love" is the central theme for this week's liturgy. Apostle Paul in Romans 14:7-9 spoke about "Charity towards the weak" and our 'uprightness' should motivate to welcome those who are weak in faith". He encouraged in Rm 14:7 "If we live, we live for the Lord, if we die, we die for the Lord. Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's". Therefore, he became a wonderful mentor for the love of Christ. Let the love of Christ reign supreme & let your love be shown in action. This is the liberating act of Christ freeing humans from the enslavement of the law & sin. Therefore, Christian love becomes the basis for all our social, religious & moral activities.

In 2Cor 5:14 Apostle Paul wrote, "The love of Christ urges me to move forward". Since love is the mutual bond that binds the Christian with Christ, every Christian should experience this movement from within and without for each person. The love that Christ has for us, works within us, especially in our being (person) and in our conscience motivating us or urging us to engage in beautiful and beneficial things for our people. Therefore, let the love of Christ reign supreme, so that we may be able to merit His benevolence. Pope John Paul II in his "Theology of the Body" explained this love of Christ. "Christ's love was genuine, authentic & captivating", wrote the Pope.

Christ loved us to the end and gave himself up for us on the Cross as an expression of His love for the humans. He also explained that when 'Love is not genuine, authentic, it becomes artificial and arbitrary'. Arbitrary Love is motivated by ulterior motives, which are not genuine and have hidden agenda behind. Christian love was perceived by people by experiencing His openness & transparency in all matters. Christ loved people unconditionally and associated with everyone without any discrimination. He showed His love through service especially stooping down to wash the feet of His companions in the journey. (Jn 13) By this He gave us a wonderful teaching that we should also do the same to our people. This service should be born out of love for Jesus & it should not attract any merit or attraction in the human eye, but only in the Divine.

There were personalities who have committed for this wonderful love of Christ like St. John Bosco (who worked with the youth), St. Francis of Assisi (who brought newness to the mandate of peace in the world) St. Margaret Bourgeois (who worked with the First Nation people in Canada and the First Canadian Martyrs. In recent times we have come to know about the Charity to the neglected by Mother Theresa and St. Peter Damian who opted to serve the cause of the Hanson (leprous) persons in Hawaii Island. Saints like Claire, Theresa & Bachetia (Sudan) have lived a contemplative life for the love of Christ and have impacted a great many.

Today's Scriptures talk about 'forgiveness and acceptance of the scrupulous through our charity' (our love for Christ). The best example is the vibrant role model of the late South African President Nelson Mandela, who forgave 'De Clarke' the man who imprisoned him for more than 19 years in the maximum-security prison in S. Africa, by giving him a prominent position in his cabinet. Therefore, we come to understand that forgiveness is the grace of God. Having hatred, malice & vengeance in one's life is indeed human. But forgiveness is Divine. Pope John Paul II not only forgave the man who attempted on his life, but also opted to make him his best friend, forgiving him unconditionally like Christ. Can we try our best to imitate the Love of Christ in our brief life on this planet earth, in order to enjoy the lasting peace in heaven!

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](http://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](mailto:shannersbc@gmail.com)

250-809-7619

## 2023 WALK FOR LIFE



The Kelowna Right to Life Society is hosting their annual Walk for Life in Mission Creek Park on Saturday, September 23rd from noon - 2 pm. Please join us for kids' activities in the park with refreshments and a short walk for life. The First 50 people will receive a free BBQ lunch! All are welcome to attend! Call 250-870-4103 or email [kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com](mailto:kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com) for more information.

## RACHEL'S CORNER

*The Lord sets prisoners free; the Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord raises up those who are bowed down." - Psalm 146: 7-8*

When thoughts come to your mind regarding the day you were involved in an abortion decision, do they make you feel blind to hope, entrapped in regret and burdened with shame? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard®

Retreat and be free again.

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250-762-2273

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

[www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com),

Confidentiality assured.



## LIFE CHAIN 2023

Join us on Sunday October 1st from 2 - 3 pm as we gather in solidarity with hundreds of thousands of pro-lifers across Canada and the U.S. for the annual Life Chain! Life Chains are scheduled to happen at 300 locations in Canada this year! In Kelowna, please meet at the corner of Highway 97 and Gagnon Ave (behind the Dairy Queen on Gordon Ave) at 1:45 pm. Thank you for standing up for LIFE! Contact [kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com](mailto:kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com) or call 250 870-4103 for more information.

## GRIEF TO GRACE

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 [griegtograncelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtograncelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.



[Click here](#) for the Summer 2023 issue of the Catholic Mountain Star



## 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 Tameling, 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.



## 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 17-23)

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: [Sirach 27](#): 30 – 28: 7

Second Reading: [Romans 14](#): 7-9

Gospel: [Matthew 18](#): 21-35

### MONDAY

First Reading: [First Timothy 2](#): 1-8

Gospel: [Luke 7](#): 1-10

### TUESDAY

First Reading: [First Timothy 3](#): 1-13

Gospel: [Luke 7](#): 11-17

### WEDNESDAY - ST. ANDREW KIM TAEGON, PAUL CHONG HASANG, & Companions, martyrs (M)

First Reading: [First Timothy 3](#): 14-16

Gospel: [Luke 7](#): 31-35

### THURSDAY – ST. MATTHEW (F)

First Reading: [Ephesians 4](#): 1-7, 11-13

Gospel: [Matthew 9](#): 9-13

### FRIDAY

First Reading: [First Timothy 6](#): 2c-12

Gospel: [Luke 8](#): 1-3

### SATURDAY – ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (M)

First Reading: [First Timothy 6](#): 13-16

Gospel: [Luke 8](#): 4-15

## OUR PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL 2023

*Our deep appreciation to all parishioners who have made a gift.*

### HOLY CHILD PARISH

Goal - \$16,350

Received - \$7,450

**Still to raise - \$8,900**

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES MISSION

Goal - \$350

Received - \$120

**Still to raise - \$230**

***Please continue to respond in prayer and generosity.***

Gifts can be made via etransfer to: [ettransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:ettransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org) or by completing a pledge card and returning it, along with a cheque/cash to the parish.

## PARISH CONTACT LIST

**PASTOR:** Fr. Gabriel Chinnaperiannan

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Admin Assistant: Claire Nowen

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|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Parish Pastoral Council Chair | Jacques L.  | 250-494-0887     |
| Finance Council Chair         | Scott A.    | 250-809-8722     |
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| Music Ministry                | Celia K.    | 250-490-6333     |
| Eucharistic Ministers         | Marianne B. | 250-490-7925     |
| 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                | Maggie R.   | 250-494-9227     |
| Adult Faith Formation         | Mark M.     | 250-494-1535     |
| Safe Environment Rep.         | Alicia B.   | 250-494-7039     |
| Development & Peace           | John M.     | 250-494-9590     |
| Homebound Eucharist           | Terri W.    | 250-809-1734     |
| Greeters                      | Johanne L.  | 250-462-3206     |
| Holy Cross School Contact     | Rick B.     | 250-494-7039     |
| Knights of Columbus           | Roy E.      | 250-494-8808     |
| Catholic Women's League       | Sandra S.   | 778-516-0211     |

## 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.

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](mailto:summerland@nelsondiocese.org)

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