

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

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December 29th, 2024 – HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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

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!

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!!

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

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

1st Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12–14
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2nd Reading: Colossians 3.12–21
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Gospel: Luke 2.41–52

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1 Samuel 1.20–22, 24–28
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2nd Reading: 1 John 3.1–2, 21–24
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Gospel: Luke 2.41–52

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."

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!

MASS INTENTIONS Repose – R. Intention – I.

Sat.	28-Dec	9:00 AM	I.	Fr. Curtis McKenzie
		5:00 PM	I.	Gary Tymofichuk
Sun.	29-Dec	9:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		11:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		5:00 PM	I.	Avelina Japos
Mon.	30-Dec	8:00 AM	I.	Mafelda Vecchio
Tues.	31-Dec	8:00 AM	I.	Maurice & Isabel Matte
		5:00 PM		Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Wed.	01-Jan	9:00 AM		Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
		11:00 AM		Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
		4:00 PM		Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Thurs.	02-Jan	8:00 AM	R.	Dan Kmet
Fri.	03-Jan	8:00 AM	R.	Ante Mekinic
		4:00 PM	R.	Maria Serka
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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

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.

Wishing all of you a very happy Christmas season!
David, Leanne, Nicole and Laura

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

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

New Year's Mass Schedules:

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
	4:00 pm	Mass –Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

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)

STEWARDSHIP/WEEKLY OFFERINGS, W/E – 12/22/24

Weekly Offerings required	\$	7,826.00
Sunday Collections	\$	26,846.95
Offerings received to date	\$	428,264.41
Offerings Required, to date	\$	414,778.00
Balance to Date	\$	13,486.41

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

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

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



ICC KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING EVENTS

PARISH BREAKFAST!!

ICC Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to join us for breakfast on **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
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*

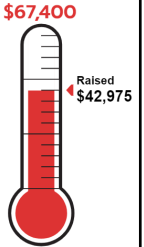
2024 PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL

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.

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 fortfkelowna@gmail.com for further information.



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 29TH

- † New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-augustine-institute-show-1-4-2022-new-year-resolutions>
- † Christmas | Sacred Art
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/sacred-art-the-nativity>
- † O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/o-holy-night-the-king-is-born-what-christmas-is-about>

NDCRS YOUTH JUBILEE 2025

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

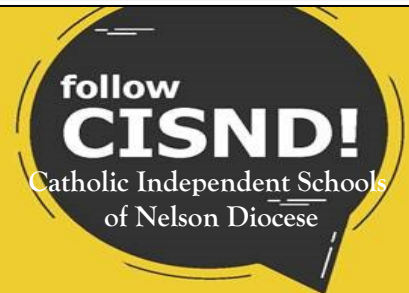
July 23 – August 6, 2025

High School Students & Young Adults
Limited Space Available

Rome, Assisi, Naples, Sorrento
See bulletin board, or scan the QR Code for more details!



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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.

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

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

ICC – OFFICE, VOLUNTEER “GREETERS” NEEDED

The ICC Office is looking for a couple of volunteer “Greeters” from 8:30 am–12:30 pm Tuesdays and Fridays.

Please call or email the parish office 250-762-3910 or icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org for more details!

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

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 Benvoulin 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

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 _____

Offertory Envelopes?? Yes ____ Not now ____

Emailed Bulletin Copy? Y/N

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