

**17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

July 26, 2026

SACRED HEART PARISH BULLETIN

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Fr. Obi: Wed to Fri 10am – 12pm
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Sacred Heart Weekly Mass Schedule

Tues. to Fri. 9:00 am (Adoration 9:30 - 10:00 am)

Saturday – 7:00 pm Sacred Heart

Saturday - 4:00 pm St. Anthony

Sunday – 9:00 am Sacred Heart

Sunday - 12:00 pm St. Joseph

Pastor's Message:

**Wildfires.... World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly....
Welcome to the Nigerian Community.... Vacation Bible School**

Wildfires

We hope everyone is doing ok. We continue to pray that the wildfires will be contained, for rain, and for all our fight fighters. On Tuesday, we had a Rosary Procession and blessed the four corners of our city asking for the intercession of our Blessed Mother for our city.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis instituted the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on January 31, 2021, to highlight the importance of providing adequate pastoral and spiritual attention to the elderly and to call upon communities to manifest the closeness of the Church to them. Our parish is immensely grateful to the volunteers who visit the elderly in the care-homes and in their homes. Thank you for your pastoral care. We continue to say Masses in Garden View. I have been in contact with Pine View. In the fall, we are going to start Mass and Pastoral care there as well. If you know of any elderly in Kimberley who can benefit from a pastoral care, a visit, please phone the office and let us know. Our parish office is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 1pm. Office line is open. If we missed your call, we will return it once we are back.

Welcome

We welcome the Nigerian Community visiting us from Cranbrook this Sunday. We are so blessed you are here. Your visit means a lot. Thank you for coming to celebrate with us.

MASS INTENTIONS: July 25– 31, 2026

Saturday 25	4 pm 7 pm	St. Anthony Sacred Heart	Spiritual wellbeing of St. Anthony's parishioners † Randy Dean, requested by Mirella Manarin
Sunday 26	9 am 12 pm	Sacred Heart St. Joseph	Spiritual wellbeing of Sacred Heart parishioners Spiritual wellbeing of St. Joseph's parishioners
Monday 27			No Mass
Tuesday 28	6:30pm	Sacred Heart	For the intention of Maria Goncalves
Wednesday 29	9 am	Sacred Heart	† Eddie Kingston, requested by Elaine Rangen
Thursday 30	9 am	Sacred Heart	For the intention of Maria Goncalves
Friday 31	9am	Sacred Heart	Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration until 10am For the intention of Maria Goncalves

PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED:

Vacation Bible School

This is truly a wonderful opportunity for our parish to do something special for the children, youth and young families in our parish and community at large. We are thankful to God for this opportunity.

I often say that a parish that is not crying is dying. Our wonderful parish has been in existence for almost 100 years. We want to pass on the candle of faith to the younger generation, to ensure that our parish endures and thrives for the next 100 years.

The big picture is: how do we get our young families back to the parish? Maybe a simple invitation, creating a vibrant program for the children and youth etc. The Vacation Bible School can be a stepping stone to the other amazing things the Lord can accomplish in our midst. One of our parishioners has agreed to help start Children's Liturgy. I am also very grateful to volunteers who have said yes to help run the Vacation Bible School. May our dear Lord bless you immensely for this.

My hope – with your help – is to sow the seed, to offer opportunities, to create an environment that is kid and youth friendly where they can come and get to know who Jesus is, while having fun. We can only sow the seeds; God will give the growth in His time. He truly makes all things beautiful in His time.

As we celebrate World Day for Grandparents and Elderly, I recall what Pope Francis often said: The elderly hold the “memory” and the “keys” of history. Without their wisdom, the boat drifts aimlessly. He warns that a society that discards its elders grows up without roots.

While the elderly know the way, the youth use the rudder. They possess the drive, enthusiasm and energy to push the boat forward and handle the steering. However, the Pope notes that energy without direction is dangerous. For the boat to survive the storms, both must collaborate. In his famous 2018 address, he summarized this beautifully: “If the young are called to open new doors, the elderly hold the keys.”

Happy Sunday. I look forward to celebrating with you. I have a small gift for our grandparents. It is a small gift given with love in gratitude for all that you do for us. Join us for pancake breakfast after Mass. God love you!

Father Obi



- **The Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast this Sunday, July 26th.** Please join us after Mass for some delicious food served by our Knights. By donation.

Looking Ahead:

July 26	Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast after Holy Mass in the hall
August	Sacred Heart Vacation Bible Camp
	BBQ for Parish and Neighborhood TBD
September	Parish Picnic and Mass date and venue TBD

Pope Leo's Intention for JULY:

He invites Catholics to pray '**for respect for human life,**' so all may 'recognize and protect the unique and unrepeatable value of every human being.'

"Each person is a sacred gift that reflects your face," he said, "from the first instant of existence to the final breath of their journey on earth."

RCIA News –

We welcome anyone who is interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith to please speak to Father or Ben, or to any member of our RCIA team!

All are welcome!

This Week We Pray For:

- ♦ *Safety for our community and firefighters.*
- ♦ *Prayers in the prayer basket.*

Mass Intentions

If you wish to request a Mass be said for an intention or loved one, you may use the e-transfer as well; just indicate the intention for the Mass in the notes box. Recommended Mass stipends in the Nelson Diocese are \$10 per Mass.

Sacred Heart Financial

E transfer for Sacred Heart Parish:
etransfer.shpkimberley@nelsondiocese.org

Pilgrimage of Faith:
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Catholic Catechesis:

Obtaining the greatest possible treasure!

What do you treasure the most and how do you keep it from being lost or stolen? In a peasant community the best safe was often the earth. The man in the parable (Matthew 13:44) "went in his joy" to sell everything. Why? Because he found a treasure worth possessing above all else he had. He did not, however, have enough to buy the treasure. Fortunately, he only needed enough to buy the field. In a similar fashion, God offers his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy (Romans 14:17) as incomparable treasure at a price we can afford! We can't pay the full price for the life which God gives us; but when we exchange our life for the life which God offers, we receive a treasure beyond compare.

When we discover the kingdom of God we receive the greatest possible treasure - the Lord himself. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. If the Almighty is your gold and your precious silver, then you will delight yourself in the Almighty (Job 22:22- 23). Is the Lord the treasure and delight of your heart?

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RECONCILIATION TIMES

Saturdays at 6:30pm | Fridays during Holy Hour (9:30- 10am) | Or by appointment

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

- Join us in celebrating the **30th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of the Most Reverend Gregory J. Bittman, Bishop of Nelson. Monday, August 17, 2026.** Immaculate Conception Church, Kelowna. Mass at 5:00 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Both digital and physical tickets are selling fast! Tickets are \$20/person. Purchase online or visit the parish office for assistance, or pick up physical tickets at Loaves & Fishes.
- Parishioners are invited to the **ordination of Jeffrey Loma to the Sacred Order of Trnaitional Deacons.** The ceremony will take place at Immaculate Conception Church in Kelowna at 7:00pm on August 19, 2026.
- As many of you know, **Pope Leo proclaimed a special Jubilee Year in honour of St. Francis of Assisi** at the beginning of January. It started on 10 January 2026 and goes until 10 January 2027. You are invited to celebrate this Jubilee year by visiting St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Revelstoke, which has been designated as a pilgrimage site for the Jubilee. Below are the conditions for receiving a plenary indulgence for those who participate devoutly in this extraordinary Jubilee.

Save the Date – Gathering in the Spirit 2026

Gathering in the Spirit 2026 has been permanently moved to September.
Here is a heads up to help you with your planning.

Begins **Wed. Sept. 16 8am** and finishes **Sat. Sept. 19 4pm**

Seton House of Prayer, Kelowna (Seton House Registrants includes Tuesday night)

Presenter: John Connelly – “Draw near to my sanctuary – abundant life and true love await”

Includes meals from Wednesday to Saturday.

Cost: Nelson Diocese \$547 (There is a limited subsidy from Pilgrimage of Faith for this in the Nelson Diocese, please contact Alexa Dolor 250 448 2725 for details)

Non-Nelson Diocese \$647

Commuters \$308

REGISTRATION: Contact registrar: Loree Renwick ndccrs@gmail.com

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