

HOLY CHILD PARISH

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3rd and 4th SUNDAY OF
EASTER
May 4th and 11th 2025

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

MAY

TUE 6

(R) ANTHONY & SOPHIE YAWORSKI

WED 7

(R) PETER WERBESKI

THU 8

(I) MALINOWSKI FAMILY

FRI 9

(I) DON HUGHES

SAT 10

(R) PETER WERBESKI

TUE 13

CLERGY RETREAT

WED 14

CLERGY RETREAT

THU 15

CLERGY RETREAT

FRI 16

CLERGY RETREAT

SAT 17

(I) ARMAND GAMACHE



Do you love me?

Feed my
sheep.



John 21: 17,18

EXPLORE THE FAITH

Thursday May 9 and 16, at 6 pm

Join us in the hall for discussion and fellowship.

All are welcome.

It's Mowing Season!
help us keep
the church lawn
looking beautiful!

Can you spare
some time to join a
rota of volunteers
needed to cut the
church lawns?
Please call the
office. Thank you!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

During the announcements, we will invite
parishioners and visitors with birthdays
or anniversaries in May, to stand and
receive a blessing.



CLERGY RETREAT

Diocese of Nelson Clergy Retreat May 12-16, 2025.

No daily masses May 13, 14, 15, and 16.

No Bible Study on May 15.

Please pray for our priests as they gather together.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish office will be closed from
Tuesday, May 6 and open again on Tuesday, May 13.

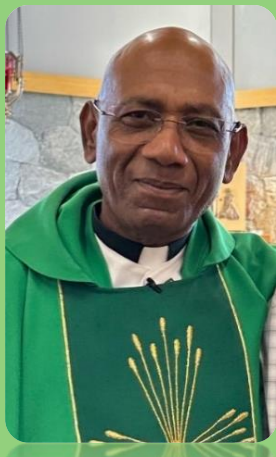
Thank you!

**44 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY
OF ORDINATION**
on May 12, 2025

Congratulations Father Gabriel!

Thank you for your ministry!

God bless you!



PRAYER CANDLES IN THE CHAPEL

There is a new electric prayer candle stand in the Chapel. When a \$1 or \$2 coin is put in the slot, a candle will light and prayers can be offered. Please note that the sensor cannot detect bills. If you would like to light more than one candle, wait for the first to light before dropping another coin in the slot.



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.

YOUTH BOTTLE DRIVE

Our Parish Youth are still collecting cans to help raise funds for the Youth Pilgrimage to Italy. Drop off in the Youth room. Thank you for your support!

FILIPINO DINNER

Friday, May 30 at 5 pm

Our Youth Pilgrims of Hope are hosting a Filipino Dinner, 50/50, Silent Auction and Karaoke Fundraising evening on **Friday May 30, 2025, at 5 pm.**

You are invited to join them for a good meal and lots of fun.

The ticket prices are on a sliding scale. You can buy a support ticket and be entered in the draw even if you cannot make the event. Buy your tickets from Sunday May 11th (after weekend Masses) or RSVP Denese by May 25th at:

deneseanddonny@shaw.ca.

**DONATIONS FOR SILENT
AUCTION**

As part of the Supper, there will be a silent auction. If you or a business you know, has a donation for the silent auction, please contact Theresa B.

The graphic features a background with large, stylized waves in red, yellow, and blue. In the center, two Philippine flags are crossed. Below the flags, the text 'FILIPINO DINNER' is written in a large, blue, arched font. Underneath, it says 'A Holy Child Youth Group Fundraiser'. The date and time 'FRIDAY, MAY 30 5 PM' are listed, followed by the location 'HOLY CHILD CATHOLIC CHURCH SUMMERLAND'. A red banner reads 'FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!' and 'DINNER, DRINKS, KARAOKE, 50/50, SILENT AUCTION'. At the bottom, it states 'TICKETS ARE SLIDING SCALE PICK YOUR PRICE:' followed by 'ADULTS: \$30-\$40', 'YOUTH: \$15-\$20', and 'CHILDREN 6 AND UNDER: FREE'. The RSVP information 'RSVP DENESE MAY 25TH: DENESEANDDONNY@SHAW.CA' is at the very bottom.

FILIPINO DINNER

A Holy Child Youth Group Fundraiser

**FRIDAY, MAY 30
5 PM**

**HOLY CHILD CATHOLIC CHURCH
SUMMERLAND**

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PRAYER LIST

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS...

Don & Cathy Hughes & family, Maggie Johnston & family, Daine Pasqualetto, Andrea Combres

If you have a loved one that you would like on the prayer list or if you know of someone who no longer needs to be on the list, please contact the Parish Office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

3rd Sunday of Easter, 4th May 2025

Inauguration of the Apostolic Movement and Commissioning of Peter as Head of the Church.

The Apostolic Movement was rooted in the Proclamation of Jesus as the Son of God, and inaugurated by the subsequent preaching of the Apostles. The Book of Acts 5:28 - 41 has the vital details of this Sprouting of Jesus' Movement. Gamaliel, a Doctor of the Law (Rabbi), who was also known as the Teacher of St. Paul, a well-respected individual by the Jews explained..."If this movement is of Human Origin like that of a) Theudas, who was notorious (v36) and, b) Judas, the Galilean, who got killed (v37), it will break up by itself (v39). But if, in fact it is from God, you will be unable to destroy, because you might be fighting against God himself" (V38). From the historical point of view, we understand that Christianity had undergone several upheavals and turmoils both from the Ottoman Empire and also from the untimely invasion of foreign powers over the Middle East. Still, it's an ongoing struggle for the survival of our Christian Faith in the modern world. But God's Providence is abiding and overwhelming. Despite the untimely challenges, Jesus' Movement has survived for the past 2000 years through the Apostolic Preaching and the Sustenance of the Church. Even today, we have ongoing challenges and predicaments, but the Church cannot be and will not be destroyed because of its rock-solid foundational principles of faith and morals.

Christ's Resurrection had inaugurated a 'New Era' in human history. The Book of Revelation tells us that, 'He is the Conqueror, the Lion of Judah, the root of David, has triumphed' (Rev5:5). 'Jesus is the Victor' (Phil 2:9-11), 'so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the Name of Jesus, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father'. The Christ Event inaugurated a New Era of our friendship with the Divine and God commissioned the Apostles to continue and evangelize the whole human race. "I will be with you until the end of the age. Therefore, "Go, and Make Disciples by Preaching the Good News to all Nations". (Mt 28:20) Jesus Commissioned Peter as the leader of this Apostolic College giving him the mandate to oversee its growth with the phrases, 'Feed my Lamb, Feed my Sheep' (Jn 21:15-16) through his abiding, unconditional love and service.

Jesus has said (Mt 6:18) "You are Peter and, on this Rock, I will Build my Church". (V19) "I will give you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven to bind and loose on earth". Jesus looked intently at Peter, (Jn1:42) and said, "You are Simon, Son of John, you are to be called CEPHAS", meaning 'Rock'. Jesus made him Leader of the Church. This historical role is being taken up by the modern-day Popes, who are the successors of Peter. They continue to care for the Church through faith and morals. Following Jesus is a challenging task. It not only requires courage, humility, honesty, integrity, credibility but also sanctity and Christlike Simplicity to connect with all. Christian life is a commitment for 'Love and Service' and St. Paul reminds us from the Galatians 5:8 "Love Expressed in Action". May the Good Lord help us express our Love for Him and His People through our noble gestures of kindness and empathy, as the Lord has shown us.

All the best!
In the Service of the Word.
Gabriel



You're invited

God is calling you to a unique purpose.
Discover your spiritual gifts
and begin to discern God's call.

www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/pages/invitation

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS REPORT

March 2025 (includes SAG and e-transfers)

Holy Child Parish

	Collections	Budget
March 2	\$ 3,682.16	\$ 2,769.23
March 9	\$ 3,136.36	\$ 2,769.23
March 16	\$ 3,289.56	\$ 2,769.23
March 23	\$ 2,970.46	\$ 2,769.23
March 30	\$ 3,428.16	\$ 2,769.23
Total	\$ 16,506.70	\$ 13,846.15
Balance		\$ 2,660.55

Our Lady of Lourdes Mission

	Collections	Budget
March 2	\$ 165.00	\$ 184.04
March 9	\$ 125.00	\$ 184.04
March 16	\$ 165.00	\$ 184.04
March 23	\$ 200.00	\$ 184.04
March 30	\$ 320.00	\$ 184.04
Total	\$ 975.00	\$ 920.20
Balance		\$ 54.80

Thank You
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

INDIVIDUAL VISITS TO SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER.

Designated Pilgrimage Site in Nelson Diocese

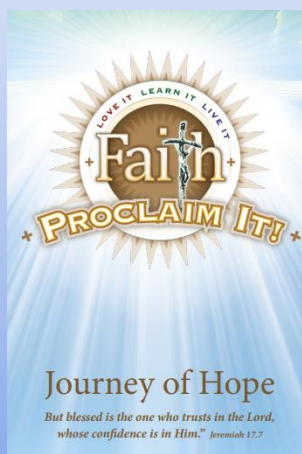
Please note that all visits to Seton House of Prayer must be booked in advance. To arrange your pilgrim visit please call 250-764-4333 or

email setonhouse@nelsondiocese.org

We would love to welcome you and ensure that you are able to enjoy our beautiful pilgrim site. As we occasionally have private groups on site it is very important that you contact us in advance of your visit.

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2025

"A Journey of Hope"



Journey of Hope

*But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose confidence is in Him." Jeremiah 17:7*

Our 2025 parish goal is
\$17,350.00.

Raised so far: \$2,750.00

LOL Mission goal is
\$600.00

Raised: \$670.00

Goal reached!!!!

Thank you again for your
dedication to this appeal.

OKANAGAN CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMP
September 5-7, 2025
Camp Winfield, Lake Country

Darrell Hall
Keynote Speaker

BBQ'S AND BREAKFAST
POOL AND WATERSLIDE
CAMPFIRE AND SOCIAL
TEEN, TWEEN, AND YOUNG ADULT
PROGRAMMING
SATURDAY NIGHT MASS
TALENT SHOW

Jean Paul
de Fleuriot,
Faith Room

Fr. Kenneth
LeBlanc,
Legionaries of
Christ

Registration Fees
REGISTRATION OPEN FROM **MAY 15 - JUNE 30**
EARLY BIRD RATE (MAY 15-31): \$300/FAMILY, REGULAR RATE: \$325/FAMILY
NON CAMPING DAY RATE: \$200/FAMILY OR \$100/DAY
YOUNG ADULT RATES: \$50/WEEKEND OR \$25/DAY (FREE IF VOLUNTEERING)
REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.OKANAGANCATHOLIC.CA

A huge thank you to our sponsors:

CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY:
 FACEBOOK.COM/OKANAGANCATHOLICFAMILYCAMP/

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

OneSky Beginnings Pregnancy Support Program: Baby Bottle Drive May 11th - June 15th, 2025.

The Baby Bottle Drive is a fun way to get involved and give back to the community by filling up bottles with change, cash or cheques; the quarters, dimes, loonies and toonies add up quickly to make a big difference in the lives of local mothers and babies. All proceeds benefit those receiving services through the OneSky Beginnings Pregnancy Support Program.

Without your support, these programs would not run in our community. Thank you!

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

4th Sunday of Easter / Good Shepherd Sunday, 11th May 2025

"My Sheep Hear My Voice" from the Gospel of John (10:27) is a timely reminder to pray for 'Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life', advised Pope Francis. Today, Jesus calls himself a Shepherd who is known to his flock by his voice. 'Go to the peripheries and smell the sheep' wrote Pope Francis in his 'Joy of the Gospel' Encyclical Letter to the Church. Jesus is the perfect role model for all shepherding activities. He always found time and place to encounter people at their crossroads. He was waiting for the Samaritan woman at the well. He was looking for Jacheaus under the fig tree. He encountered Peter on the Seashore of Tiberius. He was visiting with Lazar and his sisters. He met Mary Magdalene after his resurrection in the person of the gardener. He even met Saul the Pharisee on the road to Damascus, after his resurrection and won him over to His Love, promoting him to be an effective mouthpiece / apostle on his behalf.

Shepherds of the Old Testament were ordinary people like Abraham, Moses, Jacob, David, Hosea, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Amos, etc. but God selected them to be his mouthpiece / chosen instruments to proclaim His Good News. Some have objected to God's Invitation giving reasons for their inability 1. "Ah, Lord; look, I am only a child!" (said Jeremiah). But God replied, "Do not say, 'I am a child'. Go now to those to whom I send you and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid, for I am with you". 2. When Moses was looking after his flock of his father-in-law Jethro, he was enticed by a burning bush at Horeb (the mountain of God) and when he came near to the burning bush a voice called, 'Moses, Moses!'. When Moses answered, 'Here I am' (Ex 3:5) God commissioned him saying, 'I send you to Pharaoh to bring the sons of Israel, my people, out of Egypt'. But he had his objections and said, "Who am I to go to Pharaoh?" (I am a stammerer). But God commissioned him to be the liberator of the Hebrews from the clutches of the Egyptians. (No one can withstand His call.)

In the ancient times, Shepherds were happy people who risked their lives for their flock / sheep and rescued them from unforeseen challenges. Prophet Jeremiah was put into a dry well for predicting the doom of Jerusalem. Isaiah was cut into two pieces by an axe. Peter, Paul and Stephen had undergone several prison experiences for the sake of preaching Christ. James was put into a hot oil boiler, but God amazingly rescued him from death. Almost all the early disciples of Christ had undergone martyrdom for the sake of Christ, as Christ Jesus himself was able to volunteer to sacrifice His Life for the Redemption of the World / Healing of Humanity. Jesus laid down his life for His Sheep.

This Sunday, he is extending a fraternal invitation to every member of His Household in faith to consider His Call to extend our helping hands to make His Mission available and possible in the modern world. All God's children can participate in his mission (making Christ known to our families, communities and to the wider world) He is inviting us to become Evangelizers / Preachers of the Gospel not only by our affiliation to the Church, but also through our ready participation in the ongoing Mission of the Church. We are also reminded of our noble commitment to pray for all Missionaries in the World and support them in their struggles and pains. Most of all the church extends a timely invitation to all people of goodwill to pray for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life, so that Christ's Mission of preaching the good news may be able to penetrate into the ends of the earth. Let's not forget to pray for all our Priests, Bishops and those who are involved in the ongoing Mission of the Church and the Church leaders.

All the best.

In the Service of the Word!

Gabriel



Office of the Bishop

**DIOCESE OF NELSON
Pastoral Appointment April 2025**

To the Priests, Permanent Deacons, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Nelson,

With the recommendation of the Diocesan Clergy Personnel Committee, I am pleased to make the following Pastoral Appointments effective May 1, 2025:

Fr. Biju Antony, CMI, is appointed Pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Kelowna.

Fr. Shaiju Kunjuvareed, CMI, is appointed Pastor of St. Edward Parish in Lake Country and Chaplain of UBC Okanagan.

**DIOCESE OF NELSON
Pastoral Appointment May 2025**

To the Priests, Permanent Deacons, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Nelson,

With the recommendation of the Diocesan Clergy Personnel Committee, I am pleased to make the following Pastoral Appointment effective May 10, 2025:

Fr. Sylvester Ibekwe is appointed Director of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship for the Diocese of Nelson, which will also include part time Hospital Chaplaincy (Kelowna General Hospital). He will reside at Seton House of Prayer in Kelowna.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

* Gregory J. Bittman
Bishop of Nelson

ON MOTHER'S DAY

We pray for...

New mothers,
Mothers who are struggling,
Mothers with an empty nest,
Mothers who have lost children,
Mothers with broken hearts,
Mothers that adopted the role...
Those yearning to be mothers,
Those who have lost mothers,
Those with strained
relationships,
All mothers.

*Gracious God, on this Mother's Day, we come before You seeking Your blessings for mothers everywhere. Shower them with Your grace, fill their hearts with love, and grant them the strength to fulfill their sacred roles with joy and resilience.
Amen*



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 Canadian Conference
of Catholic Bishops

"May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and
peace in believing, so
that you may abound
in hope by the power
of the Holy Spirit."

(cf. Rom 15:13)



MINISTERS SERVING THIS WEEKEND & NEXT

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	Saturday May 3 at 5 pm	Sunday May 4 at 9 am	Saturday May 10 at 5 pm	Sunday May 11 at 9 am	Saturday May 17 at 5 pm	Sunday May 18 at 9 am
Greeter		Jackie		Johanne		Dianne
Sacristan	Johanne	Trevor	Johanne	Trevor	Johanne	Marc
Music	Imelda	Imelda	Keiltys	Celina	Keiltys	Keiltys
Lector 1	Eunice	Scott	Mary-Anne	Denese	Gina	Youth
Lector 2	Ilda	Marc	Joan	Stacey	Paul	
Commentator	Mike	Gerry	Bev	Maggie	Lucy	
Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Marianne	Sylvia Scott	Imelda	Roy Julie	Scott	Imelda Madeleine
Cross Bearer		Malaika		Kasen		Joseph
1st Acolyte		Elizah		Claire		Izzy
2nd Acolyte		Liam		James		James

PARISH CONTACT LIST

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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 am to 1.00 pm

Admin Assistant: Claire Nowen

PARISH CONTACT LIST

Position	Name
Parish Pastoral Council Chair	Jacques L.
Finance Council Chair	Scott A.
Sacristan	Roy M.
Music Ministry	Celia K.
Eucharistic Ministers	Marianne B.
Lectors/Commentators	Neil M.
Altar Servers	Jacque 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 & 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.



Do you need to update your contact information? Please contact the Parish Office on 250-494-3110 or email summerland@nelsondiocese.org