

HOLY CHILD PARISH

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3RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
25th January 2026

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

JANUARY

TUE 27

WED 28

THU 29

FRI 30

SAT 31

(R) DOROTHY HOFFARTH

(R) JOE D'ALBERTSON

(R) PETER WERBESKI &

NIAL L LANGAN

(R) JOE D'ALBERTSON

(I) ROBERT & MELISSA FISHER



-SUNDAY OF THE- Word of God



OUR PRAYERS & CONDOLENCES

To the family & friends of **Maria Sardinha**
who passed away recently.

A Funeral Mass will be held on
Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 10:30 am.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:

For prayer with the Word of God: "Let us pray that
praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our
lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping
us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church."

BIBLE READINGS

To find the readings of the day go to the Canadian
Conference of Catholic Bishops website: cccbb.ca
or readings.livingwithchrist.ca

CHAPEL & PRAYER CANDLES

*Please make the most of our prayer/votive
candles in the chapel.*

Sometimes candles are lit for an individual. This may
be for the soul of a deceased loved one or someone
who is sick. Prayers are said for those in need of
divine intervention or a divine blessing. Individuals
also light prayer candles when seeking divine
guidance. The lighting of a votive candle isn't always
in a prayer of request. Sometimes candles can be lit
in gratitude of blessings received.

The lighting of a candle symbolizes our faith burning
brightly and our desire for God to illuminate our
lives. The candle's light represents Christ, the Light
of the world (John 8:12) and reminds us of God's
presence in our lives. It is also a sign of prayer and
offering, as the flame consumes itself while our
prayers rise to heaven like incense before the Lord
(Psalm 141:2).

MASS INTENTIONS

When a priest celebrates Mass every day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person or intention. By doing so, he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. To request a Mass intention, please visit or call the office.

THE LEGION OF MARY

Some parishioners are exploring the possibility of having a Legion of Mary group in the parish. We are thinking of meetings close to other parish activities, such as around Saturday or Sunday Mass times. For those interested in this opportunity for personal sanctification and some apostolic activity, you are invited to meet to discuss this on **Sunday, February 1, after the 9 am Mass in the chapel.** Open to everyone. For information, contact Roy at 778-740-0508 or rmacintyrester@gmail.com

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2025

Thank you sincerely to the parishioners who have generously supported our appeal.
Our 2025 final total will be confirmed soon.

EXPLORE THE FAITH

Join us on **Thursday, January 29, at 4 pm**, in the church hall. We will continue our study of the parts of the Mass. All are invited to attend the video by Brant Pitre and the group discussion afterward. You do not necessarily have to attend the prior sessions to follow along. Please join us!

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!
Copies of the pastor's message are available every week in the foyer.

SUNDAY COFFEE – CAN YOU HELP?

We need volunteers to help provide refreshments after the Sunday Mass. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to welcome visitors. Can you help?
Sign up sheet in the foyer.

YOUTH BOTTLE DRIVE CONTINUES

Don't forget our Parish Youth are still collecting cans to help raise funds. Drop off in the Youth room.
Thank you!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS REPORT

December 2025 (includes SAG and e-transfers)

Holy Child Parish

	Collections	Budget
December 7	\$ 2,999.50	\$ 2,769.23
December 14	\$ 2,819.35	\$ 2,769.23
December 21	\$ 3,461.50	\$ 2,769.23
December 28	\$ 2,622.50	\$ 2,769.23
Total	\$ 11,902.85	\$ 11,076.92
Balance		\$ 825.93

Christmas Offering \$ 4,775.70

Our Lady of Lourdes Mission

	Collections	Budget
December 7	\$ 270.00	\$ 184.04
December 14	\$ 145.00	\$ 184.04
December 21	\$ 218.00	\$ 184.04
December 28	\$ 117.25	\$ 184.04
Total	\$ 750.25	\$ 736.16
Balance		\$ 14.09

Christmas Offering \$ 480.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!

BELOVED PARISHIONERS!

Grace, Peace & Joy in the Holy Name of Jesus!
During Christmas, the entire District of Summerland has been brightened up with multi-coloured light decorations. It would be a fantastic idea to join hands with our District to brighten up our church building also during these Festive Seasons.
In order to facilitate this initiative for winter 2026, I am requesting our parishioners, visitors and well-wishers to join hands to support the multi-coloured light decorations of our HCP. Please consider donating monetarily towards this project.
The Parish roof will undergo maintenance in April and May of 2026. We hope to install the multi-coloured lights at the same time, without any additional installation cost. Hopefully, this will bring a lot of newness to our Parish.
Could you kindly consider supporting this Project? Blessings in the Lord! Gabriel
To make a donation to the Light Up Project, please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Light Up Project' and include your name for a tax receipt. Drop your envelope in the offering basket or at the parish office.

PRAYER LIST

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

**Blackstock family, Maggie Johnston & family, AnneMarie Ruckel,
Quentin Enns & 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

"Invitation to follow Jesus" is the timely message for this week. We all have our recreational activities like fishing, skating, running or walking and so on. The Gospel of Mathew 4:19 calls us to follow him, not as a recreational activity, but as a lifelong endeavour, "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people." Fishing was a lucrative business during Jesus' time. (Fishing and salting for preservation was a thriving business as per Jewish history.) Jesus met four fishermen from the fishing industry (Andrew, Simon, John and James) as his first disciples, who were seasoned by the winds and waves of life. The metaphor 'fishing in troubled waters' sends a clear message to the level-headed people and so we are advised by the good Lord not to fish in troubled waters. Jesus had a captivating personality and charisma to get such a committed group of people to begin His Mission.

Jesus met these men at their business centres and called them, "Come, I will make you fishers of people" (Mt 4:19). They left their nets, boats, business and families to follow him. Such an instantaneous response of the first disciples seems to be very surprising to the modern believers. 'How could that be?' is our surprising comment, even today. But that's what had happened. Jesus went to the shore of Galilee and saw them mending their nets...i.e., being engaged in their business. Pope Francis often reminded us, 'Go to the peripheries and meet your people and engage them.' Jesus invited Apostle Matthew, when he was at his tax office in Capernaum. Matthew left his lucrative business and came after Jesus. Every time, Jesus called someone, they all left their productive activities and followed Him, especially Mary Magdalene.

'Why are we not successful?' As we look around the modern world, we see the aging clergy all over and the church congregations are becoming smaller and smaller. Oftentimes, we are lamenting that people are leaving the Church and not many new members are added to our congregation. Probably, Jesus is telling us that we need to go to their work spots and extend an invitation, especially to the professionals like, the medical personnel, police or military officers, teachers, mechanics, engineers, officers, artists, farm workers, students and so on. Probably they may consider the call. Jesus' message of the day is, 'Call them from the cross-roads.' As the first disciples came and saw the Lord in his place and stayed with him, not for a day or two, but for their entire life..., our new friends may also have the same grace to stay with Him for life. So, Jesus is giving us a clue this Sunday. 'Invite them to come and see the Lord'. Our concerted efforts in this direction may benefit the Church greatly.

There are 400,000 parish priests working around the globe in the parish ministry. There are also several thousands of religious men and women in the world doing wonderful humanitarian and spiritual services to the marginalized and segregated people of our times. All these have heard the Divine Call and responded positively, and optimistically willing to offer their committed services. Today, let's thank them profoundly for their responses and also pray for our modern world to respond to the needs of the Church at this time. Let people of good will and calibre join the 'Team of Christ', like the 'First Disciples of Christ' to form a 'Core Group' to transform this world through the principles of Love and Service!

All the best.

In the Service of the Word!

Fr. Gabriel

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday January 25	9:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday Mass & Children's Liturgy Sunday Mass at OLOLM
Monday January 26		
Tuesday January 27	8:30 am 9:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours & Rosary Mass
Wednesday January 28	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:00 pm	Mass Rosary Children's Catechism & Supper
Thursday January 29	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:45 am 4:00 pm	Liturgy of the Hours & Rosary Mass Coffee & Bible Study Explore the Faith
Friday January 30	9:00 am 9:30 am 9:30 am	Mass Holy Hour/Adoration/Exposition Confession
Saturday January 31	10:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Funeral Mass of Maria Sardinha Confession Sunday Mass

THANK YOU!

Thank you, Holy Child Parish, from St. Vincent de Paul Penticton Conference and all our members, for your amazing support of our 2025 Annual Christmas Hamper Program. The event was another huge success, and your generous support over Christmas, and throughout the last year is very much appreciated.

This year, St. Vincent de Paul was able to assemble and deliver 357 Christmas Hampers, serving 640 adults, 372 children, and 105 teens. Each hamper contained food for their pantry, Christmas breakfast, Christmas dinner (including a ham or turkey), toys and gift cards for all children and teens, as well as a small gift for each adult.

Without your generous support of financial, food and/or volunteer time, we certainly wouldn't be able to provide these Christmas blessings to our neighbours in need. Yours in Christ, St Vincent de Paul, St Ann's

DIOCESE OF NELSON Youth Ministry

DEANERY YOUTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS



"We Adore you O Christ & We Praise You, because by Your Holy Cross You redeemed the World!"

March 7 – West Kootenay | St Rita Parish, Castlegar

March 14 – East Kootenay | St. Joseph Church, Radium

March 21 – South Okanagan | St. Ann Church, Penticton

March 29 – North Okanagan | Seton House of Prayer

(Program: Video Presentation, Stations of the Cross, Reflection, Sacrament of Confession, Holy Mass & Fellowship)

COME & JOIN US! Please contact your Youth Ministry Coordinator or email us at youth.coordinator@nelsondiocese.org

St. Carlo Acutis LEGACY ACADEMY



A Bold New Beginning

Now Enrolling Grades 8 & 9
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holyc.com/legacy-academy

ST. ANN'S ACADEMY KAMLOOPS ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2026

All former students and staff—whether you graduated from St. Ann's or not—are invited! Join us **Saturday, May 16th, 1:00–4:00 pm** for a **free** afternoon of reconnecting and reminiscing. Enjoy snacks and refreshments, bring your family, or come solo! We'll have a **bouncy castle for kids**, a **historical scavenger hunt to explore the school**, and an **archive table** to browse old memories. Feel free to bring photos or memorabilia to share!

Find more information at this link:

<https://buytickets.at/stannsacademy/1976504>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Who: Boys & Girls, Ages 9-14

Where: Holy Cross School Gym

When: January 27, 2026 from 3- 6 pm

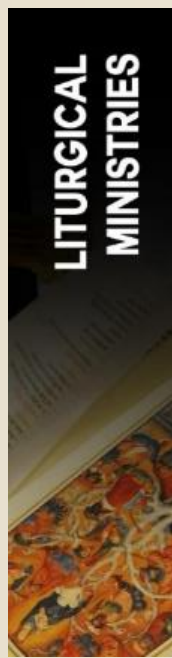
Compete against kids in your age group and win prizes! Need more info?

Contact Peter 250-809-5444

DIOCESE OF NELSON

For News and Announcements from the Diocese of Nelson, visit: nelsondiocese.org/apps/news

MINISTERS SERVING THIS WEEKEND & NEXT



MINISTRY	Saturday January 24 at 5 pm	Sunday January 25 at 9 am	Saturday January 31 at 5 pm	Sunday February 1 at 9 am
Greeter		CWL		Carmen
Sacristan	Johanne	Lars	Johanne	Roy
Music	Mark	Mark	Imelda	Imelda
Lector 1	Linda	Scott	Gina	Jon
Lector 2	Eunice	Maribel	Eunice	Neil
Commentator	Mike	Louise	MaryAnne	Marc
Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Ray	Ray Julie	Roy	TBC
Cross Bearer		Francis		TBC
1st Acolyte		Liam		
2nd Acolyte		Joseph		
Hospitality		CWL		Ken Dianne

PARISH CONTACT LIST

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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	Jacquie 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