

# HOLY CHILD PARISH

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**SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**  
**22<sup>nd</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 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

## OUR PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL

**2023**

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

### HOLY CHILD PARISH

Goal - \$16,350

Received - \$6,690

**Still to raise - \$9,660**

### 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:

[etranfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etranfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org) or by completing  
a pledge card and returning it, along with a  
cheque/cash to the parish.

## MASS INTENTION

### SEPTEMBER

TUE 5

(R) MARIA LADEIRA

WED 6

(R) SEAN KEILTY

THU 7

(I) WERBESKI FAMILY

FRI 8

(R) PAUL MARTIN

SAT 9

(R) MAX ZAITLIN



## WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW

MATTHEW 16:21-27

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Take up your Cross and follow me" (Mt 16:24) is a timely invitation for the followers of Christ. 'Cross' refers to every small & great challenge, shame or suffering, persecution or negative thought and action that we come across in our earthly journey. Following Jesus means 'Receiving our Cross cheerfully and bearing patiently every affliction, shame, evil and enduring them with resignation in imitation of the Lord!'. The Hebrew history tells us that they had challenges of all sorts in the hands of the Egyptians. The Book of Exodus narrates their oppression, suppression and mistreatment by the Egyptians. Their burdens were too many and too heavy. But they endured them by appealing to their God (Yahweh) each time crying out for His help.

How do we handle / manage our challenges / misfortunes like financial loss, broken relationships, painful events like (death or loss of reputation), etc.? These may be challenging and overwhelming.

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## **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!

## **LIVING IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP**

Prayer meetings will resume on Monday, September 11 at 6 pm. Thank you!

## **EXPLORE THE FAITH**

**Thursday, September 7, at 6 pm.** Join us!

*Dr. Stephen Meyers - Return of the God Hypothesis (Does science support or refute the existence of God?)*

**Coming up next!**

Jeff Cavins series "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible"



## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, September 24 after the 9 am Mass. More details to follow.

## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE** continued

Mathew 11: 28-30 invites us to unload all our burdens, misfortunes & challenges to the Lord. "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, I will give you rest. Take up my yoke upon you and learn from me that I am humble & gentle of heart". Jesus does not promise to eradicate our challenge, suffering and turmoil, but he assists us to encounter them. We need to have the humility of coming to him and asking for his help, guidance and assistance.

Saint Paul in Galatians 6:2 advised that we should come forward to carry each other's burdens. "You should carry forward each other's burdens, and fulfill the law of Christ". We are encouraged by the church to reach out to those in difficult times / situations especially the refugees, the persecuted Christians and the socially discriminated people around the world. Our Christian calling is to lift those who are bowed down by the weight of their burdens (Ps 145) and in our intercessory prayers to remember & are called to lift them up also through our timely charities to bind their wounds.

Untimely burdens come from natural & human made calamities (fire, earth-quake hurricane, mudslides, volcano, mental & physical illness, etc.). Sometimes we get into untold miseries by our own misconduct or others, such as abuse, tragedy, crime, oppression (discrimination) and suppression (curtailing one's freedom). Our own shortcomings & limitations along with our mistakes may generate our lasting burdens and under their weight we become crippled in the course of time due to worry, stress and depression leading to thoughts of suicide.

Charles Dickens in his novel, 'Hard Times' wrote: "Everyday is a Good Friday and I long for Easter Sunday, which never comes into my life". This is the reality of the humans most often. Our spiritual challenges like lack of trust in the goodness of our family & God lead us to estrange ourselves from the love of our families & God Himself. Henry Nouwen in his book, "Creative Ministry" wrote about Nuclear Man. This Nuclear Man has lost faith in the organized religion and believes in the potential self destruction through nuclear technology. Nuclear Man has no values or no value systems. He lives by the hour and creates his life on the spot. Nuclear Man is searching for a new immortality in technology.

Henry Nouwen also speaks about "Electronic Church" a privilege in the modern age of technology... internet, audio and video materials, DVDs, etc.

Therefore, according to him, local church services and their attendance have become / are becoming a rarity, besides the corruption and scandals of the church personnel. But let us not give up our hope. Jesus can help us solve our challenges. Let us trust in Him and accept the challenges. Jesus can help us walk with Him humbly and gently. (Micah 6:8)

All the best.

In the Service of the Word.

Gabriel

## 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.

## PASTORAL CARE TRAINING

Training series will be offered online again this fall by the Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee. Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, starting on September 23 and running until November 25, 2023. Please register through your local parish by **September 12**.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ADORATION CHAPEL 25 YEAR CELEBRATION

You are invited to join Bishop Gregory Bittman in a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate 25 years of perpetual adoration at the Immaculate Conception Adoration Chapel. The Mass will be offered at 5:00 p.m. **Thursday, September 7**, at Immaculate Conception Church in Kelowna. Mass will be followed by a potluck dinner in the parish hall. Please join us for the celebration.

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Call Claudette 778-559-3048 Email [claudettebris@gmail.com](mailto:claudettebris@gmail.com)

Sessions begin on  
Tuesday, September 12 at 9:45am in St. John Vianney  
**Or**  
Thursday, September 14 at 6:30pm in St. Ann's

Books By Neal Lozano  
**Recommended:** UNBOUND, Practical Guide to Deliverance - \$14 US  
**Required:** UNBOUND, Freedom in Christ Workbook - \$14 US

Purchase from:  
[melissa@heartofthefather.com](mailto:melissa@heartofthefather.com) or call 610-952-3019 ext.3

Rachel's Vineyard

Healing the trauma of abortion - one weekend at a time

## 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:

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Confidentiality assured.



## YESHUA 2023 RETREAT

“Men are yearning to encounter the real person of Jesus. The problem is that in today's fast-paced, digitalized world, many good men are often caught in a whirlwind of responsibilities and distractions. The deeper questions of purpose, faith, and personal connection with God can get sidelined.

The Men's Retreat: Yeshua, is more than just a three-day event; it's an opportunity to rediscover Christ. Guided by Jake Khym and Peter White, attendees will dive deep into understanding not just the teachings, but the very person of Jesus. The Men's Retreat offers:

- \* Personal Discovery: Learn that Jesus isn't just a figure in history, but a real, competent, and loving Savior who seeks a personal relationship with you
- \* Brotherhood: Forge deep connections with like-minded men who are committed to going deeper with Jesus
- \* Adventure: Break free from routine, and be immersed in the stunning outdoors of Rockridge Canyon

Here's what you need to do:

1. Register for The Men's Retreat at, [www.liferestoration.ca/mensretreat](http://www.liferestoration.ca/mensretreat)
2. Invite a friend or brother priest to join you.
3. Get ready to deeply experience the person of Jesus. Rediscover. Reconnect. Recommit. Register today.”



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



**Sunday,  
October 1st  
Harvey & Gordon  
2 - 3 pm**

## 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.

## 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.



## 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 3-9)

### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: [Jeremiah 20](#): 7-9  
Second Reading: [Romans 12](#): 1-2  
Gospel: [Matthew 16](#): 21-27

### MONDAY

First Reading: [First Thessalonians 4](#): 13-18  
Gospel: [Luke 4](#): 16-30

### TUESDAY

First Reading: [First Thessalonians 5](#): 1-6, 9-11  
Gospel: [Luke 4](#): 31-37

### WEDNESDAY

First Reading: [Colossians 1](#): 1-8  
Gospel: [Luke 4](#): 38-44

### THURSDAY

First Reading: [Colossians 1](#): 9-14  
Gospel: [Luke 5](#): 1-11

### FRIDAY - NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (F)

First Reading: [Micah 5](#): 1-4a or [Romans 8](#): 28-30  
Gospel: [Matthew 1](#): 1-16, 18-23

### SATURDAY

First Reading: [Colossians 1](#): 21-23  
Gospel: [Luke 6](#): 1-5



## PARISH CONTACT LIST

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## 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

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