

HOLY CHILD PARISH

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20TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
17th AUGUST 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

AUGUST

TUE 19

WED 20

THU 21

FRI 22

SAT 23

(R) CELERINO JACINTO

(R) KLAUS SCHMIDT

(I) ROY MACINTYRE

(I) DEMIAN YOUNG

(R) JULITA GUERRERO



Luke 12, 49-53

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2025

"A Journey of Hope"

POF Goal

\$17,350



Our 2025 parish goal is
\$17,350.00.

Raised so far: \$5,900.00

*Please consider making a
donation.*

LOL Mission goal is
\$600.00

Raised: \$690.00
Goal exceeded!!!!

Thank you again for your dedication to this appeal.

A WARM
Welcome

*A warm welcome to
everyone visiting
Holy Child Parish!
It's great to have
you with us!*

FUNERAL MASS

The Funeral Mass for
Marguerite Lychowid
will be held on
Tuesday, August 26th
at 11 am
in Holy Child Church.
No 9 am Mass on Tuesday.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.



May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

WARNING

Phishing/spam emails and texts similar to this have been received by parishioners in the Diocese:

Hello Jane, I hope this finds you well. Please return my text/email when you get it, I have a favor to ask you. God's Grace and Blessings Rev. Gregory J. Bittman Please do not respond to any requests similar to the above as they are spam/phishing attempts to obtain your personal information. Bishop Bittman and none of the diocesan priests would ever contact you to request money or favours. If you are ever unsure of a text or email request, from the Bishop or a priest, please immediately contact your parish office.

BEFORE MASS REQUEST



Please keep the noise levels low
in the foyer before Mass.
Sound carries into the sanctuary
as doors are opened and closed.
Thank you!

EXPLORE THE FAITH

Every Thursday at 6 pm in the church hall.
Please join us as we explore the Faith!
All are welcome to attend.

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!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS REPORT

July 2025 (includes SAG and e-transfers)

Holy Child Parish

	Collections	Budget
July 6, 2025	\$ 3,141.55	\$ 2,769.23
July 13, 2025	\$ 2,400.65	\$ 2,769.23
July 20, 2025	\$ 2,527.65	\$ 2,769.23
July 27, 2025	\$ 2,623.35	\$ 2,769.23
Total	\$ 10,693.20	\$ 11,076.92
Balance		-\$ 383.72

Our Lady of Lourdes Mission

	Collections	Budget
July 6, 2025	\$ 340.00	\$ 184.04
July 13, 2025	\$ 195.00	\$ 184.04
July 20, 2025	\$ 260.10	\$ 184.04
July 27, 2025	\$ 333.00	\$ 184.04
Total	\$ 1,128.10	\$ 736.16
Balance		\$ 391.94

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!

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SETON HOUSE FUNDRAISER - AUCTION ITEMS

The annual Seton House Fundraiser is coming up on
Saturday, November 1, 2025.

This year the Fundraiser Committee is planning to
hold an **on-line auction** so everyone in the diocese
has an opportunity to bid on items.

The Fundraiser Committee has asked for auction
items. **They are looking for items of significant
value that would be attractive for people to bid
on.**

Some examples they have given are:

A ski weekend at which includes passes and
accommodation

A golf weekend which would include passes for golf
and accommodation

A hot air balloon ride for a couple or family

Tickets to an event for a couple and/or family

Signed hockey jersey

Airline tickets or gift cards

Hotel stays

Certificates for local attractions

Gift certificates

Gift baskets with quality items

Travel packages

Free lessons – music school, swimming lessons etc.

Skydiving excursion

Cooking classes

Comedy night

Sunset cruise

Etc.

If you can help with an auction item, please contact
the parish office.



PRAYER LIST

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

**Margaret Szucs & family, Annette Lefebvre & family, Jack & Betty Jolie & family,
Leo Peeters & family, Sheila & Bob Dalflyen & family**

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

"Faith should be tested" (James 1:3). Our faith in God needs to be tested as gold is tested in fire. Prophet Jeremiah's faith was tested when he was thrown into the 'dry well /cistern'. He sank in the mud. When people mistreat or throw mud by falsely accusing, it may lead believers to sink in misery / turmoil. This may cause discomfort to stumble or slip. Goodwill people may comfort the sufferer and confront the accusers like friends of Jeremiah, giving hope and courage to face such circumstances. When we speak the Truth, we should be maligned or criticized. Jeremiah spoke the Truth. He, in fact predicted the siege of Jerusalem (Jer 21:8-10). He predicted the fate of Jerusalem. His adversaries plotted against him and persecuted him by throwing him in the cistern. But Jeremiah trusted in the Lord and God saved him by the intervention of the King (Jer 37:21). 'God delivers those who Trust in Him' (Ps 40). We are encouraged to wait patiently when we are challenged. If we do so, God listens to our aches and pains. He hears our cry. He shows his mercy. He pulls us out of our misery and gives us New Life. Therefore, such or similar incidents help develop our Faith and Trust in the Lord!

Today's Scriptures invite us to consider to 'Turn our stumbling blocks into stepping stones to progress through faith and trust'. Let's analyse 'stumbling blocks' in life: Stumbling blocks are challenges, difficulties, obstacles, hindrances, roadblocks, hardships which obstruct or stall our progress. We should overcome our obstacles and use them as our opportunities for success. Let challenges become our stepping stones towards progress and prosperity. Let's consider a few stumbling blocks in our life, such as: 1) Health issues. Certain diagnoses of a malignant tumor / tissue may surprise us unexpectedly. 2) Sudden disasters: Like war, violence, hunger, poverty, refugee crisis, misery, sudden misfortune, loss of reputation, divorce, children running away from home, unforeseen accidents or death. 3) Physical impediments or deficiencies: Speech impediments, stammering, hearing deficiency or vision impairments. 4) Moral weakness due to lack of discipline and self control. 5) Spiritual stumbling blocks like lack of trust in the family, losing faith in God / Church, unbelief, skepticism about religion and its practices. 6) Denial of Truth; For some, Truth seems to be a stumbling block because they are poised to believe falsehood and promote it with loud cheers. Concealment of truth or rejection of truth or distortion of truth like the Communist parties.

Hitler had a famous quote, "Sick organs in the human body should be cut out or taken away". Similarly, he believed, 'Jewish people, were the sick organ in the human society, and so, they should be exterminated from the face of the earth'..., he believed so and gave orders to annihilate them from the face of the earth. We remember the 'Holocausts' even today. Modern day politicians use the same/similar arguments today, 'eliminate those who oppose his/her political agenda'. (The best example is Nicaragua). The Church condemns such hostile ideas and that taking away any human life is equal to murder. Distortion and concealment of truth seems to be the modern-day way of life in public for authoritarians, who employ and use sugar coated words to explain, 'mercy killing and pregnancy termination'. Today's Scriptures encourage us to imitate Christ Jesus, who endured the cross despite the shame, mockery and ridicule (Heb 12:1-4). Through faith and trust, Christian faithful are encouraged to imitate Jesus, not only in our glorious moments, but also in our hurtful, humiliating and other painful life altering situations. Let's keep on Trusting in the Power of Christ, the Victor!

All the best.

In the Service of the Word!

Gabriel



Office of the Bishop

August 7, 2025

Dear Rev. Fathers, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and peace in the Lord!

As you know, in December 2024 I had major surgery at Vancouver General Hospital. Once again, I am facing another surgery within the next four to six weeks for the same condition.

My surgeon has asked me to limit the amount of time using electronic devices and to give my brain a rest in preparation for the upcoming surgery. At this time, I will be stepping back from some of my day to day duties in order to prepare for the surgery. Our Vicar General Fr. Sebastian, in consultation with me, will be leading my Advisory Team in addressing the needs of the diocese.

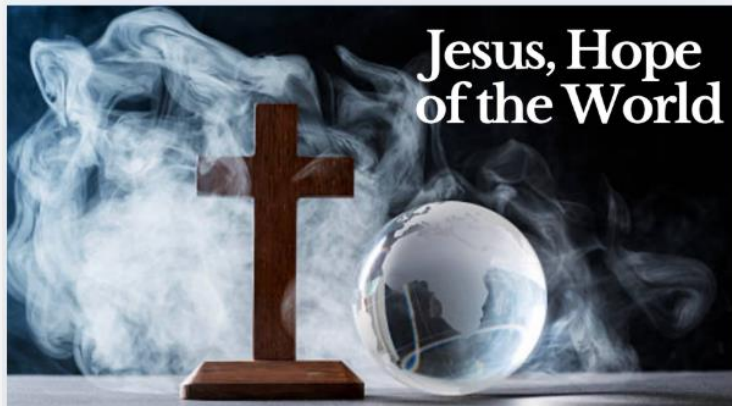
I ask that you continue to pray for me as I prepare for yet another surgery. I will continue to hold all of you in prayer and ask God's blessing on you for your love and goodness. God bless.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus our Lord,

✠ Gregory J Bittman
Bishop of Nelson

JESUS HOPE OF THE WORLD

Friday Evening Healing Mass and Saturday
One Day Conference
August 15-16, 2025
St. Pius X Church, Kelowna
Complimentary Lunch on Saturday
All Are Welcome



Jesus, Hope of the World

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Rom 15:13 RSV

Friday evening healing service at St. Pius X - 7PM
Fr. Obi celebrant
6:30PM Praise and Worship (prayer teams available)

Saturday, 9AM-4PM
special guest speaker

PAULINE DUMUS MCGRATH

Lunch will be provided, love offering is welcome

August 15-16, 2025
St. Pius X Church 1346 Gordon Drive, Kelowna BC

GRIEF TO GRACE

The next retreat in Canada is late October 2025 in Kelowna. For more information please email griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

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MINISTERS SERVING THIS WEEKEND & NEXT

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	Saturday Aug. 16 at 5 pm	Sunday Aug. 17 at 9 am	Saturday Aug. 23 at 5 pm	Sunday Aug. 24 at 9 am
Greeter		Solange		Dianne
Sacristan	Johanne	Trevor	Johanne	Marc
Music	Keiltys	Keiltys	-	Celina
Lector 1	Lucy	Gerry	Gina	Lucy
Lector 2	Mary-Anne	Louise	Linda	Scott
Commentator	Paul	Maribel	Eunice	Julie
Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Ray	Ilse Johanne	Marianne	Imelda Ruben
Cross Bearer		Malaika Claire		Kasen
1st Acolyte				
2nd Acolyte				
Hospitality		Henrietta Gina		Maribel

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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	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 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