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February 5, 2023
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY to FRIDAY – 9 am
SATURDAY – 6 pm
SUNDAY – 10 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Every Friday, after 9 am Mass or by appointment

Adoration: Every Friday, 9.30 am – 11.00 am

MASS INTENTION

FEBRUARY

TUE 7	(R) VALENTINO CICCI
WED 8	(R) AVERY ESPEUT-POST
THU 9	(I) MICHELLE LUKENOFF
FRI 10	(R) ALBERT JAEB
SAT 11	(R) MARIA LADEIRA

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: FEBRUARY 11

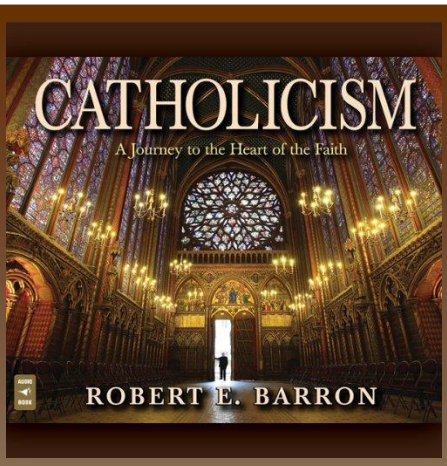
The theme of this year's observance is *"Take care of him: Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing"*, drawn from the Gospel of Luke on the Parable of the Good Samaritan. As the church marks the World Day of the Sick, CHABC encourages everyone to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers.

HOLY CHILD PARISH:
HOLY MASS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK: FEB. 11, 2023, 10AM

GRATITUDE AND PRAYERS TO THE DONORS OF OUR NEW CHALICE AND CIBORIUM!!

A LENTEN ACTIVITY FOR THE YOUTH (AND ADULTS TOO!) THIS MARCH!!!!

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED.



CATHOLICISM -ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Parish Faith Formation program will commence on the first Thursday of lent, February 23, 2023 at 6:00pm in the hall. The first will be based on Bishop Barron's series "Catholicism". The aim of faith formation is to explore and teach our deep and beautiful Catholic faith. Please set aside time in your schedule to be part of the program. Please let Mark M. know if you are interested in attending and particularly if you might want to help out (markmarischuk@gmail.com/250-494-1535).

THANK YOU! SEE YOU!

EXPLORE THE FAITH

(Thursdays at 6 pm)

Thurs. Feb 9 The meaning and purpose of the Eucharistic Miracles Part 1

Thurs. Feb 16 Eucharistic Miracles Part 2

This will take us to the season of lent and the start of the Adult Faith Formation program based on Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism series (starting on Feb 23).

2022 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

2022 Tax Receipts are ready!

Please pick up your envelope from the table in the foyer (A-Z by last name).

Any remaining envelopes will be mailed out.

Thank you so much for supporting Holy Child Parish!

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

https://www.holyc.com/ready-set-learn

Join us!

For an **Early Childhood Education Session.**

March 9th, 2023 from 3:00-4:00pm

- Receive educational information.
- Enjoy story time, playtime and refreshments.
- Free children's learning resource kit.

Visit **holyc.com**
or call 250.492.4480 to register

"My Soul Magnifies the Lord, My Spirit Rejoices in God My Saviour" – Luke 1:46-47

Living in the Spirit Prayer Group

Holy Child Church
14010 Rosedale Avenue, Summerland BC

Meeting 6:00 P.M. Mondays

In the Church Sanctuary

Join us in praise and worship, prayer, scripture reading, friendship and individual personal prayer for your needs

Music Ministry: Roy MacIntyre and Once Monthly Celina Tumbach, Theresa Bonvensi & Julie Deuling

You are most welcome!

Contact: Bev MacIntyre 1– 778-740-0508
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The Holy See

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
XXXI WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

11 February 2023

"Take care of him"
Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing

Dear brothers and sisters!

Illness is part of our human condition. Yet, if illness is experienced in isolation and abandonment, unaccompanied by care and compassion, it can become inhumane.

When we go on a journey with others, it is not unusual for someone to feel sick, to have to stop because of fatigue or of some mishap along the way. It is precisely in such moments that we see *how* we are walking together: whether we are truly companions on the journey, or merely individuals on the same path, looking after our own interests and leaving others to "make do". For this reason, on the thirty-first World Day of the Sick, as the whole Church journeys along the synodal path, I invite all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness.

In the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, the Lord speaks these words that represent one of the high points of God's Revelation: "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down,says the Lord God.. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak […] I will feed them with justice" (34:15-16). Experiences of bewilderment, sickness, and weakness are part of the human journey. Far from excluding us from God's people, they bring us to the centre of the Lord's attention, for he is our Father and does not want to lose even one of his children along the way. Let us learn from him, then, how to be a community that truly walks together, capable of resisting the throwaway culture.

The Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* encourages us to read anew the parable of the Good Samaritan, which I chose in order to illustrate how we can move from the "dark clouds" of a closed world to "envisaging and engendering an open world" (cf. No. 56). There is a profound link between this parable of Jesus and the many ways in which fraternity is denied in today's world. In particular, the fact that the man, beaten and robbed, is *abandoned* on the side of the road represents the condition in which all too many of our brothers and sisters are left at a time when they most need help. It is no longer easy to distinguish the assaults on human life and dignity that arise from natural causes from those caused by injustice and violence. In fact, increasing levels of inequality and the prevailing interests of the few now affect every human environment to the extent that it is difficult to consider any experience as having solely "natural" causes. All suffering takes place in the context of a "culture" and its various contradictions.

Here it is especially important to recognize the condition of loneliness and abandonment. This kind of cruelty can be overcome more easily than any other injustice, because – as the parable tells us – it only takes a moment of our attention, of being moved to compassion within us, in order to eliminate it. Two travellers, considered pious and religious, see the wounded man, yet fail to stop. The third passer-by, however, a Samaritan, a scorned foreigner, is moved with compassion and takes care of that stranger on the road, treating him as a brother. In doing so, without even thinking about it, he makes a difference, he makes the world more fraternal.

Brothers and sisters, we are rarely prepared for illness. Oftentimes, we fail even to admit that we are getting older. Our vulnerability frightens us and the pervasive culture of efficiency pushes us to sweep it under the carpet, leaving no room for our human frailty. In this way, when evil bursts onto the scene and wounds us, we are left stunned. Moreover, others might abandon us at such times. Or, in our own moments of weakness, we may feel that we should abandon others in order to avoid becoming a burden. This is how loneliness sets in, and we can become poisoned by a bitter sense of injustice, as if God himself had abandoned us. Indeed, we may find it hard to remain at peace with the Lord when our relationship with others and with ourselves is damaged. It is crucial, then, even in the midst of illness, that the whole Church measure herself against the Gospel example of the Good Samaritan, in order that she may become a true "field hospital", for her mission is manifested in acts of care, particularly in the historical circumstances of our time. We are all fragile and vulnerable, and need that compassion which knows how to pause, approach, heal, and raise up. Thus, the plight of the sick is a call that cuts through indifference and slows the pace of those who go on their way as if they had no sisters and brothers.

The World Day of the Sick calls for prayer and closeness towards those who suffer. Yet it also aims to raise the awareness of God's people, healthcare institutions and civil society with regard to a new way of moving forward together. The above-quoted prophecy of Ezekiel judges harshly the priorities of those who wield economic, cultural, and political power over others: "You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured,

you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them" (34:3-4). God's word is always illuminating and timely; not only in what it denounces, but also in what it proposes. Indeed, the conclusion of the parable of the Good Samaritan suggests how the exercise of fraternity, which began as a face-to-face encounter, can be expanded into organized care. The elements of the inn, the innkeeper, the money and the promise to remain informed of the situation (cf. *Lk* 10:34-35) all point to the commitment of healthcare and social workers, family members and volunteers, through whom good stands up in the face of evil every day, in every part of the world.

These past years of the pandemic have increased our sense of gratitude for those who work each day in the fields of healthcare and research. Yet it is not enough to emerge from such an immense collective tragedy simply by honouring heroes. Covid-19 has strained the great networks of expertise and solidarity, and has exposed the structural limits of existing public welfare systems. Gratitude, then, needs to be matched by actively seeking, in every country, strategies and resources in order to guarantee each person's fundamental right to basic and decent healthcare.

The Samaritan calls the innkeeper to "take care of him" (*Lk* 10:35). Jesus addresses the same call to each of us. He exhorts us to "go and do likewise" (*Lk* 10:37). As I noted in *Fratelli Tutti*, "The parable shows us how a community can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others, who reject the creation of a society of exclusion, and act instead as neighbours, lifting up and rehabilitating the fallen for the sake of the common good" (No. 67). Indeed, "we were created for a fulfilment that can only be found in love. We cannot be indifferent to suffering" (No. 68).

On 11 February 2023, let us turn our thoughts to the Shrine of Lourdes, a prophetic lesson entrusted to the Church for our modern times. It is not only what functions well or those who are productive that matter. Sick people, in fact, are at the centre of God's people, and the Church advances together with them as a sign of a humanity in which everyone is precious and no one should be discarded or left behind.

To the intercession of Mary, Health of the Sick, I entrust all of you who are ill; you who care for them in your families, or through your work, research and volunteer service; and those of you who are committed to weaving personal, ecclesial, and civic bonds of fraternity. To all, I impart my heartfelt blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 10 January 2023

FRANCIS

PRAYER LIST

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS…

George & 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, Pat Thomas, Sheila Dalflyen, Betty & Jack Jolie, Chrissy Kozier, Richard Roess, Cecilia Roess, Jack Rowland, Jo-Ann Rowland, Jody Richter, Bill & Anna Appel, Dina Tremblay, Rachel Donegan, Jenny Pilkington, Sophie Graydon, Renee Tameling, Gail Brice, Patricia Horan, Nancy Brooks, Mirjana Komljenovic, Todd Brice, Mason Webb, Bob Butler, Manuela Ungureanu, Belinda D'Souza, Wills Hodgkinson, Denise McDonald (daughter of M. Harrington), Aspen Alfred, Bishop Christopher Budd, Paul & Joyce Richter, Annette Lefebvre, Peter Deuling, Fr. Salomon, Bill Bolger, Thiele family, Eileen McAteer, Sheila & Jim Jahnke & family, Mark Johnston, Tara Bridge, Mark Ducheck, Sharon Mahussier, Paul Martin, Shawn Murphy, Perry Pasqualetto, Joy Frost & family, Krista Munsie, Winnie St. Germaine, Sharon Cooper, Gage Penney, Chrys Tremblay.

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

(February 5-11)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
First Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10
Second Reading: First Corinthians 2: 1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16

MONDAY – ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS (M)
First Reading: Genesis 1: 1-19
Gospel: Mark 6: 53-56

TUESDAY
First Reading: Genesis 1: 20 – 2: 4a
Gospel: Mark 7: 1-13

WEDNESDAY
First Reading: Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-17
Gospel: Mark 7: 14-23

THURSDAY
First Reading: Genesis 2: 18-25
Gospel: Mark 7: 24-30

FRIDAY – ST. SCHOLASTICA (M)
First Reading: Genesis 3: 1-8
Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37

SATURDAY
First Reading: Genesis 3: 9-24
Gospel: Mark 8: 1-10

Rachel's Corner

"My emotions were finally released, an almost impossible task. This allowed God to enter in and begin the healing process." Testimonial

Does it feel like your emotions are trapped deep inside since the day of the abortion, and you don't have the place or the right way to release them? Sometimes the ability to release them is exactly what you need in order to let the healing begin and feel like the person you hoped to be. Join us on the next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat©.

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AMAZING YOUTH RETREAT OPPORTUNITY IN OUR DIOCESE!

Hi Families!

It's time to get excited! This February, we're super happy to announce a retreat experience especially for our youth!

On the weekend of February 17th – 20th, The Catholic Parishes of Penticton will be welcoming a travelling retreat team from NET Canada (National Evangelization Teams). NET is a reputable company with teams in many countries, who specialize in connecting with youth and bringing them a meaningful, Christ-centered experience. Whether your child is a practicing Catholic/Christian who is looking to take the next step in their faith, or one who doesn't know Jesus, but is looking to better understand their identity and purpose in life, this retreat will be impactful! As a youth coordinator who has been getting to know this role, this team is on a whole different level! I highly recommend signing up if you can.
This weekend will be broken into two different retreats: One for our junior youth (grades 6-9) and one for our senior youth (grades 9-12). Notice that grade 9 is in both categories. This is because for this border-age, I would like them to choose whether their experience would be more impactful with the younger group, or with the older group.

The junior youth retreat will run Friday, Feb 17th 5:30pm -10pm and Saturday, Feb 18th, 9am – 3pm
The senior youth retreat will run Saturday, Feb 18th 5:30pm – 10pm and Sunday Feb 19th 8:30am – 2:30pm

All meals and costs associated with this retreat are being covered by the Catholic Parishes of Penticton, it's affiliate groups, and
individual donations. So, there is no cost for your child to attend! There will be plenty of fun, plenty of growth, plenty of meaning… there's no down side. And if they really can't come for both days, please at least come for one.

For this event, I will require a formal registration, as there are multiple meals to plan and I have to give the retreat team numbers ahead of time.
Please register as soon as you're able at this link https://forms.gle/qLrKPsfSCCDu48Xb8

Looking forward to being a part of a really great thing for our youth. Please email me if you have any questions.

Trevor Buller.
Youth Coordinator
Catholic Parishes of Penticton

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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.

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?
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