

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

Parish Priest: Fr. Maurice Okolie

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December 8th, 2024 – SECOND 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
<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: Baruch 5.1-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3.1-6

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL 1ST QTR—2025 MASS SCHEDULE

Thurs. Jan 16th @ 9:30 am

Thurs. Feb. 6th @ 9:30 am

Thurs. Mar. 6th @ 9:30

(Ash Wednesday)

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

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

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."

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.

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 – 12/01/24

Weekly Offerings required	\$ 7,826.00
Sunday Collections	\$ 7,680.80
Offerings received to date	\$ 384,875.97
Offerings Required, to date	\$ 391,300.00

Balance to Date \$ - 6,424.03

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and peace in the Lord!

I write to let you know that I have to deal with a medical issue that requires my immediate and full attention. Our Vicar General, Fr. Sebastian Puthenpura and our Chancellor, Fr. Cerlouie Jimenez will fill in during my absence.

I very much appreciate your prayers at this time, especially on Dec. 17th & 18th. I, of course, will hold you in prayer during this time too.

God bless,
✠ Bishop Greg

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

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



(Scan me here!)

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

**NORTH OKANAGAN DEANERY
2024 ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULES**

Parish/School	Date & Time	
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

MASS INTENTIONS Repose - R. Intention - I.

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
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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



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 8TH

- † **Christmas Special | Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids**
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/christmas-special-laugh-and-grow-bible-for-kids>
- † **Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message**
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/guadalupe-the-miracle-and-the-message>
- † **What Is The Immaculate Conception?**
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/what-is-the-immaculate-conception-1>



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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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENT:

Celebrate! OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

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.

FEED A FAMILY... FEEL THE JOY!

7th Annual Kelowna Christmas Turkey Drive hosted by Immaculata Regional High School
1493 KLO Road

Friday, December 13th from 6:30 am – 10:00 am

IMMAC is accepting both frozen turkeys and monetary donations for the direct purchase of turkeys in support of the Central Okanagan Food Bank.

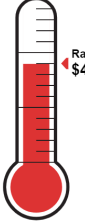


2024 PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL

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>

\$67,400



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

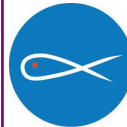
Diocese Goal for ICC:.....\$67,400.00
Donations received to date:..\$42,975.25

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. We hope that everyone will participate in this year's appeal.

ST. VINCENT'S CORNER:



Thank you all so much for your support of St. Vincent de Paul. The recent Celtic Concert brought in \$10,500. This will go a long way towards making sure that people have support to pay rent and utilities to keep them from being evicted.

Your angel tree donations are also flowing in. These donations will go towards providing a wonderful Christmas party for our neighbours complete with Christmas carols, music, crafts, door prizes, Christmas hampers and a special visit from Santa Clause. We are so blessed to have the support of such a generous parish.

Thank you!

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).



GRADE 7-12 KELOWNA CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

Join us this Sunday (Dec. 8) from 6:00 - 8:45 pm at ICC's Parish Center (come to the EAST entrance) for our Christmas Movie Night! Home Alone 2! This will be our last gathering until January 5. Merry Christmas from David, Leanne, Nicole and Laura!



For more information about these events or to register for our Youth Group, go to www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.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
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

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/>



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.

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

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

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!

OTHER LOCAL PARISHES NEWS & EVENTS:

ST. PIUS X 1346 Gordon Drive | (250) 762-2587 | spkkelowna@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.
- ◆ **NEXT SPANISH MASS** – Thursday December 12th @ 6:00 pm

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 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

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



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)



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 Immaculatae	Eileen Collins	575-3553
Music Ministry call Parish Office		762-3910
Okanagan Pregnancy Care Centre		763-2112
Rachel's Vineyard		762-2273
		info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.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!

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