



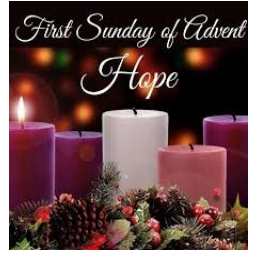
Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

Parish Priest: Fr. Maurice Okolie

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December 1st, 2024 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Mondays, Weekends & Stat Holidays – offices are closed. Please contact office to schedule an appointment.

WEEKEND AND DAILY MASS TIMES:

Weekdays	Rosary	7:30 AM		Mass:	8:00 AM
Wednesdays	Rosary	4:30 PM		Mass:	5:00 PM
					<i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena to follow Mass</i>
Saturdays	Rosary	8:30 AM		Mass:	9:00 AM, & 5:00 PM (Vigil, for Sunday)
Sundays	Rosary	8:30 AM		Mass:	9AM, 11 AM, & 5:00 PM

First Friday's *Benediction/Adoration 3:00 PM, Mass 4:00 PM*

***Monday of long weekends & Stat. Holidays: Rosary @ 8:30 AM, Mass @ 9:00 AM**

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 10:00–11:00 AM, & 3:45–4:45 PM

If you are unable to attend confession during these times, please call office or an appointment: 250-762-3910

Emergencies Only – 250-762-8445

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

2nd Reading:

1 Thessalonians 3.12 – 4.2

Gospel: Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024 MASS SCHEDULE

Thurs. Dec. 5th @ **9:30 am**

All are welcome!

KELOWNA AND AREA HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick/pastoral emergencies or for end-of-life blessings (Last Rites) please call 250-878-1502 (24/7) or email: chaplain@nelsondiocese.org.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick may be received more than once!!

MASSES AT CARE HOMES

<i>Village at Mill Creek</i>	1 st Tuesday of the month	9:45 am
<i>Summerwood Retirement Resort</i>	2 nd Tuesday of the month	10:00 am
<i>Cottonwoods</i>	3 rd Tuesday of the month.....	10:30 am
<i>The Dorchester</i>	Last Tuesday of the month	10:00 am

POLISH MASS: Fr. Waldemar Karciarz will be visiting Immaculate Conception Church in December to celebrate mass and hear confession for our Polish Community (in Polish).

SCHEDULE:

Reconciliations:

Friday December 13th, 4:00–7:30

Saturday December 14th, 12:30–3:30

Mass will be celebrated Sunday December 15th at 3:00 pm.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of December:

For pilgrims of hope.

"We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

Journey Through Advent Series

This year's spiritual reflections are delivered by the Most Reverend Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto (in English), and the Most Reverend René Guay, Bishop of Chicoutimi (in French).

The videos are available on the CCCB Website
In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

The links to the videos, in English and French, will be released on the CCCB website each Monday for the upcoming Sunday celebration.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FEAST DAY!

Come and celebrate ICC's feast day of the Immaculate Conception on **Monday, December 9th**. There will be Mass at 5:00 pm, followed by potluck supper in the Parish Hall.

Please bring a dish to serve **8** people.

BRING FOOD ITEMS TO THE HALL KITCHEN BEFORE 5:00 PM MASS; hot items can be kept warm in the ovens, or crockpots can be plugged in; cold items/salads can be kept in the fridges.

Your presence is the greatest gift to Mary in the celebration of her Immaculate Conception.

Everyone is welcome!

BLESSING OF SACRAMENTAL ITEMS

On **Monday, December 9th**, after the 8:00 am mass there will be a Blessing of Sacramentals. You may bring your candles, oils, water, salt etc... to the baptistery *prior to mass*.

Please keep all items you bring in 1 basket/container/bag, and ensure that your bottles or containers are open – please take the caps off.

You may pick up your blessed sacramental on Monday December 9th, **after the blessing of items**.

STEWARDSHIP/WEEKLY OFFERINGS, W/E – 11/24/24

Weekly Offerings required	\$	7,826.00
Sunday Collections	\$	8,604.10
+ Parish Fundraising Bazaar Proceeds	\$	4,227.06
Offerings received to date	\$	377,195.17
Offerings Required, to date	\$	383,474.00

Balance to Date \$ - 6,278.83

We appreciate your generous support to help us meet our weekly parish budget goal. Thank you for all you give!

STEWARDSHIP FOR ICC

WAYS TO DONATE:

- QR Code.
- Regular offerings/collection envelopes.
- Pre-authorized debit (SAG).
- e-Transfer etransfer.icc@nelsondiocese.org.



(Scan me here!)

In the message box indicate that you want your donation to go to Sunday Collection, or a Special Collection.

- **Mail your Offerings to:**
Immaculate Conception Church
839 Sutherland Ave, Kelowna, BC V1Y 5X4

Please call or email our offices to register with our parish, to arrange for weekly ICC Offerings Envelopes, or for SAG Information, 250-762-3910 icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org

**NORTH OKANAGAN DEANERY
2024 ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULES**

Parish/School	Date & Time	
Corpus Christi Parish	Wed. Dec. 04	6:00 pm
St. Francis of Assisi Parish	Tues. Dec. 10	5:00 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Wed. Dec. 11	4:00 pm
IMMAC High School	Thurs. Dec 12	10:30 am 1:00 pm
St. Joseph's School	Mon. Dec. 16	10:00 am 12:45 pm
St. Pius X Parish	Mon. Dec. 16	5:30 pm
St. Edwards Parish	Tues. Dec. 17	6:00 pm
OLOL School	Wed. Dec. 18	10:30 am 12:45pm
St. Charles Garnier Parish	Wed. Dec. 18	5:30 pm
Immaculate Conception Parish	Thurs. Dec. 19	3:30 pm



Sign-up information is in the church entrance!

To find this week's featured content, visit watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 1ST

- † 30 Minutes BC
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/30-minutes-bc>
- † Christmas (Part 1) | What Catholics Believe
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/christmas-part-1-what-catholics-believe>
- † Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/nicholas-the-boy-who-became-santa>

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE ILL:

Teresa McGauley, Chiamaka Aghaizu, Josephine Bruch, Mary Van Verdeggen, Diane Lynott, Hazel Csordas, Rihnon Coatsworth, Helen Zentner, Theresa Kaller, Kathleen Mayhew, Jesse Wilson, Bambina Tinto, Anne Mould, John Cornelissen, Rose Harry, Adam Gorges, Joyce Tremmel, Florence Nagy, Sandra Park, Loretta Bouchard, Linda Kirkpatrick, Aggie Turner, Juliana Lavell, Maritess Steiman, Rhonda Jennens, Roy Velmonte, Justina Mikosa, Mildred Reyes, Kathe Gonzaga Carpena, Michelle Miller, Victor Kovac, Phillip Dos Santos, Marlene Hughes, Russ Radi, Dorota Nowak, Chinee Fajardo, Rosario, Luisito & Crispin Clemente, Nancy Brisson, Ginoefa Diakow, Rick Lock, Mertis Filiatrault, Sister Barbara, Candace Gilmore-Stephensen, Anne Engel, Aisley Ducharme, Catherine Fortunat, Michael M, Trudy Szulkies, Cherie Lynn Walsh, Suzanne Crowe, Alicia L, Arthur & Gudrun Cobham, Marcus Cresswell, Ray Pauluk, Desjardines Families, Rachel Donegan, Ernie Poitras.

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 250-762-3910 or email icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org

MASS INTENTIONS Repose – R. Intention – I.

Sat.	30-Nov	9:00 AM	I. Anna Mae & Matthew Collins (Anniversary)
		5:00 PM	R. Deceased Members of the Matte Families
Sun.	01-Dec	9:00 AM	Intentions of Parishioners
		11:00 AM	Intentions of Parishioners
		5:00 PM	R. Helena Nazarek
Mon.	02-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Douglas Rasmussen
Tues.	03-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Dr. Bob & Kim Wilson & Family
Wed.	04-Dec	8:00 AM	R. Deceased Members of the Vignal Families
		5:00 PM	R. Heather Klatt
Thurs.	05-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Dianne Beck
Fri.	06-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Tim & Patricia Phelan & Family
		4:00 PM	I. Douglas Rasmussen & Family
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Sat.	07-Dec	9:00 AM	I. Marlene Hughes
		5:00 PM	I. Madeleine Gervais
Sun.	08-Dec	9:00 AM	Intentions of Parishioners
		11:00 AM	Intentions of Parishioners
		5:00 PM	I. Emily Buman
Mon.	09-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Bishop Eugene Cooney (93rd Birthday)
Tues.	10-Dec	8:00 AM	R. Richard Joseph
Wed.	11-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Fr. Paul John Irumba
		5:00 PM	I. Richard Therrien & Family
Thurs.	12-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Kathleen Mayhew
Fri.	13-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Francesca Lee

**GRADE 7-12 KELOWNA CATHOLIC
YOUTH GROUP NEWS!**

To kick off the Advent Season and Christmas festivities, we will be meeting at St. Pius X Parish for their Christmas Festival and Carols. This is a whole family gathering, and it promises to be another great event like last year. No ticket needed to attend. Freewill offering will be taken for St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the poor in our community. Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

UPCOMING DATE TO NOTE

Sun, Dec. 8 – Christmas Movie Night, “It’s a Wonderful Life”
ICC Parish Center 6-9:00 pm



ICC KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING EVENTS

Starting Sunday December 1st:

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS wrist bands will be available for purchase in the church entrance; they are \$2.00 each!

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PARISH BREAKFAST!!

ICC Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to join us for breakfast this **Sunday, December 1st** from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the ICC Parish Hall. Our Knights will be serving up pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, tea and coffee! *Breakfast is by free-will donation.*

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Knights of Columbus present Inter-Faith Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long accompanied on the Rogers Organ, December 17, 2024 at 7pm at Immaculate Conception Church. Families of all Faiths are welcome! Christmas Reception to follow!

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENT:

Celebrate!

OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

Family Event

Family Event

5:30 MASS & DINNER

THURSDAY
12
DEC, 2024

COME JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR PATRONESS.

EARLY BIRD: \$35.00/PERSON
AFTER DEC 6: \$45.00/PERSON
KIDS 10 AND UNDER ARE FREE!
SPECIAL PRICING - TABLES OF 8!

Immaculate Conception Church, 839 Sutherland Avenue

TICKETS: LOAVES & FISHES / ICC OFFICE.

Catholic Women's League

OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

2025 Membership Dues - \$45

CASH/CHEQUE

PLEASE INCLUDE THE MEMBERSHIP SURVEY LABEL ENVELOPE "CWL MEMBERSHIP DUES" PLACE IN ICC MAILBOX OR COLLECTION BASKET

2024 PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL

Pilgrimage of Faith donations for 2024 and the postal strike.

1. Donations by cheque: Make your cheque payable to your parish and in the memo note that it is for the Pilgrimage of Faith. You can drop it in the Sunday Collection basket. The parish will transfer the funds to the Pilgrimage of Faith.
2. Donations by e-transfer: E-transfer your donation to etransfer.POF@nelsondiocese.org or online via [Canada Helps at Canada Helps: https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360)

Please remember to include your name and parish in the e-transfer memo. NO password is required.

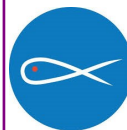
Diocese Goal for ICC: \$67,400.00
Donations received to date: . \$29,960.25

Balance Remaining: \$37,439.75

52 Families/households participating.

This annual appeal provides funding for capital project rebates, Catholic education, social and pastoral programs, and many other key services in our Diocese as well as to our parish. We hope that everyone will participate in this year's appeal.

ST. VINCENT'S CORNER:



Once again envelopes are hanging on the ANGEL TREE in the foyer patiently awaiting your kindness and generosity.

The funds raised will provide a Christmas luncheon and Christmas hampers so that all our families may feel the blessings of our community. **JESUS CAME TO SERVE, NOW LET US SERVE ONE ANOTHER.**

Donations can be cash, cheque, etransfer (icc.ssvp@gmail.com) or scan the QR code.

May the Blessings of our God be with you as you remember those most in need.

Remember you can always donate online through icc.ssvp@gmail.com (no password required).



For News and Announcements from the Diocese of Nelson visit: <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/news>

To find the readings of the day go to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website: <https://www.cccb.ca/>

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedules:

Tuesday Dec. 24	8:00 am	Daily Mass
Christmas Eve	4:00 pm	First Mass of Christmas
	7:00 pm	Second Mass of Christmas
Wednesday Dec. 25	12:00 am	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	9:00 am	Christmas Day Mass
	11:00 am	Christmas Day Mass
Please note that there is no 5:00 pm Mass on Christmas Day		
Thursday Dec. 26	9:00 am	Daily Mass
Friday Dec. 27	8:00 am	Daily Mass
Saturday Dec. 28	9:00 am	Daily Mass
	5:00 pm	for Sunday Mass
Sunday Dec. 29	9:00 am	
	11:00 am	
	5:00 pm	
Monday Dec. 30	8:00 am	Daily Mass
Tuesday Dec. 31	9:00 am	Daily Mass
	5:00 pm	Mass –Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
	11:30 pm	Holy hour/Benediction
Wednesday Jan. 1	9:00 am	Mass –Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
New Year's Day	11:00 am	Mass –Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
		5:00 pm

CHALICE CHRISTMAS GIFT CATALOGUE

Chalice, a Catholic, Canadian charity, invites you to share the blessings of Christmas with children in the developing world. Our Christmas Gift Catalogue allows you to purchase a gift for someone in need in honour of a loved one. A beautiful handwritten card will be sent to the recipient, telling them of the gift that is given.

To order gifts, please call 1-800-776-6855 or visit <https://chalice.ca/gift-catalogue/>

THE ORDER OF SECULAR FRANCISCANS



a lay order of men and women within the Catholic Church, who live the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the charism of St Francis and Clare of Assisi, gather monthly for prayer, faith formation and fellowship.

You are invited to *Come and See!*

The Little Flowers of St Francis Fraternity gathers on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm at *Our lady of Lourdes Parish in West Kelowna .*

For more information, contact Sandy Kavanagh (250) 212-3596

Office of the Bishop



DIOCESE OF NELSON

Seminarian Appointment December 2024

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

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I am pleased to make the following Seminarian Appointment:

Jeffrey Loma will be a seminarian intern at Holy Trinity Parish in Trail, December 10, 2024.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ Gregory J. Bittman
Bishop of Nelson



SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES (OCDS)

Carmelite Seculars, together with the Friars and Nuns, are sons and daughters of the Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and of St. Teresa of Jesus. As a result, they share the same charism with the religious, each according to their particular way of life. It is one family with the same spiritual possessions, the same call to holiness (*cf Eph 1.4; 1Pet 1:15*) and the same apostolic mission. Secular members contribute to the Order the benefits proper to their secular state of life (*Constitutions #1*).

For more information please contact
Laurent 1-778-212-1945
or Loretta 250-448-5633

DIOCESE OF NELSON PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL 839 Sutherland Avenue

Located off the back of Immaculate Conception Church; entrance is off west alley/driveway.

Our Lord Jesus is inviting you to visit Him in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

Scheduled Volunteer Hours available are:
SUN: 7 AM & 4 PM | MON: 1 AM & 2 AM |
WED: 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM & 2 PM |
THURS: 1 AM | FRI: 12 AM | SAT: 2 PM

Spares are always needed. Shared times available!
For information phone Lorie: 250-448-5633

**PARISH/MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS CONTACT INFORMATION
(AREA 250 UNLESS INDICATED)**

Parish Priest	Fr. Maurice Okolie	762-3910
Permanent Deacon	Dcn. Rod Attwell	rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org
Parish Secretary/Office Manager	Andrea Mitton	762-3910 ext 0
Parish Fax		763-7450
Maintenance	Douglas Rasmussen	762-3910 ext 0
RCIA	Leanne Hopegood	762-3910 ext 4
Youth / Religious Ed.	David Ziebart	762-3910 ext 3
Young Adults		iccyoungadults839@gmail.com
CWL	Monaco Parker	300-7773
CWL Hospitality Chairperson	Isabell Kabatoff	868-0048
Charismatic Prayer Grp	Piera	215-7100
Clubhouse Daycare		860-4393
Creighton Model Fertility Care		469-2541
Diocese of Nelson Admin Office		448-2725
Hospital Chaplaincy		878-1502
IRHS- High School	Robert Plaxton, Principal	762-2730
Kelowna Right to Life	Marlon Bartram	870-4103
Knights of Columbus	Tony Serka	Pandosy2558@gmail.com
Militia Immaculatae	Eileen Collins	575-3553
Music Ministry call Parish Office		762-3910
Okanagan Pregnancy Care Centre		763-2112
Rachel's Vineyard		762-2273
		info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com
Reach Out Youth Counselling		763-7892
St. Vincent de Paul Society		826-5562 icc.ssvp@gmail.com
St. Joseph Elementary	Maddy Pedrette, Principal	763-3371
Seton House of Prayer		764-4333

RCDN CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Nelson is seeking an Accounting and Administrative Assistant to provide support to our Financial Services Team. This is a full time position, working 35 hours per week. The position pays \$24 to \$28/hour, depending on qualifications. Interested applicants are invited to submit a cover letter and resume to: executive-cpc@nelsondiocese.org **by December 2, 2024. Electronic submission only please.** A more detailed job description can be found on the table under the bulletin board in the entrance of the church.

**ICC – OFFICE
VOLUNTEER “GREETERS” NEEDED**

Immaculate Conception Church Office is looking for a few volunteer “Greeters” from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Please call or email the parish office 250-762-3910 or icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org for more details!

OTHER LOCAL PARISHES NEWS & EVENTS:

ST. PIUS X 1346 Gordon Drive | (250) 762-2587 | spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

- ◆ **ALPHA YOUTH SERIES** – Sunday evenings, 4:30–6:30, St.Pius X Parish Hall call 250-762-2587 or 250-231-3838 to register.
- ◆ **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE** – Mondays at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
- ◆ **CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AND CAROLS** – December 1st @ 4:00 pm
- ◆ **NEXT SPANISH MASS** – Thursday December 12th @ 6:00 pm

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH 750 Rutland Road N | (250) 765-6869 | ccpkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

- ◆ **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** – Saturday December 7th from 8:00 am–2:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
- ◆ **FILIPINO MASS** celebrated at 5:00 PM every **FIRST Saturday of the month.**

ST. CHARLES GARNIER 3645 Benvoulin Road | (250) 860-6776 | scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

- ◆ **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL:** Friday December 13th @ 6:30
- ◆ **CATHOLIC MOMS CONNECT:** Wednesdays, 9:30–11:00 am St. Charles Garnier Hall. Please contact Abbey at 250-899-4384 for details, or join their Facebook Group at facebook.com/groups/CatholicMomsConnectSCG



Bishop Emeritus Eugene Cooney will celebrate his 93rd Birthday on Dec. 10th! When the postal strike is over, if you wish to send him greetings and well-wishes, please mail to:

Providence Care Centre
Suite # 138
149 Providence Blvd. SE
Calgary, AB. T2X 0X2

He will be thrilled to hear from you!
Include your name & return address inside the card to enable him to correspond.

**UPCOMING DINNER/DANCES
@ ICC PARISH CENTRE**

*All tickets are available through Loaves & Fishes
591 Lawrence Ave | 250-868-8933*

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER / DANCE

Tuesday December 31st
Doors open @ 6:00 (refreshments)
Dinner @ 7:30 | Dancing 8:45–1:00 am
Midnight snacks

Music by Vic Dance Band

Tickets are \$80 per person (non-refundable)

