

# Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

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## January 5, 2025 – The Epiphany of the Lord

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  
*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 @ 10:00 am\*\*  
\*\*updated\*\***

Thurs. Feb. 6th @ 9:30 am

Thurs. Mar. 6th @ 9:30  
(Ash Wednesday)

Thurs. April 24 @ 9:30 am

Thurs. May 29 @ 9:30 am

Thurs. June 12 @ 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](mailto:chaplain@nelsondiocese.org).

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

### MASSES AT CARE HOMES

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

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED:

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](mailto:icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)*

**1st Reading:**  
Isaiah 60.1-6

**2nd Reading:**  
Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

**Gospel:**  
Matthew 2.1-12

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

**For the right to an education.**

*"Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected."*

### STEWARDSHIP/WEEKLY OFFERINGS, W/E – 12/29/24

<b>Weekly Offerings required</b>	<b>\$ 7,826.00</b>
Sunday Collections	\$ 15,055.10
Christmas Collections	\$ 16,464.15
Offerings received to date	\$ 459,783.66
Offerings Required, to date	\$ 430,430.00
<b>Balance to Date</b>	<b>\$ 29,353.66</b>

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

**MASS INTENTIONS** Repose – R. Intention – I.

Sat.	04-Jan	9:00 am	R. Josip Serka
		5:00 pm	R. Deceased members of the Funtek Family
Sun.	05-Jan	9:00 am	Intentions of Parishioners
		11:00 am	Intentions of Parishioners
		5:00 pm	I. Hainsworth Family
Mon.	06-Jan	8:00 am	I. Philip & Candace Matte
Tues.	07-Jan	8:00 am	I. Fr. Paul Simms
Wed.	08-Jan	8:00 am	R. Sharon Watson
		5:00 pm	I. Mark Benson
Thurs.	09-Jan	8:00 am	R. Joan Faley
Fri.	10-Jan	8:00 am	R. Mr. Kimberly Allers
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Sat.	11-Jan	9:00 am	R. Margaret Murphy
		5:00 pm	R. John Phelan
Sun.	12-Jan	9:00 am	Intentions of Parishioners
		11:00 am	Intentions of Parishioners
		5:00 pm	R. Tom Serka
Mon.	13-Jan	8:00 am	I. Steve & Raluca Matte
Tues.	14-Jan	8:00 am	I. Mike Feric
Wed.	15-Jan	8:00 am	R. Denise Cire
		5:00 pm	R. Adelaida Pagobo
Thurs.	16-Jan	8:00 am	R. George Janicki
Fri.	17-Jan	8:00 am	R. Paul Kelly & Jean Kelly

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

**Annual Skating Party at Stuart Park**

Sunday, January 5 from 6:15 to 8:30 pm. Skates, helmets and push bar rentals are available at Stuart Park. We'll bring the hot chocolate and cookies! Even if you don't skate, come and hang out at the fire pit with us! Pick up and drop off at Immaculate Conception Church.



**Winter Series: The Chosen (Season 4)**

Join us Sunday night as we journey through season 4 of the Chosen to help us go deeper with our relationship with Jesus. Series starts January 12.

**Winter Retreat**

Save the date for our Annual Winter Retreat on Saturday, Jan. 25 and Sunday, Jan. 26. We believe this will be our BEST retreat yet! Registration information will be on our website in early January.

To register for our youth group or for more information about our events, please go to [www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca](http://www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca).

Wishing all of you a very happy Christmas season!

David, Leanne, Nicole and Laura

**STEWARDSHIP FOR ICC**

**WAYS TO DONATE:**

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



(Scan me here!)

**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, or scan the QR Code for more details!



Sponsored by: Nelson Diocese Catholic Renewal Services

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

**VALENTINE'S DINNER/DANCE**

Friday February 14th 2025

Doors open @ 6:00 (refreshments)  
Dinner @ 6:30 | Dancing from 7:30

Music by Vic's Dance Band

Tickets are \$45 per person and are available at Loaves & Fishes – 591 Lawrence Ave | 250-868-8933



**FAITH OF THE FATHERS READING GROUP**

The Faith Of The Fathers reading group 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 [fortkelowna@gmail.com](mailto:fortkelowna@gmail.com) for further information.

**follow CISND! (Catholic Independent Schools of the Nelson Diocese).**

CISND is now on social media.

Stay up-to-date on everything CISND by following us on:



cisnd.ca



CISND



@cisnd\_catholic\_schools

Download our App



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/>



## ICC KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING EVENTS

### PARISH BREAKFAST!!

ICC Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to join us for breakfast this **Sunday, January 5th**, 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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### 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](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)  
Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY  
After joining, please check your INBOX for confirmation.

## 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*

## 2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES & 2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The 2025 collection envelopes are ready for pick up in the foyer of the church. Please only pick up your envelope box. If you did not receive collection envelopes in the past and you wish to receive 2025 Offertory Envelopes, or you notice your box is missing, please contact the parish office.

In preparation for the 2024 Income Tax receipting, if you have moved this past year, please update your contact information/new address with the Parish Office.

Thank you!



Through a 5 day 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 program in Canada is **May 20- 25 in Kelowna**. For more information please email [griegtograncelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtograncelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to [250-808-6403](tel:250-808-6403).

## Catholic Women's League

OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

We have our CWL General meeting on Tuesday Jan. 14, 2025 at 1pm in the Main Hall. Please join us as we choose a new executive CWL team! Light refreshments to follow.

All ladies of the parish welcome to attend.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office **FIRST** when enquiring about your child's baptism. *At least one Parent and all Godparents must have received all sacraments of initiation (Baptism Eucharist and Confirmation), and 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](mailto:lhaledaoust2012@gmail.com) or phone 250-460-0378



Sign-up information is in the church entrance!

To find this week's featured content, visit [watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed](http://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed).

### WEEK OF JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>

- † **God's Doorkeeper**  
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/god-s-doorkeeper-st-andre-of-montreal>
- † **The Three Wise Men**  
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/drawing-closer-to-god-season-1-episode-6>
- † **Epiphany**  
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/epiphany>

### JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

In addition to the Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope prayer cards located in the pews and church entrance, please visit the CCCB website for downloadable resources/guides and reflections: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/the-ordinary-jubilee-of-the-year-2025/cccb-adult-faith-resources-on-the-jubilee-year-2025/>

Jubilee 2025 Passports for visiting the designated pilgrimage sites in our diocese during the Jubilee Year are available in the church entrance.

As Pilgrims of Hope, may many graces and blessing be given to you as you celebrate the Jubilee Year.



## Office of the Bishop

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2 January 2025

Dear Rev. Fathers, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and peace in the Lord!

As you know, in December I had major surgery at Vancouver General Hospital. I am very grateful for the surgeons and the surgical team that assisted them. They performed not one but two extensive surgeries, plus an interventional radiological treatment between the surgeries. The main neurosurgeon surgeon was very happy with the outcome, and equally me as well.

At this time, I still have many weeks of recovery ahead of me. The recovery is giving me time to reflect and appreciate all of the graces and blessing God has bestowed on me during this difficult time. I want to tell you how much I appreciate that you prayed for me. When hospitalized, during the blurry time between surgeries, praying was difficult if not impossible. This was one of the hardest things to deal with as prayer has been integral to my whole life.

When I reflect on this experience, I came to realize that when I couldn't pray, you prayed for me. Your prayer got me through this experience, comforted me and enabled me to endure all the tests and procedures. What a gift!

So, I have much to be thankful for this New Year. I am thankful to God, not only for the gift of my life, but most of all, for all of you and your prayers and support.

I ask that you continue to pray for me and for one another. I continue to hold all of you in prayer and ask God's blessing on you for your love and goodness. God bless.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus our Lord,

✠ Gregory J Bittman  
Bishop of Nelson

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## FIRST CLASS RELICS OF THREE OF THE CANADIAN MARTYRS - ST. JEAN DE BREBEUF, ST. CHARLES GARNIER, AND ST. GABRIEL LALEMANT

St. Charles Garnier Parish is honored to welcome the major First Class Relics of three of the Canadian Martyrs - St. Jean de Brebeuf, St. Charles Garnier, and St. Gabriel Lalemant - along with a First Class Relics of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, on January 15th (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) and January 16th (9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.). There will be exposition of the relics with a brief program and opportunity for individual veneration.

All are welcome!

## 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!

## OTHER LOCAL PARISHES NEWS & EVENTS:

ST. PIUS X 1346 Gordon Drive | (250) 762-2587  
[spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://facebook.com/groups/CatholicMomsConnectSCG)

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

Parish Priest	<i>Fr. Maurice Okolie</i>	762-3910
Permanent Deacon	<i>Dcn. Rod Attwell</i>	rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org
Parish Secretary/Office Manager	<i>Andrea Mitton</i>	762-3910 ext 0
Parish Fax		763-7450
Maintenance	<i>Douglas Rasmussen</i>	762-3910 ext 0
RCIA	<i>Leanne Hopegood</i>	762-3910 ext 4
Youth / Religious Ed.	<i>David Ziebart</i>	762-3910 ext 3
Young Adults		iccyoungadults839@gmail.com
CWL	<i>Monaco Parker</i>	300-7773
CWL Hospitality Chairperson	<i>Monaco Parker</i>	cmparkerfamily@gmail.com
Charismatic Prayer Grp	<i>Piera</i>	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	<i>Robert Plaxton, Principal</i>	762-2730
Kelowna Right to Life	<i>Marlon Bartram</i>	870-4103
Knights of Columbus	<i>Tony Serka</i>	Pandosy2558@gmail.com
Militia Immacolatae	<i>Eileen Collins</i>	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	<i>Maddy Pedrette, Principal</i>	763-3371
Seton House of Prayer		764-4333

**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**

**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**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH REGISTRATION FORM**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street and Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status (circle one): Married in the Catholic Church    Single    Widow/Widower    Other

**Children Living at Home:**

Name	M/F	Age	Grade	Sacraments Received:		
				Baptism	Eucharist	Confirmation

**Check all that apply.** I am interested in ...

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> receiving Offertory Envelopes | <input type="checkbox"/> the bulletin emailed to me | <input type="checkbox"/> a pastoral visit                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knights of Columbus           | <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Women's League    | <input type="checkbox"/> Catechism / PREP                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic School               | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry             | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adults                     |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> serving in Liturgical Ministries |

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