

HOLY CHILD PARISH

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May 21 2023
ASCENSION SUNDAY

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY to FRIDAY – 9 am*
SATURDAY – 6 pm
SUNDAY – 10 am
*2nd WEDNESDAY of the month –
9.30 am at Summerland Seniors' Village



Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Every Friday, after 9 am Mass or by appointment

Adoration: Every Friday, 9.30 am – 11.00 am

MASS INTENTION

MAY

WED 24

THU 25

FRI 26

SAT 27

(R) GILBERT & AVERY ESPEUT

(R) CAROL LYCHOWID

(R) PAT RIVA

(I) KATHY HUGHES



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

No Mass -Tuesday, May 23.

Mass on Wednesday, May 24 at 6 pm.

SPECIAL PARISH COLLECTION

There will be a special collection to help defer the 75 anniversary celebration expenses.

Envelopes will be provided in the pews at Masses **May 20 & 21.**

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, thank you for helping out with this important parish event.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our Parish Faith Formation program continues

Thursday, May 25, at 6 pm. Join us!

Bishop Barron on The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist 2020 Religious Education Congress

OUR PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL

Our Parish Goal for 2023 is **\$16,350.**

Our total so far is **\$5,610.**

All donations are gratefully received.

ORDERED COLLECTION – THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS

This weekend there will be an ordered collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. Canadian Catholics are asked to give generously to this papal collection, which is passed on to the Holy Father for his use among those stricken by natural disasters.

PHONE FOUND

If you have lost a phone, please contact the parish office.

LAWN MOWING

Can you help?
We are looking for someone to mow the lawns around the church...
earn an extra income!!!



CHALICE SPONSORSHIP



Chalice is coming to Holy Child Parish! At the June 17-18 Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITS HOME

If you would like to have the statue next, please contact Patricia H. on 250-494-7775.

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND AND ROME
9 DAYS – HOLY LAND – OCTOBER 17-25, 2023
4 DAYS – ROME – OCTOBER 26-29, 2023
COST: \$8,057.00 (CANADIAN)
PLEASE CONTACT FR. BEN
250 494 2266
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Sponsor our 75th Anniversary Celebration

Showcase your business while supporting Holy Child Parish

CORPORATE SPONSOR: \$250

Our 8 event sponsors will be recognized in the following ways:

*At the Event: Logo and short text advertisement in event program; verbal credit

*Mentions outside the Event: Holy Child website; Holy Child bulletin (print & digital)

- CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SPONSOR – ONLY 8 SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE -

- SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE: MAY 23, 2023 -

OUR LADY OF PENTECOST GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Fun, Fellowship, Friends: "For you Alone are Holy,
You are Great and do Marvelous Things."

Come! Join us in Kelowna, August 13-18, as we Gather in the Spirit, at Seton House of Prayer. Up-and-coming Catholic speaker Pauline Dumas McGrath is passionate about seeing every person become empowered and fully alive! Inspired with insights from the Holy Spirit, Pauline's unique style combines personal testimonies and creative practical applications which enhance her gift of teaching. Pauline will lead us to partner with the Holy Spirit to be activated in His Gifts and bring God's love to others, often with signs and wonders following! To register, contact Maria McManus 1-250-707-1423, or at untamedspirit@telus.net Early Bird Rate: closes June 17, and is \$675 with accommodation at Seton House, (limit 50 people). Commuter rate is \$325. From June 18-July 22, the rate with Seton House is \$725 and \$375 for commuters. Limited financial assistance is available from Pilgrimage of Faith, \$225 for Seton House and \$108.33 for commuters, please confirm with registration. Posters and brochures contain detailed information, and are in your parish and on the web: <https://www.holyspiritbaptizer.com/gathering-in-the-spirit>

A colorful poster for the May Flower Festival Santacruzán 2023. The background is dark blue with colorful triangular bunting at the top and bottom. A gold crown is centered above the text "SANTACRUZAN 2023". Below the crown, the event details are listed: "MAY 27 SAT 2:30PM AT ST. ANN'S PARISH 1296 MAIN ST. PENTICTON". At the bottom, it says "COME AND CELEBRATE THE FILIPINO TRADITION AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR ALL THE BLESSING HE HAS GIVEN US." and "Procession at 2:30pm | Mass at 5:00pm There will be a potluck in the hall after the mass. Please bring your favourite dish to share!". A note at the very bottom says "Limited spots available. Please get your free tickets after the 6pm Mass or call parish office: 2504923169".

MI CONSECRATION TO THE BVM

Come one, come all to conclude this Month of May with a Consecration to our Blessed Mother. Join Deacon Dale and his wife Sally following the 9:00 am Mass at Saint John Vianney Church in Penticton. Please consider purchasing a copy of the recommended book, *Behold your Mother*, in advance. This self-guided booklet is available from the Parish offices in Osoyoos, Oliver and Summerland in advance or from Deacon Dale or Sally at the Penticton parish for a cost of \$5.00. A plenary indulgence is granted by the Church for enrolment in the MI and each year upon renewal. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Dale at 250-486-8499 or sallyanddale@shaw.ca

SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES (OCDS)

Carmelite Seculars, together with the Friars and Nuns, are sons and daughters of the Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and of St. Teresa of Jesus. As a result, they share the same charism with the religious, each according to their way of life. It is one family with the same spiritual possessions, the same call to holiness (*cf Eph 1.4; 1Pet 1:15*) and the same apostolic mission. Secular members contribute to the Order the benefits proper to their secular state of life.

For more information, please contact **Laurent 1-778-212-1945 or Loretta 250-448-5633**

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NELSON

Executive Assistant

The Diocesan Office, situated in Kelowna, BC, is seeking a professional **Executive Assistant** to provide exceptional administrative support to the Bishop in a professional, courteous and efficient manner.

Located in the beautiful Okanagan and Kootenay regions of British Columbia, the **Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson** ministers to approximately 78,000 Catholics through 31 parishes and 10 mission parishes.

Reporting to the Bishop, the Executive Assistant maintains positive, open communication with staff, parishioners, parishes, schools, community members and service providers. Outstanding customer service skills are required to excel in this position. Additionally, the candidate has:

- Minimum of 5 years' experience as an administrative assistant, preferably at the executive level
- Excellent organizational, interpersonal and communication skills
- Sound knowledge of the Catholic Faith with demonstrated respectful and pastoral sensitivity to Catholic beliefs and practices
- Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality, discretion and compassion
- Strong organizational skills that reflect an ability to prioritize and perform multiple tasks with an excellent attention to detail
- Solid computer skills including Microsoft Office and utilization of social media platforms
- Knowledge of website maintenance and Adobe Photoshop considered an asset
- Professional demeanor and attire
- Ability to represent the Diocese of Nelson professionally in all circumstances

Interested applicants are invited to submit a cover letter, **resume and 3 reference letters, including pastor reference, to info@nelsondiocese.org by May 30, 2023. Electronic submissions only please.**

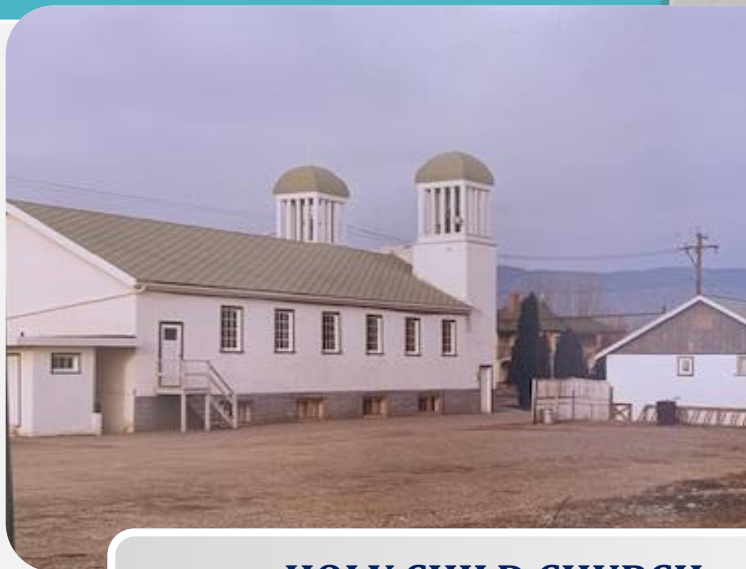
All things being equal, active members of the Roman Catholic Church will be given preference. We thank all applicants for their interest. Please note that only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

**HOLY CHILD PARISH IS
CELEBRATING 75 YEARS AS A
PARISH, 95 YEARS AS A
COMMUNITY!
MAY GOD CONTINUALLY BLESS
OUR COMMUNITY!
We praise! We thank! We
celebrate!**

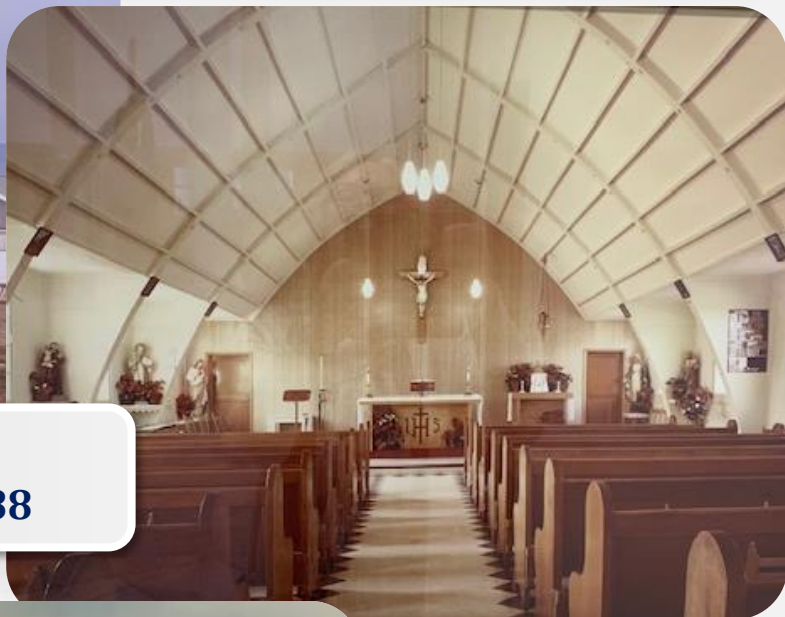
**CELEBRATION IS ON
JUNE 11, 2023, 10 AM,
SUMMERLAND MEMORIAL
PARK.**



**FIRST HOLY CHILD CHURCH
JULIA STREET, 1928-1948**



**HOLY CHILD CHURCH
ROSEDALE AVENUE, 1948-1988**



**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD
ROSEDALE AVENUE, 1988 - present**

HOLY CHILD PARISH HISTORY

Our humble beginnings...

In Summerland, British Columbia, like in the case of many thriving faith communities in Western Canada, the seeds of faith were first planted by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The pioneer missionaries came initially from Kelowna and then from Penticton, to preach the Word, celebrate the Sacraments, and take care of the spiritual needs of the early settlers. The faithful would gather in homes, in the local Anglican church building, and even in the community hall until 1928 when our first Church was built on a piece of donated land. This mission church was carried out by the Oblate missionaries from Penticton and spread out in the whole Okanagan Valley, belonging to the Archdiocese of Vancouver at that time.

On February 22, 1936, the new Diocese of Nelson was created and the small mission of Summerland was part of the new Diocese. However, Summerland Church, just like any planted seed on the ground, was nurtured, nourished, and grew as a people of God. In 1948 Summerland gained the status of a Parish with Father Anthony Meulenbergh as the first resident Pastor. Soon, plans were underway to build a new Church to accommodate the increasing number of parishioners. The new building was completed by December of 1948 and the first Holy Mass celebrated in the newly built church was the Christmas Midnight Mass.

Father Meulenbergh was succeeded in 1962 by Father Michael Guinan who in turn was followed by Father Frank Flynn in 1972. It was during Father Flynn's time that the present Rectory was built in 1975. Father Flynn was replaced by Father William Laurie as parish priest in 1978 and was succeeded by Father John Koenders in 1980. Soon, Father John began the preparations for the building of a new Church since the congregation was growing fast. On May 29, 1988, the new Church was blessed and dedicated by Most Rev. Emmett Doyle, Bishop of Nelson.

Monsignor Charles Mulvihill took over from Father John Koenders in 1997 when Father John retired and returned to Holland. Monsignor Charles led our Parish from 1997 to 2002. When Monsignor Mulvihill retired in 2002, Father Sebastian Puthenpura was appointed as Pastor. Father Sebastian Puthenpura finished his pastorship in 2008 and was appointed to Oliver's Christ the King Parish. Holy Child Parish welcomed Father Ferdinand Wagner Nalitan as the new Parish Priest. Fr. Ferdinand ended his term in 2012 and Fr. Jim Ratcliffe was appointed as the new Parish Priest. Unfortunately, he had to leave the parish after one year because of health concerns and so retired from active service. In 2014 we welcomed Br. Matthieu Gombo as Parish administrator until a new Pastor was appointed.

Eventually, Fr. Gerald Sekanga became the new Pastor appointed by Bishop John Correavue in 2014 until July 2016. In July 2016, Father Gerald was transferred to St. Pius X Parish in Kelowna and to work in the Diocesan Tribunal Office. Father Ruben Buela replaced Father Gerald and became the Pastor until the present time.

Holy Child Parish recognizes too the dedicated Sisters of Charity from Kelowna who enriched and took care of our parish in its early years of existence. Through their initiative, the parish would hold the annual Summer School Catechism classes. Later in 1974, the Sisters of Charity opened Seton House of Prayer on Fosberry Road in Summerland, to cater to the needs of our parish, especially teaching catechism to our children.

Furthermore, they also facilitated retreats, and seminars and offered spiritual counselling to the parishioners. In 1986, the prayer house was transferred to Kelowna; however, the sisters continued their service to the parish. Sister Barbara Prior CND, became our Pastoral Assistant from 1989 to 1997 and Sister Yvette Beford SSA, succeeded her from 1998 to 2001.

Holy Child Parish continues its service in Summerland despite a decline in its members. The church continues to stand tall despite the many trials that we must face. Parishioners are actively taking part in different ministries and offer what they can for the good of the parish.

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, Sheila Dalflyen, Betty & Jack Jolie, Chrissy Kozier, Richard Roess, Jack Rowland, Jo-Ann Rowland, Jody Richter, Anna Appel, Dina Tremblay, Jenny Pilkington, Sophie Graydon, Renee Taming, Patricia Horan, Nancy Brooks, Mirjana Komljenovic, Mason Webb, Bob Butler, 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, 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, Bob & Josie Reid & family, Jann Bouthillier, Rhonda Connell, Jared Howe.



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 (May 21-27)

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: [Acts 1](#): 1-11

Second Reading: [Ephesians 1](#): 17-23

Gospel: [Matthew 28](#): 16-20

MONDAY

First Reading: [Acts 19](#): 1-8

Gospel: [John 16](#): 29-33

TUESDAY

First Reading: [Acts 20](#): 17-27

Gospel: [John 17](#): 1-11a

WEDNESDAY

First Reading: [Acts 20](#): 28-38

Gospel: [John 17](#): 11b-19

THURSDAY

First Reading: [Acts 22](#): 30; 23: 6-11

Gospel: [John 17](#): 20-26

FRIDAY - ST. PHILIP NERI (M)

First Reading: [Acts 25](#): 13b-21

Gospel: [John 21](#): 15-19

SATURDAY

First Reading: [Acts 28](#): 16-20, 30-31

Gospel: [John 21](#): 20-25

Rachel's Corner

"What a mistake those who do not hope, make! Judas made a huge blunder the day in which he sold Christ for 30 denarii, but he made an even bigger one when he thought that his sin was too great to be forgiven.

No sin is too big: any wretchedness, however great, can always be enclosed in infinite mercy" Pope Saint

John I- feast day May 18th

Have you thought that God could not forgive you for your decision to have an abortion? Join us on a

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know you are truly forgiven and loved.

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Okanagan Catholic Family Camp

September 8-10, 2023

Camp Winfield, Lake Country

Early Bird Registration Opens May 1-15, 2023

Register at www.okanagancatholic.ca

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Confirmation Program	Denese E-P.	250-328-9463
Youth Ministry	Maggie R.	250-494-9227
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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
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?

Please contact the Parish Office

Tel: 250-494-3110

Email: holychildparish@shaw.ca.



2023
ADMISSION
OPEN

Now enrolling
Kindergarten through Gr. 8

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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At Holy Cross School we strive to build a solid educational foundation that helps students become life-long learners with a natural drive to explore, learn and grow.

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