

# HOLY CHILD PARISH

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**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
**11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

## MASS SCHEDULE

### HOLY CHILD CHURCH

**Tuesday to Friday – 9 am\***

**Saturday – 5 pm**

**Sunday – 9 am**

\*2<sup>nd</sup> 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 AT DR. ANDREW'S PAVILION

Wednesday, January 14, at 10:30 am.

No 9 am Mass in church.

## EXPLORE THE FAITH

Join us on **Thursday, January 15, 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.

## PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2025

*Thank you sincerely to the parishioners who have generously supported our appeal.*

**Our 2025 final total will be confirmed soon.**

## MASS INTENTION

### JANUARY

**TUE 13**

**WED 14**

**THU 15**

**FRI 16**

**SAT 17**

**(R) MARIA FLORA**

**(I) CONNIE WEAVER**

**(I) MARIBEL CROUT**

**(I) DINA TREMBLAY**

**(R) DOROTHY HOFFARTH**



### **GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17**

***"This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased."***

## 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 also during these Festive Seasons.

In order to facilitate this initiative, 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

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18-25), Catholics are invited to pray with Christians around the world for the unity Christ desires for His Church. Parishes, families, and individuals are encouraged to take part through prayer at Mass, at home, or in small groups. Catholic prayer resources, Scripture reflections, and liturgical suggestions are available to support participation throughout the week. Get resources [here](#).

## 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.

## DIOCESE OF VICTORIA WINTER 2026 PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSION

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online this winter. The training is open to spouse caregivers, family members who care for their loved ones, clergy and religious, care aides and others in the health industry, and anyone who is personally drawn to learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ. Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, starting on January 24 and running until March 28, 2026 (with no session on March 7). Please register through your parish by January 13, 2026. For further information, please email [moiraking@shaw.ca](mailto:moiraking@shaw.ca)

## CATHOLIC MOUNTAIN STAR

The Catholic Mountain Star is now accepting any news, photos and articles for publication for the coming winter issue: Deadline January 20, 2026. Please send photos, news and articles to: [Catholicmountainstar@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:Catholicmountainstar@nelsondiocese.org)

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS REPORT

December 2025 (includes SAG and e-transfers)

### **Holy Child Parish**

	<b>Collections</b>	<b>Budget</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,902.85</b>	<b>\$ 11,076.92</b>
<b>Balance</b>		<b>\$ 825.93</b>

*Christmas Offering* \$ 4,775.70

### **Our Lady of Lourdes Mission**

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

*Christmas Offering* \$ 480.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!**

## GRIEF TO GRACE

This program 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. Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ. The next retreat in Canada is **March 2026 in Kelowna, British Columbia**. For more information please email [grieftогracekelowna@gmail.com](mailto:grieftогracekelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

## PRAYER LIST

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

**Stacee Kameya, Don & Kathy Hughes & family, Blackstock family, Maggie Johnston & 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

Jesus submitted to the Baptism of John according to the Mosaic Law (Lev 16:23-24), "Aaron had to bathe before he entered into the Tent." Before anyone appeared in front of the Deity, he or she had to have a bath /washing of their bodies, to purify/cleanse themselves, fitting of the Holy Presence of the Deity. This was also known as the 'Holy Dip'. "Crossing of the Red Sea" was the type of real baptism which gave people liberation from sin and death. Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 10:1-2, "Our ancestors were baptized in the waters of the Red Sea by Moses." (All devout Jews submitted to the Baptism Ceremony at the beginning of their Jewish Life.) Jewish life warranted and encouraged people to a) Observe the Law (613 Commandments, 248 positive and 365 negative, from the 10 Commandments), b) Practice of the Commandments was rooted in repentance and confession of sins. Repentance gave them the ability to become aware of their failures/faults and helped them keep up the commandments. Confession of sins allowed them to speak to God / letting God know that they had transgressed his principles and asking the Lord's pardon and forgiveness.

'Jesus was Baptized by John' (Mt 3:13-15). Jesus, being a devout Jew, presented himself for baptism in fulfillment of the Jewish law as an adolescent. Repentance and forgiveness are the core of our prayers, by which we become worthy of God's grace and gifts. We make ourselves available to God by examining our conscience and making peace with our transgressions. When we have done our part sincerely and honestly, God opens up His Treasures and showers us with favours and blessings. This is what happened to Jesus in His Baptism. Prophet Isaiah wrote 63:19, "Prayer opens the heavens." The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a Dove. God approved, "You are my Son, in you I am well pleased" (Mt 3:17). The Church follows the same pattern as it has been enumerated in the gospels.

All who are baptized become 'agents of God's Mission /Service'. When Jesus was anointed, He too became an agent of God's Salvific / Redemptive Plan /Service. Baptized persons are filled with the Spirit to work for God and His Church. The Baptized are set apart to respond to God's Call and will joyfully serve God and His Church even in the most challenging situations. The Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38 invites us all to become the Children of God through Faith and Baptism in Christ. God is fair to all. He does not alienate anyone who wishes to come into His company. God is not controlled by a particular nation, group or tradition. He loves us all and welcomes us all. Those who opt to become His Children are Commissioned to His Service, especially to read His Word (Scriptures) to live His Word (through Love and Service), announcing 'Peace, Prosperity and Justice' to all. Everyone Welcome! Are we ready to respond? Let's ask the Good Lord Jesus to guide us in this process.

All the best.

In the Service of the Word!

Fr. Gabriel

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson  
Office of the Chancellor

January 5, 2026

Dear Priests, Religious Sister and Permanent Deacons,

I wish to acknowledge and extend congratulations to the priests and deacons who will observe anniversaries of Ordination during 2026:

Deacon Rodney Attwell	October 4, 2021	5 <sup>th</sup>
Rev. Jojo Augustine MST	April 19, 2001	25 <sup>th</sup>
Most Rev. Gregory Bittman	August 15, 1996	30 <sup>th</sup>
Deacon Peter D'Aoust	October 4, 2021	5 <sup>th</sup>
Rev. Aaron de Dios	June 12, 1996	30 <sup>th</sup>
Rev. Dominique Trinh Do	June 29, 2016	10 <sup>th</sup>
Rev. Paul John Irumba	July 7, 2001	25 <sup>th</sup>
Very Rev. Cerlouie Jimenez	May 31, 2011	15 <sup>th</sup>
Rev. Neil Lustado	March 1, 2011	15 <sup>th</sup>
Rev. Manoj Pathiyil George	October 27, 2001	25 <sup>th</sup>
Rev. Gerald Sekanga	November 17, 2011	15 <sup>th</sup>
Deacon Dale Webster	October 4, 2021	5 <sup>th</sup>

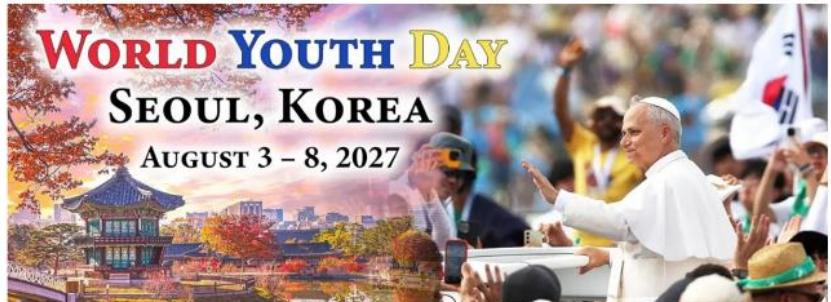
Congratulations to all! May our Lord continue to bless each of them in their ministries.

Sincerely in Jesus Christ our Hope,



Very Rev. Cerlouie F. Jimenez  
Chancellor

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## Young Adults of the Diocese of Nelson

World Youth Day 2027 is from  
**July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2027 - August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2027**  
**in Seoul, Korea**

\*Dates include both Days in the Diocese and WYD

Join Pope Leo XIV and hundreds of thousands of young Catholics (18 - 35 years old) from around the world for the World Youth Day Pilgrimage!

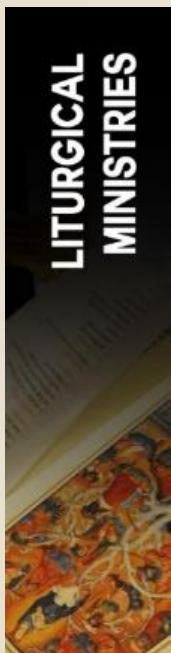
**Participants will grow in their faith and their appreciation for the power and presence of Jesus in the Church today.**

Priest Chaplain: Fr. Ferdinand Bayarong

For more information, please contact:  
Deacon Rod Attwell  
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“Take courage!  
I have overcome  
the world.”  
(John 16:33)

## MINISTERS SERVING THIS WEEKEND & NEXT



MINISTRY	Saturday January 10 at 5 pm	Sunday January 11 at 9 am	Saturday January 17 at 5 pm	Sunday January 18 at 9 am
<b>Greeter</b>		Connie		Lucy & Paul
<b>Sacristan</b>	Johanne	Ray	Johanne	Roy
<b>Music</b>	Keiltys	Keiltys	Jim	Celina
<b>Lector 1</b>	Eunice	Jon	Joan	Gerry
<b>Lector 2</b>	Gina	Marguerite	Neil	Marc
<b>Commentator</b>	Neil	Scott	Linda	Bev
<b>Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Ventura	Ilse Madeleine	Johanne	Rick Ventura
<b>Cross Bearer</b>		Joseph		Claire
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Acolyte</b>		Izzy		Zoë
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Acolyte</b>		Malaika		Kasen
<b>Hospitality</b>		Maribel & friends		George Annie

## PARISH CONTACT LIST

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Parish Pastoral Council Chair

### **Name**

Jacques L.

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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.

## WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN SUPPORT HOLY CHILD PARISH:

- Sunday Envelopes:** A set of offering envelopes can be assigned to you and pickup arranged.
- 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.
- 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](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.)
- 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](mailto:summerland@nelsondiocese.org)