

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

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

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



August 23rd 2026

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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

WHAT DO CATHOLICS ACTUALLY BELIEVE?

Not sure what Catholics believe—or know someone who has questions? Come and discover what the Catholic faith teaches through our RCIA Program!
RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey for adults who are not baptized and would like to learn more about becoming Catholic. It is also open to those who are missing one or more sacraments, such as Confirmation.
Together, we will learn about the Catholic faith, pray, ask questions, and grow in our understanding. The journey includes videos, prayer, and special rites celebrated at Mass.

Weekly classes in the ICC Hall begin September 8th, 2026. 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Registration is required.

For more information, please see Fr Maurice or contact Leanne (RCIA coordinator) at 250-762-3910 ext. 4 or leanne.icckelowna@gmail.com

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

For evangelization in the city.

"Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community."

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).

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

Immaculate Conception Church FINANCIAL GOALS

Sunday Collections

THIS WEEK ✓ GOAL MET CA\$14,830 of CA\$9,544

155% of goal

YEAR TO DATE CA\$314,257 of CA\$524,920

94% of YTD goal · 60% of yearly

▼ CA\$19,783 behind

Pilgrimage of Faith

TOTAL RAISED CA\$18,800 of CA\$71,500

26% of goal

▼ CA\$22,908 behind

Updated August 16th, 2026 · Pilgrimage July 31, 2026

CALLING ADULT VOLUNTEERS

THURSDAY EVENINGS

Looking to do something fun and rewarding?

Become a missionary forming disciples!

Join the SPX Catechism Team

RSVP to Ingrid Uhrich
catechism.spx.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday Aug 27, 7pm

St. Pius X hall

Come find out more and
get to know us

As wildfires continue to affect communities across British Columbia, let us pray:

For families forced to leave their homes, for firefighters and first responders, for those providing shelter and support, and for all creation impacted by these fires, that God may grant them protection, strength, and hope.

May the Lord hear
our prayer.

Amen.

For those in the fire's path

Firefighters, families, and the land itself
— hold them in prayer this week.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED:

Linda Kirkpatrick	Juliana Lavell
Chaz	Cyslin Isaacs
Neil Herzog	Maritess Steiman
Chloe	Rhonda Jennens
Loreta Batandolo	Roy Velmonte
Jason & Mary Angela Newcomb	Justina Mikosa
Ken & Lynda Antao	Mildred Reyes
Filomena Rotundo	Kathe Gonzaga Carpena
Ashton Therrien	Michelle Miller
Bishop Gregory Bittman	Victor Kovac
Irene Heisler	Phillip Dos Santos
Lawson	Marlene Hughes
Teresa Kovacs	Dorota Nowak
Elizabeth Downey	Chinee Fajardo
Maggie Johnstone	Rosario
Samuel Jovez	Luisito & Crispin Clemente
Rick Prost	Nancy Brisson
Sheila Lowe	Ginoefa Diakow
Teresa McGauley	Rick Lock
Chiamaka Aghaizu	Mertis Filiatrault
Josephine Bruch	Sister Barbara
Diane Lynott	Candace Gilmore-Stephensen
Hazel Csordas	Anne Engel
Rihnon Coatsworth	Rachel Donegan.
Helen Zentner	Catherine Fortunat
Theresa Kaller	Michael M
Kathleen Mayhew	Trudy Szulkies
Jesse Wilson	Cherie Lynn Walsh
Bambina Tinto	Suzanne Crowe
Anne Mould	Alicia L
Rose Harry	Arthur & Gudrun Cobham
Adam Gorges	Marcus Cresswell
Joyce Tremmel	Ray Pauluk
Sandra Park	Desjardines Families
Loretta Bouchard	Helena Plaxton
Braulio Gonzales	Father Ron Dechant

To add or remove a name from the parish prayer list, kindly contact the Parish Office at 250-762-3910 or email icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org

MASS INTENTIONS Repose – R. Intention – I.

Sat.	22-Aug	9:00 AM	I.	Cyslin Isaacs
		5:00 PM	I.	St. Vincent de Paul Families
Sun.	23-Aug	9:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		11:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		5:00 PM	R.	Mafalda Vecchio
Mon.	24-Aug	8:00 AM	I.	Kathleen Mayhew
Tues.	25-Aug	8:00 AM	R.	Bonniefacio Magallanes
Wed.	26-Aug	8:00 AM	I.	Helena Plaxton
		5:00 PM	R.	Anna Mae & Matthew Collins
Thurs.	27-Aug	8:00 PM	R.	Nadine Hale
Fri.	28-Aug	8:00 AM	I.	Brigit Brizalua
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Sat.	29-Aug	9:00 AM	I.	Maureen Pestell
		5:00 PM	I.	Andrea Mitton
Sun.	30-Aug	9:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		11:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		5:00 PM	I.	Raynn Samuelson
Mon.	31-Aug	8:00 AM	I.	Robert Mischelle
Tues.	01-Sep	8:00 AM	I.	Katjana Kai
Wed.	02-Sep	8:00 AM	R.	Frederico Ogoy
		5:00 PM	I.	Thalheimer Family
Thurs.	03-Sep	8:00 PM	I.	Michael & Marley Geismayr
Fri.	04-Sep	8:00 AM	I.	Olive Woodward
		4:00 PM	I.	Knights of Columbus



Knights of Columbus Corner



Parish Food Drive

The Pandosy Council is hosting a Food Drive in support of St. Vincent de Paul from September 1-30.

Parishioners are invited to donate non-perishable food items, which can be dropped off in the foyer.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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Calling all men 18 and over to join the Pandosy KofC Council

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

St. Vincent's Corner:



Dear friends, as our neighbors in Summerland cope with the forest fire our SSVP members in Penticton have stepped up to support families in all ways possible. Both Penticton Parish halls are being utilized for required services. Vincentians along with the entire parish family are there to provide food, caring and compassionate listening, tools needed as families return home and so much more. St. Anne's Conference is part of the Okanagan Valley Vincentian family so we will be providing support as needed.

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Remember next weekend is Poor Boxes!

icc.ssvp@gmail.com Thank you again for your generosity.



Catholic Women's League

OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Renew your membership or become a new member - Perks include:
Monthly social gatherings, lots of prayers, quarterly newsletter, friendship, community + more!

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Ladies 16 and older are eligible for full memberships. Kids of all ages are always welcome with their mother/guardian & are encouraged to participate!

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CWL on Summer break – Will resume Sept. 8, 2026

General Meeting Sept. 15, 2026 at 6:30pm.

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Questions/e-transfer info? Contact Monaco Parker:
250-300-7773/cmparkerfamily@gmail.com

Help us improve the Diocese of Nelson Website by taking a quick survey:



You may also access it here: <https://forms.gle/eeA8SkbEytACLcPQ8>

Your feedback is much appreciated!

This survey is distributed and monitored by the Diocese of Nelson

STEWARDSHIP FOR ICC

WAYS TO DONATE:

- **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.
- Regular offerings/collection envelopes.
- Pre-Authorized giving (PAG).
- Mail your Offerings
- QR Code.

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

Our parish has a Formed subscription!
Sign-up information is in the church entrance!



To find this week's featured content, visit
<https://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed>
or scan the QR Code to download the Formed app to your phone or device!

WEEK OF AUGUST 23TH, 2026

- ✚ The Confessions of St. Augustine | Little Saints
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3279961/>
- ✚ Feast of Saint Monica | Catholic Saints
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1050277/>
- ✚ Restless Heart
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/587031/>



Do you love to sing? The Kelowna Community Gospel Choir is holding auditions throughout September, and all voice types are welcome. Rehearsals are Mondays at 6:30 PM beginning September 7, 2026, at Mission Springs Church of God, 3705 Mission Springs Drive. For more information, contact kelownacommunitygospelchoir@live.com or 250-763-0453, or visit www.facebook.com/kelowna.community.gospel.choir.

Gathering in the Spirit 2026 – September 16–19 at Seton House of Prayer, Kelowna. Guest speaker John Connelly: "Draw Near to My Sanctuary—Abundant Life and True Love Await." Wed. 8:00 a.m. to Sat. 4:00 p.m. Residential \$547 (Nelson Diocese) / \$647 (outside); commuters \$308. Info & registration: ndccrs2020@gmail.com. Hosted by the Charismatic Renewal.

Diocese of Nelson Perpetual Adoration Chapel

839 Sutherland Avenue
Hours in Need:

Monday: 8am (starting September 14th)

Email: adorationkelowna@gmail.com

Contact: Luke Mitton - Text/Telephone: 778-214-0680



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

Okanagan Valley Pregnancy Care Centre Charity Banquet Fundraiser

22 | October | 2026

6–9 PM · Doors open at 5:30 PM

Evangel Church · 3261 Gordon Dr.

Tickets \$40 Table (8) \$300

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY — NO DOOR SALES.

CALL

250-763-2112



YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED

Now on the Community Calendar

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH · KELOWNA, BC · 2026

PARISH COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

Dinner & Dance

FRIDAY

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SEPT

An evening of great food and even better music. Live music by **Vic's Dance Band** — old-time rock & roll, waltzes, country, Latin, disco and oldies.

Refreshments 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Dancing to follow

Admission \$45 per person

Immaculate Conception Church Hall · 839 Sutherland Avenue

PARISH COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

Thanksgiving Dinner & Dance

FRIDAY

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Music for every occasion with **Vic's Dance Band**. All proceeds support the Immaculate Conception Church Community.

Refreshments 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Dancing to follow

Admission \$45 per person

Immaculate Conception Church Hall · 839 Sutherland Avenue

St. Pius X 49th Annual Bazaar

8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Bring your reusable shopping bags

SATURDAY

26

SEPT

Treasures

Books

Childrens Booth

White Elephant

Jewellery

Quilt Table

Baking Booth

BBQ — Burgers & Dogs

Tea Room

50/50 Draw

& More!

St. Pius X Church · Corner of Gordon Dr. & Fuller Ave.

FOR BOTH DINNER & DANCE EVENINGS

Tickets

Available at Loaves and Fishes, 591 Lawrence Avenue.
Tickets must be shown at the main door of entry.

Dress code

Semi-formal attire required. No jeans, sneakers or casual wear.

CHEZ VINCENT UPDATE

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We are excited to introduce our new store manager, **Maggie**. Maggie comes to us with a background in thrift store management. We are looking forward to learning more about how to really run a business.

We are in the midst of construction renovations so please continue to hold on to those precious donations for a few more weeks. We will have dates soon and exact location.

As we prepare to open **Chez Vincent Thrift Store in Kelowna**, we are beginning to build the inventory that will fill our shelves and help make our new store a success.

We are looking for clean, gently used, good-quality items that are ready to be enjoyed by a new owner. Every item donated to Chez Vincent helps support the work and mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in our community.

Donations We Are Looking For:

Clothing & Accessories - Fall & Winter

- Women's & Men's
- Footwear
- Handbags & purses
- Belts, scarves
- Winter coats, boots, hats and gloves
- Jewelry, stands and boxes

Housewares & Kitchen

- Dishes, glassware and mugs
- Pots, pans and bakeware
- Cutlery and kitchen utensils
- Small kitchen appliances, kettles, coffee makers, toasters, etc.
- Serving dishes and decorative kitchen items

Home Décor & Other

- Pictures, artwork and frames
- Lamps in working condition
- Vases, baskets and decorative items
- Velvet non slip hangers
- Seasonal and holiday décor (Halloween and Christmas)
- Small household furnishings
- Indoor house plants

- Plant pots
- Antiques & Collectables
- Fans, heaters
- Flat Screen TV's
- Hair accessories, curling irons, blow dryers, etc.
- New unopened beauty products
- New unopened toiletries, shampoos, toothbrushes and paste, lotions, perfumes. etc.
- Backpacks, computer bags, suitcases

Linens

- Towels
- Blankets and throws
- Comforters and quilts
- Sheets, pillow cases
- Tablecloths and other household linens
- Pillows

Books, Games & Miscellaneous

- Books, novels, special interest (please no course books)
- Puzzles and board games with all pieces
- Computer games
- Craft and hobby supplies, yarn, sewing, scrapbooking, etc.6
- Office supplies
- Greeting cards, party supplies
- Pet supplies
- Electronics, speakers, bluetooth items, headphones, computer monitor, etc.
- Tools
- Fishing & camping supplies (in season)
- Musical instruments, music memorabilia, band t-shirts

What Does “Donation Ready” Mean?

“Would I feel comfortable giving this item to a friend or family member?”

"Would I purchase this item from a thrift store?"

"Are All cords in good shape? Good working order?"

If the answer is yes, we would be happy to receive it!

Please ensure donations are:

- Clean and freshly laundered, where appropriate

- Free from stains, tears, excessive wear, pet hair and strong odours
- Complete, with no missing or broken pieces, In good working condition
- Safe and suitable for resale, In season where possible

Please do not donate items that are broken, heavily worn, stained, soiled, mouldy or otherwise unsuitable for resale. Disposing of unusable donations creates an additional cost for the Society and takes resources away from our mission.

As we are starting an entirely new thrift store from empty shelves, we need a little bit of everything!

This is a wonderful time to look through your closets, cupboards, bookshelves and storage areas for quality items you no longer use. Your donations will help us create a welcoming, affordable community thrift store while supporting the important work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

As a general rule, we will not have a children's section in the store (clothing). We will have a section of books and games for kids. If you would like to donate children's items, we will love to have them to include in our Christmas shopping inventory and for an annual sale at Spring break/Easter.

Please note: due to strict regulations regarding children's items, we can not accept cribs, strollers, car seats or bike helmets.

Donations of gift cards, non perishable food items and cash are also gratefully accepted to support ongoing SSVP programs.

There are a few items we need for instore use:

Colour printer, Clothing steamer, Small microwave, Small fridge, Water cooler

Small table and chairs, Reusable shopping bags, Plain packing paper, tissue paper, bubble wrap

Step stool, Tools

We are all very excited to see this project come to life and can't wait to open our doors. Thank you for helping us give good things a second life and for supporting the launch of Chez Vincent Kelowna.

Catholic Mountain Star

Fall 2026 Submissions

Theme: Weddings & Anniversaries

Deadline for submissions: September 30, 2026

We welcome

- Wedding and anniversary photos
- Marriage stories and Memories
- Milestone anniversaries
- Priest Ordination and anniversaries
- Parish Anniversary Celebrations

Submit to the theme—or send us an article you'd like to share, all submissions are welcomed.

Email your submissions to:

Catholicmountainstar@nelsondiocese.org

