

HOLY CHILD PARISH

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Alleluia!
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
3rd May 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

MAY

TUE 5

WED 6

THU 7

FRI 8

SAT 9

(I) DAWNA WERBESKI

(R) JIM DAVIDSON

(I) MURIELLE BLEZY & FAMILY

(R) FR. JIM RATCLIFFE

(I) ALAN GRANT



**I am the way,
the truth
and the life**

John 14:6

CONFIRMATION 2026

Every blessing

Paul, Rylie, Logan, Maddy, Francis,

Liam, Theo, Sam, Claire and Zoë

on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.



FR. GABRIEL'S 44th ORDINATION

ANNIVERSARY

Fr. Gabriel's 44th Ordination Anniversary is coming up on May 12. We will be celebrating with him on May 3, after the 9 am Mass. Everyone welcome!

NELSON DIOCESE CLERGY RETREAT

May 11-15, 2026

Please pray for our diocese and our priests as they spend time together.

MASS AT DR. ANDREW PAVILION

Due to the Clergy Retreat, Mass will be at Dr. Andrew Pavilion on **Wednesday, May 6**, at 10:30 am.

No Mass in Church on Wednesday.

FIRE SAFETY

After a recent Fire Safety Inspection from Summerland Fire Department, we were asked to remind everyone that there is **NO PARKING AT ANY TIME** on the left-hand side (next to the grass) as you exit from the parking lot onto Rosedale Avenue. This must be kept clear.

Thank you for your cooperation!



CATECHISM REGISTRATION

FOR FALL OF 2026

Please pick up a form in the foyer to register your children ages 4-12.

CWL FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER



Saturday, May 9, 2026 1:00-3:30 pm

Tea/coffee and cake served
20% off at SASS 3:30-6:00 pm
Tickets available at SASS \$25

EXPLORE THE FAITH

Join us on **Thursday, May 7**, at **4 pm** in the church hall as we continue with Brant Pitre's study on Parts of the Mass – **"Sacred Music."**
All are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. GABRIEL

Every Thursday, after the 9 am Mass. Join us as we dig deeper into the Word of God! Copies of the pastor's message are available every week in the foyer.

IT'S MOWING SEASON!

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

HOLY CHILD CHURCH ROOF

The church is getting a new roof!

Masses will continue as normal. Work on the roof will pause for the daily Masses.

Please take extra care if you are coming to the church at other times and park away from the building.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday May 3	9:00 am	Sunday Mass with Confirmation and Refreshments
Monday May 4	7:00 pm	Youth Group
Tuesday May 5	8:25 am 9:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours & Rosary Mass
Wednesday May 6	9:00 am 10:30 am	No Mass Mass at Dr. Andrew Pavilion
Thursday May 7	8:25 am 9:00 am 9:45 am 4:00 pm	Liturgy of the Hours & Rosary Mass Coffee & Bible Study Explore the Faith
Friday May 8	9:00 am 9:30 am 9:30 am	Mass Holy Hour/Adoration Confession
Saturday May 9	1:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	CWL Fashion Show Confession Sunday Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS REPORT

March 2026 (includes SAG and e-transfers)

Holy Child Parish

	Collections	Budget
March 1	\$ 2,790.85	\$ 3,000.00
March 8	\$ 2,351.00	\$ 3,000.00
March 15	\$ 2,487.00	\$ 3,000.00
March 22	\$ 2,363.20	\$ 3,000.00
March 29	\$ 2,677.00	\$ 3,000.00
Total	\$ 12,669.05	\$ 15,000.00
Balance		-\$ 2,330.95
<i>D & P</i>	\$ 2,645.00	
<i>Good Friday</i>	\$ 1,295.00	
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	\$ 2,183.60	

Our Lady of Lourdes Mission

	Collections	Budget
March 1	\$ 220.00	\$ 225.00
March 8	\$ 300.00	\$ 225.00
March 15	\$ 355.00	\$ 225.00
March 22	\$ 470.00	\$ 225.00
March 29	\$ 415.00	\$ 225.00
Total	\$ 1,760.00	\$ 1,125.00
Balance		\$ 635.00
<i>D & P</i>	\$ 95.00	
<i>Good Friday</i>	\$ 230.00	
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	\$ 135.00	

Thank you for your continued support!

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2026

Our Parish goal is \$17,650

Raised: \$2,050

OLOL Mission goal is \$850

Raised: \$500

Thank you again for your dedication to this appeal and for your continued generosity.

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) via direct debit can be arranged for Pilgrimage of Faith donations by filling out the brochure and attaching a void cheque or account information from the bank.



YOUTH BOTTLE DRIVE

Drop off in the Youth room. Thank you!

PRAYER LIST

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

**Don & Kathy Hughes & family, Tarian Hawkes & family,
Lyn Machuik & 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

The Gospel of John (14:6-7) proclaims that "Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me." Jesus also prayed, (Jn 17:21) "Father, let all be one as you and I are one." Today's liturgy wishes to reflect the theme of 'Christian Vibrancy' in the International World.

As per the recent world statistics, about 7.4 to 8.0 billion people are living in the world. Among them, we have a Christian population of more than 3.4 billion people expressing their faith in Christ, making the Christian religion the single largest religion in the world, spread around 130 countries. All Christians express our common bond of unity in the Mighty Name of Christ Jesus, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. The vibrancy of our Christian Community Spirit is being Captured from the 1st Letter of Peter 2:4-9.

We are the Spiritual Power House...all over the World. We are Living Stones, proclaiming that Jesus is the Lord and Redeemer, through our Sacred Liturgy every Sunday and also through our timely fellowship gatherings, practically all year round. We proclaim that 'Christ is the Lord', loud and clear to the World. We are attached to our Scriptures and Sing Hymns and Spiritual songs to praise His Holy Name. We offer Intercessory Prayers for all the needs of the World, Our People, Churches and institutions, ministers, and our Congregations (friends and families). Hence, our faith makes us 'Active and Vibrant'. We are forming God's Building (1 Cor 3:9) and believe that 'Christ Jesus is the Architect and Builder (1Cor 3:10) who had laid this Foundation of our Faith. He is inviting us to blossom and produce more fruits through our good works and make this World a wonderful place for all of us to share with love and friendship.

By 'Tending and Feeding,' We develop our faith communities. (This ministry has several components, and the entire Christian community is involved, from the young to the elderly. St. Peter encourages us to be 'Diligent and Careful' (1Pt 2:10) while serving our people like Christ (not for popularity or appreciation, but for His deep and Abiding Love). We are encouraged to put into good use all our Charisms, Gifts and Talents to make a difference. Let's get united in mind, service and charity for the Holy love of God, revealed in Christ. Let our common goal be 'making Christ known through our Love and Service'. Though we are divided by our ideological differences, we can be united in the Spirit of Christ, to experience our 'Diversity', making us active and vibrant in Service.

Though we are diverse, we are all united in the 'Common Bond of Baptism' (Ephesians 4:1-4). Pope Francis was able to cement this 'Bond of Christian Unity' through his 'Synodal Church Activities'. Let's join hands with our brothers and sisters from other faith traditions for Common Activities that might influence and impact the Modern World. Let us also try our best to mend our differences through dialogue and mutual respect by listening to one another and their opposing views to arrive at a common ground to cooperate in solidarity and harmony. Let's be outgoing to offer an 'Olive Branch' for the love of Christ, in our challenging situations, to maintain this Unity in Spirit. We are God's Chosen People, Precious to Him. Let's be gentle and generous to welcome one another to build the Kingdom of Christ in the known World!

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY:

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

BIBLE READINGS

For the daily Bible readings, visit: cccb.ca or readings.livingwithchrist.ca

LOOKING FOR GIFTS OR CARDS?

Check out the CWL Cabinet in the foyer for cards or gift ideas for confirmation and other special occasions.

HOW DO YOU GIVE?

CONSIDER PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Pre-Authorized Giving allows parishioners to make regular Sunday offerings using the "direct debit" system. When you participate in PAG, your regular Sunday offering is only withdrawn from your account once a month and deposited into the parish account. That means the "once a month" amount will be about four times as much as the "once a week" amount.

It is also convenient. Your offering is deducted automatically. You are also in control, as you can increase or decrease the amount to withdraw from the PAG plan simply by dropping a signed note in the collection basket. More information can be found in the brochure.

To avoid confusion, PAG is the same as SAG (Stewardship Authorized Giving) and direct debits. Parishioners can do pre-authorized giving for the following: Sunday Collection, Ordered and Special Collections, and POF donations.

PAG brochures are on the noticeboard in the foyer.

BISHOP THOMAS LOBSINGER MEMORIAL BURSARY PROGRAM 2026

Below you will find some information regarding this year's Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI, Memorial Bursaries. Feel free to bring it to the attention of any young Catholic students you know who are planning to attend a post-secondary institution in BC in the fall. [Download here](#) The deadline for receipt of completed applications is June 30, 2026.

CHURCH FIRE SAFETY PLAN

Know it. Follow it. Stay safe.

IF YOU DISCOVER A FIRE:

1. Activate the nearest RED ALARM pull station IMMEDIATELY.
2. Notify others around you and direct them to the nearest SAFE EXIT.
3. EVACUATE and CLOSE any open doors you find on the way to the exit.
4. Proceed to the assembly area on the WEST parking lot near the rectory.
5. DIAL 911 from a safe location and inform them of a FIRE at: Holy Child Catholic Church, 14010 Rosedale Avenue, corner of Rosedale and Quinpool, Summerland
6. DO NOT GO BACK into the building for any reason until approved by the fire department.

DIOCESE OF NELSON

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

30TH ANNIVERSARY

Let's Celebrate

You are invited to join us for the
30th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
of the Most Reverend Gregory J. Bittman
Bishop of Nelson

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
KELOWNA, BC

Mass 5:00 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m. (Parish Hall)

Let us gather as a Diocesan family to
celebrate God's gift of the priesthood.
Scan the QR code to purchase tickets or
click [here](#).
If you require assistance,
go to your parish office.
\$20/person



SCAN ME

Immaculate Conception Church, 839 Sutherland Ave, Kelowna, BC



Office of the Bishop

April 29, 2026

DIOCESE OF NELSON
Pastoral Appointments June 1, 2026

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to make the following Pastoral Appointments:

Fr. Biju Antony, CMI is appointed Administrator at St. Edward Parish in Lake Country (he will continue as Pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Kelowna).

Fr. Shaiju Kunjuvareed, CMI is appointed pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Revelstoke and its mission Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Nakusp.

Fr. Jim McHugh is appointed pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Creston, its missions of Holy Redeemer in Riondel and the Lower Kootenay Reserve.

Fr. Lawrence Kanickaisamy is appointed Rector of Cathedral of Mary Immaculate in Nelson, and its missions of Sacred Heart Parish in Kaslo and Sacred Heart Parish in Procter.

Fr. Ferdinand Bayarong is appointed pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Trail.

Fr. Sylvester Ibekwe is appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Kimberley and its missions of St. Anthony in Canal Flats and St. Joseph in Jaffray.

Fr. Manoj Pathiyil George is appointed the Hospital Chaplain at Kelowna General Hospital.

Fr. Jojo Augustine, MST has been recalled by the Missionary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle and is returning to India.

Fr. Xaviour Chakku, CMI term has ended and he is returning his religious community, the Congregation of Carmelites of Mary Immaculate in Preshitha Coimbatore Province, India.

I am grateful to both Fr. Augustine and Fr. Chakku for their ministry in the Diocese of Nelson and wish them both safe travels home and God's blessing for their continued ministry in the Church.

Deanery Boundary Change: St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Revelstoke, St. John the Baptist Mission in Fauquier and Our Lady of Lourdes in Nakusp will be moved from the North Okanagan Deanery to the East Kootenay Deanery on June 1, 2026.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gregory J. Bittman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

✠ Gregory J. Bittman
Bishop of Nelson

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

**"AND HANNAH PRAYED: MY HEART
EXULTS IN THE LORD,
MY HORN IS EXALTED BY MY GOD.
I HAVE SWALLOWED UP MY ENEMIES;
I REJOICE IN YOUR VICTORY."
1 SAMUEL 2:1**

**THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH
2547 HEBERT ROAD,
WEST KELOWNA, BC**

NIGERIA

COME AND SEE, CARMEL

The members of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites, under the protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in the biblical tradition of the prophet Elijah and inspired by the teachings of St. Teresa of Jesus and St. John of the Cross, seek to deepen their Christian commitment received in baptism. For more information call Loretta at 250-448-5633 or Doug at 613-363-8246.

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

for Monsignor Jerry Desmond

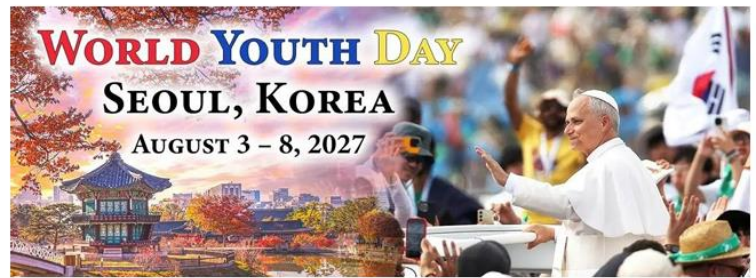
Monsignor Jerry's 60th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration is on **Saturday May 16, 2026.**

Mass of Thanksgiving at 10am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 635 Tranquille Road, Kamloops followed by ticketed luncheon at Colombo Lodge at 814 Lorne Street. Deadline to purchase tickets for the luncheon is May 5. Register here:

<https://forms.gle/8JqPtttd7hM42amKBA>

THE CATHOLIC MOUNTAIN STAR is

now accepting any news, photos and articles for publication for the coming summer issue: **Deadline May 8, 2026.** Please send photos, news and articles to: Catholicmountainstar@nelsondiocese.org



WORLD YOUTH DAY

SEOUL, KOREA

AUGUST 3 - 8, 2027

Young Adults of the Diocese of Nelson

World Youth Day 2027 is from

July 27th, 2027 - August 11th, 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.

Interested? Save your spot!

E-transfer \$500 to

etransfer.DPC@nelsondiocese.org

before May 10, 2026

Add "WYD 2027 deposit" + "your full name" + "your parish" in the e-transfer message

Priest Chaplain: Fr. Ferdinand Bayarong

For more information, please contact:

Deacon Rod Attwell

rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org

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I have overcome
the world."
(John 16:33)

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MINISTERS SERVING THIS WEEKEND & NEXT



MINISTRY	SATURDAY May 2 at 5 pm	SUNDAY May 3 at 9 am	SATURDAY May 9 at 5 pm	SUNDAY May 10 at 9 am
Greeter		Jackie		Jane
Sacristan	Johanne	Ruben	Johanne	Ray
Music	Jim	Imelda	Imelda	Celina
Lector 1	Joan	Gerry	Eunice	Julie
Lector 2	Gina	Marguerite	Linda	Rick
Commentator	Mike	Marc	Neil	Maribel
EMHC	Roy	Ilse Madeleine	Ventura	Scott Marguerite
Cross Bearer		Izzy		Malaika
1st Acolyte		Joseph		Zoë
2nd Acolyte		Kasen		Paul
Hospitality		Confirmation & Anniversary Celebration		TBA

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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	Vince K.
Catholic Women's League	Sandra S.

Please call the parish office to contact a coordinator.

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
Please indicate in the message box of the e-transfer to which fund the donation is intended (Sunday Offering, Pro-life, etc.) and your envelope number.
- 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