

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

Parish Priest: Fr. Maurice Okolie

839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna BC V1Y 5X4

Phone: 250-762-3910 | Email: icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org | Website: <https://www.icckelowna.ca/>

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

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



April 19, 2026, Newsletter 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

YEAR A

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</i> 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

I AM THE POTTER...YOU ARE THE CLAY

Clay pots wanted!

All sizes, in any condition - broken, cracked...
as long as it's CLAY 😊

Deposit them at the back of the church by the
buckets of rocks. Thank you!



First Holy Communion

This Sunday we rejoice with the 24 children of our parish community who will receive their First Holy Communion. May the Eucharist always be their strength, their joy, and their deepest encounter with Jesus.

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

For priests in crisis:

"Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer."

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!!

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday May 28 @ 9:30 am

Thursday June 11 @ 9:30 am

All are invited!

Parish Coffee Socials

Sundays after the 9 am mass there will be coffee in the hall. Coffee Socials will be sponsored by the following ministries as follows:

Week 1 – Knights of Columbus, *Breakfast*

Week 2 – *available*

Week 3 – St. Vincent de Paul

Week 4 – Kelowna Right to Life Society

Week 5 – Parish Council

Youth

GROUP

GR. 8-12 KELOWNA CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP NEWS 🇺🇸

Just a reminder—there's NO Youth Group on April 26!

Why? Because we're heading to something even bigger 🙌

We'd love to see you in Penticton for the NET Youth Retreat. It's going to be an awesome day filled with fun, faith, and friends.

Want to stay in the loop or sign up for upcoming events? Check us out at:
www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca

OUR PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED!

If your family had a photo taken for the directory and were not able to pick last weekend, please come to the parish office during business hours to pick up your copy. Unfortunately, we do not have extra directories available at this time for those who did not have their photo taken.



The Young Adults Group

meet on Sundays in the **Blue Room** (ICC Hall) after the 11 am mass. Come join them for snacks and fellowship. All adults ages 18-35 are welcome.

Children's Liturgy Every 2nd Sunday during the 9am Mass

The next Children's Liturgy will be April 26th

If you have any questions, please contact Leanne at 250-762-3910 ext 4, or email leanne.icckelowna@gmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED:

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

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

Okanagan Korean Catholic Community (OKCC) cordially invites Korean people and anyone who would like to attend to:

KOREAN LANGUAGE MASS

St. Pius X Church, Kelowna

APRIL 19, 2026 @ 3:00 PM

Confession at 2:30pm ~ Fellowship at 4-5:30 pm.

by Fr. Park Francisco, of Vancouver St. Andrew Church

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.

MASS INTENTIONS Repose – R. Intention – I.

Sat.	18-Apr	9:00 AM	I.	Elizabeth Plaxton
		5:00 PM	I.	St. Vincent de Paul Families
Sun.	19-Apr	9:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		11:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		5:00 PM	I.	Herhaus Family
Mon.	20-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Stella Majic
Tues.	21-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Carlin Fuergutz
Wed.	22-Apr	8:00 AM	R.	Maria Filipoua
		5:00 PM	R.	For the Souls of 4 Unborn Children
Thurs.	23-Apr	8:00 PM	R.	Frederico Ogoy
Fri.	24-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Michelle Collins & Christopher Collins
+ + + + +				
Sat.	25-Apr	9:00 AM	I.	Martin & Eileen Collins
		5:00 PM	I.	Rose-Anne Turner
Sun.	26-Apr	9:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		11:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		5:00 PM	I.	Zachery & Jessica Plaxton
Mon.	27-Apr	8:00 AM	R.	Imre Kovacs
Tues.	28-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Eileen Collins
Wed.	29-Apr	8:00 AM	R.	Jo Lehune
		5:00 PM	I.	Marzena Nazarek
Thurs.	30-Apr	8:00 PM	I.	The Marin-Rasmussen Family
Fri.	01-May	8:00 AM	R.	Lourdes Dimaranan
		4:00 PM	I.	Knights of Columbus



Knights of Columbus Corner



EXEMPLIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

📅 May 1, 2026

🕒 Time: 5pm

📍 Place: ICC Parish

🕒 Reception: 5:45pm

+ + + + +

PARISH BREAKFAST

📅 Sunday, May 3rd

🕒 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Come enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast in the Parish Hall with your parish community! *All are welcome!*

🍳 Breakfast is by good-will donation.

We look forward to seeing you there!

+ + + + +

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BURSARIES

- Available for Grade 12 students pursuing post secondary education.
- Available from your ICC Fr. Pandosy Council 2558 - \$750.00 (Awarded to one student).
- Available from our State Council - \$1,000.00 (Awarded to one student)

Contact pandosy2558@gmail.com for full details on how to apply.

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.

STEWARDSHIP/WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Parish Budget	\$	9,544.00
Weekly 2026 POF Required	\$	1,300.00
Weekly Stewardship Required	\$	10,844.00
Sunday Collections – 04/12/26	\$	9,982.60
2026 POF Received – (Mar. 31)	\$	7,079.75
YTD Offerings Shortfall	\$ –	15,006.37
YTD POF Shortfall	\$ –	15,020.25

Total YTD Deficit \$ **-30,026.62**

Thank you for your generous financial support.

Your contributions are essential to helping our parish meet its weekly budget and continue serving our community.

May God bless you!

STEWARDSHIP FOR ICC

WAYS TO DONATE:

- QR Code.
- Regular offerings/collection envelopes.
- Pre-Authorized giving (PAG).
- 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

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



ST. VINCENT'S CORNER:



We cordially invite our parish family to join us for coffee after the 9 am Mass this Sunday. Come share fellowship, meet some Vincentians and have a lovely cup of coffee. We are grateful for the support and look forward to sharing our stories with you.

Update on Chez Vincent:

we are still looking for a space...please pray for us.

...and remember you can always donate online at icc.ssvp@gmail.com or scan our QR code!



Thank you for your generous support!

BICYCLES NEEDED

St. Vincent de Paul has 2 boys ages 11 and 14, newly arrived from Syria who need bicycles to get to school, activities, etc.

If you have bikes that you're willing to donate, please call either Elaine 250 899 8992 or Meg 250 808 0981 🇨🇦

NET Ministries Retreat, "Dare to Hope."

All students in Grades 6–12 across the diocese are welcome. The retreat will include large group sessions as well as age-appropriate breakout groups.

Date & Time: APRIL 26, SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: St. Ann's Parish Hall, Penticton, BC

Mass: 11:00 a.m.

Optional Dinner: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

There is **no cost** to attend. All meals and expenses are covered.

Please register as soon as you're able at this link <https://forms.gle/PnxrmMdebQifKtcd7>

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

April 24 & 25

Immaculate Conception Church, Kelowna

One in Christ, United in Mission

Keynote Speaker: Fr. Larry Richards

Author of *Be A Man: Becoming the Man God Created You to Be*

Early Bird Registration – Before April 15:

- Regular: \$65
- University Student: \$15

Register or learn more:

Visit www.heroicmen.ca and scroll down to the Kelowna Conference or scan the QR Code.



Sponsored by:

- Knights of Columbus
- Heroic Men Canada
- Kelowna Subaru
- Loaves & Fishes

Catholic Women's League

OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

BURSARY

The ICC CWL is pleased once again, to support our community with a \$500 Bursary! Applicants must be:

- 21 years old or younger.
- a baptized Roman Catholic.
- a practicing Parishioner of ICC.
- planning to attend a post-secondary institution as a first-year full-time student.
- Applicants must submit the Bursary Application, Cover Letter, Pastor's Form and Transcript by May 31, 2026.

Application packages are available to pick up at the ICC Office, Tuesday-Friday between 8:30am and 12:30pm.

† † † † † † †

Renew your membership or become a new member!
Ladies 16 and older are welcome to join!

*Coffee Socials have temporarily been postponed
please check back for upcoming dates.*

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

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 APRIL 19, 2026

- **St. Mark the Evangelist**
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/576401/>
- **Lectio: Mark**
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/586339/>
- **Via Lucis**
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2101661/>



 **He Is Risen! Alleluia!** 

Come and rejoice in the Risen Lord!

✦ Lift your heart in joyful praise

🙏 Spend time in prayer before the Lord

✦ Be renewed through worship and community

Whether you are seeking peace, encouragement, or simply time in God's presence, all are welcome.

📍 Location: St. Pius X Parish (side entrance)

📅 Date: Tues, Apr 21

🕒 Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

For more information about the People of Faith Prayer Group, please call or text Piera at 250-215-7100.

We are excited to invite all Youth in Grades 4-12 to our upcoming Our Lady of Lourdes Youth Group Volunteer Day at SPARK!

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: SPARK - Society for Providing Animal Assisted Therapy @ 2870 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna

This will be a great opportunity for our Youth to spend time with animals, help out in a meaningful way, and connect with friends in a fun and relaxed setting.

More details about specific activities at SPARK will be shared soon.

Please RSVP by Friday, April 22.

We hope to see you there!

Come!

**NELSON DIOCESAN CATHOLIC
RENEWAL CONFERENCE
April 24/25, 2026**

Speaker: Father Jack Micalchuk
Friday evening praise and worship at 6:30
Mass with healing prayers at 7 pm
Saturday 9 am-4 pm
Mass 5 pm

Accommodations available at:

Best Western Plus Hotel and Suites - 2 queen beds, \$150.78 inc. tax
Avalon Inn - queen or king bed, \$114.84 inc. tax
Location: St. Anne Church, 7610-87 Street, Osoyoos, BC
Contact: Loree Renwick - ndccrs2020@gmail.com

CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOPS



Called & Gifted

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do in your church or broader community, and He has gifted you for that purpose. Over 4 sessions, **Called & Gifted** will help

you reflect on your life and discover the spiritual gifts God has placed within you. Whether you're seeking clarity, renewal, or a deeper sense of meaning, this journey can help you recognize how God is already at work in your life and how to take that next step. **April 28 & 30, May 5 & 7** from 6:00-8:30 pm at Seton House of Prayer (Dining Room).

Register online using the QR code or at www.nelsondiocese.org.



www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/pages/invitation



KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE SOCIETY

The Kelowna Right to Life Society presents an evening with The Honourable Stockwell Day on **Thursday, April 30th** at the ICC Parish Hall, 839 Sutherland Ave, Kelowna. Doors will open at 6:00 pm with dinner scheduled for 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$40.00 ea or purchase a table of 8 for \$280.00.

Stockwell Day was elected as leader of the official opposition in 2000 and served in that capacity for two years. He has always been an advocate for the unborn and was strongly endorsed by Campaign Life Coalition in his bid to become leader of the Canadian Alliance Party.

Please join us at our annual fundraising banquet for what is sure to be a memorable and important presentation, in support of your local pro-life organization! Tickets available at www.prolifekelowna.ca or in person at Immaculate Conception Church Office, Loaves and Fishes Book Store, 591 Laurence Avenue in Kelowna. Call 250 870-4103 or kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com for more information.



MSGR. DESMOND'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Celebration!

MONSIGNOR JERRY'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026.

Mass of Thanksgiving at 10 AM at
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 635 Tranquille Road
followed by a ticketed luncheon at Colombo Lodge
814 Lorne Street

May 16th, 2026 | Tickets: \$45.00 per person

Registration deadline: May 5

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/8JqPtt7hM42amKBA>



PROTECTION AT CONCEPTION!

This Year's theme for the 2026
National March for LIFE in Canada



"Follow Me!" -Matthew 4:19

Theme for the 2026 National March for Life.

These are the words that changed history...

"Follow me; I will make you fishers of men..."

Campaign Life invites every Canadian to get involved.

Not just a slogan, an invitation to walk the path of discipleship, and leave our comfort zone and stand for LIFE.

Annual Mass for Life

Thursday, May 7, 2026 | 7:00 pm
Immaculate Conception Church
839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

Coffee and refreshments and a short video
in the Parish Hall following Mass.

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/>

SUMMIT: AN EVENING OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, May 9 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration with music, short talks, prayer, and reflection. Priests will be available for reconciliation. All ages and all parishes welcome! If possible, please bring a plate of snacks to share for the social to follow in the hall.



Make frequent visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and the devil will be powerless against you.
- Saint John Bosco



Kelowna Polish Cultural Society Dinner & Dance

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Immaculate Conception Parish Centre

Celebration of the Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791

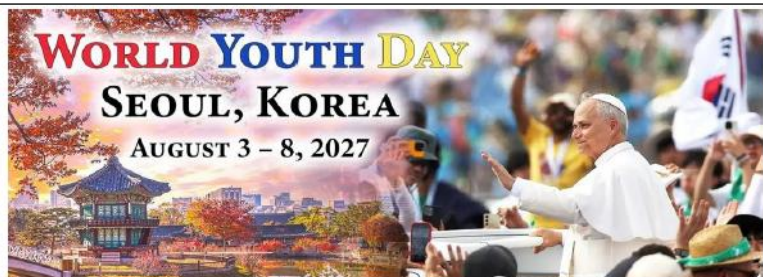
Refreshments 6:00pm | Dinner @ 6:30pm | Dancing to follow

Tickets (\$45 /adult) will be available by calling
Wioletta Konefal 431-276-8434

CATHOLIC MOUNTAIN STAR

The Catholic Mountain Star is now accepting any news, photos and articles for publication for the coming summer issue: Deadline May 8, 2026. Please send photos, news and articles to:

Catholicmountainstar@nelsondiocese.org



Young Adults of the Diocese of Nelson

World Youth Day 2027 is from

July 27th, 2027 - August 11th, 2027 in Seoul, Korea

**Dates include both Days in the Diocese and WYD*

Join Pope Leo XIV and hundreds of thousands of young Catholics (18 - 35 years old) from around the world for the World Youth Day Pilgrimage!

Participants will grow in their faith and their appreciation for the power and presence of Jesus in the Church today.

Interested? Save your spot!

E-transfer \$500 to

etransfer.DPC@nelsondiocese.org

before May 10, 2026

Add "WYD 2027 deposit" + "your full name" + "your parish" in the e-transfer message

Priest Chaplain: Fr. Ferdinand Bayarong

For more information, please contact:

Deacon Rod Attwell

rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org

**"Take courage!
I have overcome
the world."
(John 16:33)**

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	Andrea Mitton	762-3910 ext 0
Parish Fax.....	.....	763-7450
Maintenance.....	Douglas Rasmussen	762-3910 ext 0
RCIA	Leanne Hopegood.....	762-3910 ext 4
.....	.....	leanne.icckelowna@gmail.com
Youth / Religious Ed.....	David Ziebart.....	762-3910 ext 3
.....	.....	david.icckelowna@gmail.com
Young Adults .....	.....	iccyoungadults839@gmail.com
CWL.....	Monaco Parker	300-7773
CWL Hospitality Chairperson	Monaco Parker	cmparkerfamily@gmail.com
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 Ibrahim	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
.....	.....	rvokanagan@gmail.com
Reach Out Youth Counselling .....	.....	763-7892
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Meg	826-5562
.....	.....	icc.ssvp@gmail.com
St. Joseph Elementary.....	Maddy Pedrette, Principal	763-3371
Seton House of Prayer .....	.....	764-4333

DIocese of Nelson Perpetual

ADORATION CHAPEL

839 Sutherland Avenue



*The Adoration Chapel
has new contact information!!*

Email: adorationkelowna@gmail.com

Contact: Luke Mitton

Text/Telephone: 778-214-0680

The adoration chapel is still verifying the schedule. We request that all scheduled Adorers verify their scheduled hours and information with the contact information above; also indicate yes/no if you would like to have your email added to the spare list.

Current available permanent hours:
Monday: 2am & Thursday 1am

