

Welcome to  
**† Holy Cross Church †**

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**May we grow closer to  
Jesus during today's  
Eucharistic celebration,  
and open our eyes, ears  
and heart to receive His  
LOVE for us!**



The  
seed is  
the  
Word  
of God



**Mass Times**

**Holy Cross Church**

Sunday - 9:30am

Monday - 9:00am

Tuesday - 9:00am

Wednesday - 9:00am

Thursday - 9:00am

Friday - 9:00am

Saturday - 5:00pm

***Exposition of Blessed Sacrament***

First weekend of month & Friday's  
30 mins before Mass.

**Riondel Mission (MHR)**

Sunday 2:00pm

Parish Website:

[www.holycrosscreston.com](http://www.holycrosscreston.com)

**World Day of the Elderly**

July 23- NEXT Sunday is the  
World day of the Elderly! Our  
Pope asks us to make a special  
effort to take care of our  
seniors. To take time for a visit,  
a meal, a cuppa tea/coffee!  
Offer to bring a senior to Mass  
who cannot drive. Show your  
love and care. In order to **spread  
the message of the Day**, pictures  
of visits can be posted on social  
media [#ElderlyAndGrandparents](https://www.facebook.com/ElderlyAndGrandparents)



**Registration**

- **New to the Parish?**
- **Change of address?**

Please fill in the form below to register or change  
your present registration. Place in collection  
basket or return to the Parish Office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Envelopes:** Would you like a  
box of envelopes? Numbered boxes  
identify the donor for income tax  
purposes. A tax receipt will be issued  
each year and sent to the address  
registered with the Parish.

Envelopes needed:  Yes  No

**Sacraments**

***Reconciliation***

- Weekdays after 9:00am Mass
- Before Mass on Saturday and  
Sunday
- By appointment.

***Baptism or Marriage*** - Please make an  
appointment with Parish Priest.

***Sacrament of the Sick*** - Call the office or  
Parish Priest.



**Welcome Home**

*Welcome*



To Our visitors, enjoy your visit with our  
parish family.

To our new parishioners,  
Welcome Home!

**July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"The seed is the word of God, Christ is the Sower; all who come to Him will live for  
ever."*

My loving parishioners and friends,

Peace of Christ be with you! I hope you are all safe and sound and starting to enjoy the summer as the temperature steadily gets warmer.

The Church by its very nature is concerned about the faithful. It tries to particularly focus on different and urgent need of the time. When the youth were drawn towards modernized and secularized world, it was Pope St. John Paul II who initiated the World Youth Day. After a long preparation, the first WYD took place in 1987, in Argentina.

I would like to bring to your attention the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.” Our present Pope Francis, being an elderly person, when the whole world was socially torn apart due to Covid -19 pandemic, announced in January 2021 that the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly would take place annually on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of the grandparents of Jesus, Saints Joachim and Anne. *“I am with you always”* Matthew 28:20 was the theme for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The second-year theme was *“In old age they will still bear fruit”* Psalm 92:15. *“His mercy is from age to age”* Luke 1:50 is the theme for this year that marks on July 23, the Sunday before the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Friends, as I began my priestly ministry in Canada with my first assignment in Winfield, I was really surprised to see that it was the retired or elderly people who showed up for any voluntary service in the church. They are obviously the pillars of the parish; they do not mind spending hours helping, and they are providing financially for the needs of the church within their abilities too.

It’s more apparent and concrete in our Holy Cross parish family. In general, parishes in our diocese mostly consist of ageing folks except a few young families or more where there are schools.

We are living in a culture where there are care homes for the aged and we all will finally end up there where assisted living and other health care is provided. However, it pains me to see them living alone in a square and wanting for closeness particularly from their children and grandchildren. I am sure that either the faith or values we hold on was passed on to us through our grandparents and our elderly parents. They are often forgotten and we forget this wealth and preserving and passing on the roots.

**“His mercy is from age to age”** is a fascinating theme for this year which resulted in the visitation of the young Virgin Mary to the elderly Elizabeth Luke 1:39-56. During this visit, both joyfully exchanged God’s blessings by acknowledging how God mercifully accompanied them from generation to generation.

**Visiting the elderly is one of the important missions of the church.** In order to encourage the faithful to visit the elderly the church once again offers a plenary indulgence to mark the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on **July 23**. The indulgence can be received by grandparents, the elderly, and all Catholics who, “motivated by the true spirit of penance and charity,” participate in Pope Francis’ July 23 Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica or another Grandparents’ Day celebration, or who visit the elderly.



Those who would like to participate in the indulgence but are unable to leave their homes due to sickness, age, or another serious reason, the decree said, can unite themselves spiritually to the celebrations of the day through “offering to the merciful God their prayers, pain, and the suffering of their lives” while watching the pope’s Mass or another celebration on TV or online.



Our grandparents and the elderly, who nourished our own lives, now hunger for our attention, our love; they long for our closeness. You certainly had or have a plan to travel for family reunions or something like that. I would suggest spending some more time with the elderly in your family or in your neighbourhood or one of our parishioners; if possible have a cup of coffee or dinner and a small prayer. I bet that our visit will surely bring joy together with healing as it was between Blessed Mary our Mother and Elizabeth.

I wish you all a cooler summer.

God bless all our elderly and faithful folks! Your servant in the Lord and Blessed Mother, *Fr. Lawrence*.



**Most Holy  
Redeemer  
Riondel**



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**Notice to parishioners with Keys**

If you have a key for any where on parish grounds, the Sacristy, Hall or parish office. Please email or call the parish office **ASAP**, as we are updating the alarms code before the end of July 31, 2023.



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 [griegtogracebookelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtogracebookelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403

**... Thank You for your Gift**

**Total Offerings: \$2391.30.**

**Direct Deposit: \$911.58**

*(Weekly amount needed to meet our Parish operational expenses: \$2650- 2019 budget)*

*Thank You!*

**May God's Healing Love Enfold Those Who Are Sick: Please Pray for the Sick in Our Parish :**



Mary Ann Staples, Chris Watson, Max Shramm, Dorothy, Marty Sontag, Antonia Kananowicz, Katherine Lemieux, Julia Jones, Anne Long, Cathy Salviulo, Rose Pompu, Marianne Knopfler, Kahlia, Sylvia Manning, Pauline Brezden, Ed Kulicki, Dianne, Wendy Lansing, Kelly McGovern, David Robinson, Cameron

**Pilgrimage of Faith 2023**

We have received **\$9010 to date.**

From 27 donors.

Our Diocesan Goal is \$15,400.



**Thank you for your generous donations.**

If you haven't yet donated, you can still do so. **No donation is too small.** Every donation is a blessing.

If you would like to donate, you can put the money (Cheques to be made out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Nelson") into an envelope marked Pilgrimage of Faith & place it in the collection basket or drop it at the Parish Office. **THANK YOU!**

**Job Posting: Diocesan Appeals Finance and Data**

Coordinator position at the Catholic Pastoral Centre.

See full job offer in foyer of church.

**Prayers, Love and Condolences**

**George Miles, father of Ron Miles** passed away on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Our prayers, love and condolences to Ron & Gail and all his family and friends.

May his soul rest in peace.

*God gives rest to His loved ones.*

Psalm 127:2B



*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**Mass Schedule July 15<sup>th</sup> - July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Sat	July 15 5:00pm	Repose for parents (Patty Hurford)	Wed	July 19 9:00am	Repose George Miles (Parish Family)
Sun	July 16 9:30am	Sp. Int. All Parishioners	Thurs	July 20 9:00am	Sp. Int. George & Vera
Mon	July 17 9:00am	Health of Antonio Cicheria (Cathy Salviulo)	Fri	July 21 9:00am	Repose Christopher v/d Merwe (Anne)
Tues	July 18 9:00am	Sp. Int. Doreen (Anonymous)	Sat	July 22 5:00pm	Repose Eileen Danberger Colleen Hedlund