

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

Parish Priest: Fr. Maurice Okolie

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December 15th, 2024 – THIRD 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.

CHRISTMAS HOURS: ICC's offices are **CLOSED** from Monday December 23rd, until Thursday January 2nd 2025.

Phones will be monitored for Emergencies.

WEEKEND AND DAILY MASS TIMES:

Weekdays Rosary 7:30 AM | Mass: 8:00 AM
Wednesdays Rosary 4:30 PM | Mass: 5:00 PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena to follow Mass
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

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2025 MASS SCHEDULE

Thurs. Jan 16th @ 9:30 am
 Thurs. Feb. 6th @ 9:30 am
 Thurs. Mar. 6th @ 9:30 am
 (Ash Wednesday)
 Thurs. April 24 @ 9:30 am
 Thurs. May 29 @ 9:30 am
 Thurs. June 12 @ 9:30 am

All are welcome!

FUNERAL SERVICE

GOODY, Michael Alexander

A funeral mass for Michael Goody will be celebrated in the *Latin Rite* on Friday December 20th at 10:00 am here at Immaculate Conception Church.

The Celebrant will be Fr. Edwin Neufeld.

All are welcome to attend.



MASSES AT CARE HOMES

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

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 Daily Mass
 11:00 am Daily Mass
 5:00 pm Daily Mass
 Monday Dec. 30 8:00 am Daily Mass
 Tuesday Dec. 31 8:00 am Daily Mass
New Years Eve 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
 Please note that there is no 5:00 pm Mass on New Year's Day

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a

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2nd Reading: Philippians 4.4-7

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Gospel: Luke 3.10-18

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!!

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.

NORTH OKANAGAN DEANERY

2024 ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULES

Parish/School	Date & Time	
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

MASS INTENTIONS Repose - R. Intention - I.

Sat. 14-Dec	9:00 AM	R. Lyalle Marshall
	5:00 PM	I. Deacon Rod Attwell & Family
Sun. 15-Dec	9:00 AM	Intentions of Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Intentions of Parishioners
	5:00 PM	I. Tony Ibrahim
Mon. 16-Dec	8:00 AM	R. Siegfried Winzer
Tues. 17-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Joe & Danielle Kovacevic
Wed. 18-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Paulet Nicholls (Isaacs)
	5:00 PM	I. Terri Therrien & Family
Thurs. 19-Dec	8:00 AM	R. Alfred Geismayer
Fri. 20-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Jessie Kosell

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Sat. 21-Dec	9:00 AM	I. Tony & Astrid Serka
	5:00 PM	I. St. Vincent de Paul Families
Sun. 22-Dec	9:00 AM	Intentions of Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Intentions of Parishioners
	5:00 PM	R. Holy Souls in Purgatory
Mon. 23-Dec	8:00 AM	R. Arsenia Adrias
Tues. 24-Dec	8:00 AM	Intentions of Parishioners
	4:00 PM	Christmas Mass
	7:00 PM	Christmas Mass
Wed. 25-Dec	12:00 AM	Midnight Mass
	9:00 AM	Christmas Mass
	11:00 AM	Christmas Mass
Thurs. 26-Dec	9:00 AM	I. Jon & Anna Collins
Fri. 27-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Chrissy & Brady Loseth

STEWARDSHIP/WEEKLY OFFERINGS, W/E – 12/08/24

Weekly Offerings required	\$ 7,826.00
Sunday Collections	\$ 8,389.60
Offerings received to date	\$ 393,265.57
Offerings Required, to date	\$ 399,126.00

Balance to Date **\$ -5,860.43**

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL:

Bishop Gregory Bittman, Fr. Jim. Ratcliffe, Michael Ward, Teresa McGauley, Chiamaka Aghaizu, Josephine Bruch, Mary Van Verdegen, 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

STEWARDSHIP FOR ICC

WAYS TO DONATE:

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



(Scan me here!)

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

ICC YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The ICC Young Adult group meet in the Blue Room every Sunday after the 9 am mass for discussion and fellowship. All young adults between the ages of 18-30 are welcome.

All UBCO students ...there is mass on campus **every Monday at 7pm** in UNC 316 and small group meetings every Thursday at 7pm in UNC 316. The UBCO Catholic Club is working to build a faith community on campus.

Come and join to learn more about the Catholic faith and to grow in community.

All students are welcome!



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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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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Free 1 Year On-Line Membership

You can enjoy the benefits of being a Knights of Columbus Member, including Accidental Death Benefit and the famous Columbia Magazine. Go to: www.kofc.org/joinus Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY After joining, please check your INBOX for confirmation.

ST. VINCENT'S CORNER:



A great many thanks to all of you for supporting your ICC St. Vincent de Paul Society throughout this year. Thanks to you we fed over 300 people at our recent Christmas Party. In lieu of heavy food hampers, we gave families gift cards to buy groceries, Dollarama cards for the children, and gift cards to Orchard Plaza for the teenagers. There were also many beautiful door prizes including a bike and a cart. The children also received a gift bag. At our free tables, people were able to choose clothing, white elephant items, and food items. Many families were also able to avail themselves of new Winter coats thanks to the support of the Knights of Columbus.

This was a real community effort. We want to thank the ICC's youth group who worked as dishwashers, servers, face painters and cookie chefs. We also want to thank Fr. Maurice, David, Leanne and Andrea who came to help serve food. Last, but not least, we want to thank the volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul who worked tirelessly to put on this event. Thank you all!

Merry Christmas!

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).



FAITH OF THE FATHERS READING GROUP

that Faith Of The Fathers will not be in session for the following dates: December 18, 2024, December 25, 2024 and January 1, 2025

We will return to meetings starting January 8, 2025

Please contact Charlie Parker at fotfkelowna@gmail.com for further information.

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>

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

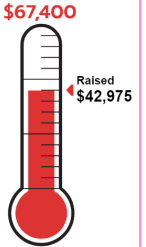
Diocese Goal for ICC:.....\$67,400.00
Donations received to date:..\$42,975.25

Balance Remaining:.....\$24,424.75

70 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.

Thank you to those who have supported our 2024 Appeal.



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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

Bishop Emeritus Eugene Cooney

will celebrate his 93rd Birthday on Dec. 10th!



Due to the prolonged postal strike, arrangements have been made to gather cards and deliver them to him. A clearly marked basket will be available in the church foyer from Sunday December 8th until Sunday December 22nd. These will be delivered to him personally in Calgary for Christmas.



Help to make Bishop Cooney's 93rd birthday and Christmas celebration memorable!!

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 pm – 1:00 am
Midnight snacks

Music by Vic Dance Band

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



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.

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

- ♦ **FILIPINO MASS** celebrated at 5:00 PM every **FIRST Saturday** of the month.

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

- ♦ **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

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/>

NDCRS YOUTH JUBILEE 2025 - PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

July 23 – August 6, 2025

High School Students & Young Adults ****Limited Space Available****

Rome, Assisi, Naples, Sorrento

See bulletin board, scan the QR Code, or contact the ICC Parish Office for more details!

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HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT LEAVING A LEGACY?

For more information or assistance contact the Diocesan Appeals Office at the Catholic Pastoral Centre.
Phone: 250-448-2725 ext. 240,
or email: plannedgiving@nelsondiocese.org

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

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 15TH

+ **30 Minutes BC**

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/30-minutes-bc>

+ **Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage**

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/adventus>

+ **<https://watch.formed.org/videos/christmas-part-2-what-catholics-believe>**

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/what-is-the-immaculate-conception-1>

ICC – OFFICE

VOLUNTEER "GREETERS" NEEDED

Immaculate Conception Church Office is looking for a few volunteer "Greeters" from 8:30 am – 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!

PRAYER GROUP

Open wide the door of your heart to the One who comes... Our Lord, Christ Jesus.... Our prayer group will not be gathering starting December 10th to December 31st. We will gather once again January 7th 2025...

Our prayers continue for one another our community and our world...

Wishing you all a blessed Advent Season and a very Merry Christmas...

For more info please call Piera 250-215-7100

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of Nelson Diocese

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by following us on:

cisnd.ca

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@cisnd_catholic_schools

@CISND_Schools

Download our **APP!**



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office **FIRST** when enquiring about your child's baptism.
At least one Parent and all Godparents must be actively practicing Catholics.

We ask that you call or email the office **at least 6 WEEKS prior** to your requested date to ensure time for your preparation.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

As a Catholic, the most important part of preparing for the sacrament of marriage is asking Jesus to be at the center of the marriage.

In preparation of this special sacrament we ask that you contact the office **at least 6 MONTHS prior** to your requested wedding date.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Are you getting married in the Catholic Church?
Marriage prep sessions have begun at St. Pius X for the fall.

Please contact **St. Pius X Parish** 250.762.2587, Deacon Peter d'Aoust or Lynn Hale for more information lhaledaoust2012@gmail.com or phone 250-460-0378

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/>

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 Immacolatae	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

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

We are preparing the 2025 Offertory Envelopes! If you did not receive collection envelopes in the past and you wish to receive 2025 Offertory Envelopes, please contact the parish office to arrange for a box.

Please inform the office of any change in address/phone number, in preparation for the 2025 envelopes and the 2024 income tax receipts.

Phone: 250-762-3910

Email: icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org

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, return to the Parish Office

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Postal Code _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Envelopes?? Yes _____ Not now _____

We are so glad that you are here with us to love and serve Jesus in deep unity!

