

# 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.



April Monthly 2026, Newsletter

**EASTER SUNDAY – RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

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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 <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	<i>Benediction/Adoration 3:00 PM, Mass 4:00 PM</i>

*\*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* – 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



**Christ Is Risen,  
He Is Risen Indeed!**

Luke 24:1-49

## 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."*

## EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

### HOLY SATURDAY (April 04)

Rosary - 8:30 am  
No 9am Mass  
11-12:00pm RCIA Rehearsal  
Sacrament of Confession - 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
Blessing of Easter Food - 1:00 pm  
Divine Mercy Novena, 3:00 pm  
Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm (Please bring your own candles)  
**\*\* No 5:00 pm Mass on Holy Saturday \*\***

### EASTER SUNDAY (April 05)

Rosary - 8:30 am  
Holy Mass - 9:00 am  
Holy Mass - 11:00 am  
Divine Mercy Novena, 3:00 pm  
Holy Mass - 4:00 pm  
**\*\* No 5:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday \*\***

## 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 April 9 @ 9:30 am  
Thursday May 28 @ 9:30 am  
Thursday June 11 @ 9:30 am

*All are invited!*

## FUNERAL MASS – EGGER, Ernst Stephan

A Funeral Mass for the late Ernst Stephan Egger will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church on Tuesday April 7, 2026, at 12:00pm, followed by a reception at St. Michael and All Angels Cathedral, 608 Sutherland Ave, Kelowna.

Your presence and prayers in support of Ernst's family are warmly welcomed.

*"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."*



## ✦ Part-Time Parish Office Administrator

Immaculate Conception Church is hiring a part-time Office Administrator (Monday–Friday, 8:30–12:30) to support daily parish office operations. Full position details can be found on our website [www.icckelowna.ca/](http://www.icckelowna.ca/), or on the table in the church entrance.

Apply by April 15, 2026 *\*\*extended\*\**

Submit a resume and brief cover letter to: Andrea Mitton • [icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

# *Pastor's Easter Message*

## **EASTER: CELEBRATION OF NEW LIFE**

The Christian hymn composed by Gregory Norbert “Come Back to Me” (often known as “Hosea”) and the invitation from Prophet Joel: Return to me with all your heart (Joel 2:12) are the background to our participation in the celebration of new life. We have all in one way or another gone astray. Let our return be from a sincere change of heart. Our return and our being welcomed are guaranteed because of God’s nature of being gracious, compassionate, and slow to anger. With our return, we experience restoration, hence, the celebration of the new life.

The parable of the prodigal son and prodigal father (Lk 15:11-32) readily comes to mind in this season of Easter. Like the prodigal son we have come to our senses. We have realized that we went to a distant country. We acknowledged that we do not deserve to be called children of God. For some of us we have confessed our sins, thanks to the sacrament of reconciliation/Penance. For some they have returned to the parish community after many years. For some among us they have followed the path of the Rite of Christian initiation of Adults (RCIA). Like the prodigal son getting up and going back we share in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. His repentance signifies that the “dead” son is back to life again (Lk 15: 24, 32). We share in that dying and rising due to our own sins and our return.

As the celebration was going on the elder son of the prodigal father refused to join. The celebration is possible because of the Prodigal Father’s unconditional love and forgiveness. God is the prodigal father who came in the person of God the son (Jesus Christ) to die for us. His resurrection is the bedrock of our celebration. He is a merciful father. Unfortunately, the elder son who refused to welcome his younger brother, ended up withdrawn, unapproachable, bitter and afraid to mix with others. He expresses his bitterness about how he has been treated in comparison to his younger brother (Lk 15:30).

My dear parishioners, let us rejoice and celebrate our new life in Christ. As St. Paul puts it, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation” (2 Cor. 5:17). As a Christian community we have a duty of care for one another, and that care includes generous and wholehearted forgiveness. We would want to express our appreciation to all those who have volunteered and have continued to volunteer in our parish, especially within the Holy Week, Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil) and Easter Sunday. Let us continue to live in imitation of our Lord Jesus Christ who died and rose for us. We are Easter people. We are resurrection people. Let us celebrate our new life. Happy Easter!

Fr. Maurice Okolie

ICC Pastor

# Congratulations

At the Easter Vigil on April 4, 2026, our parish joyfully celebrated the full reception of the following Elect into the Catholic Church. With gratitude and great hope, we welcome them into our community of faith:

Luke Anderson, Kingsley Atafu, Kariza Biag, Sean Byrne, Michael Charters, Kyla Christianson, Colton Horne, Meredith Judd, Jaden Lau, Shale Mercer, Justin Moore, Jin Park, Mila Paul, Matthew Pennekamp, William Reynolds, Maya Romaine, Brian Starchuk, Shea Woodruff, Kyong Won Yoon, Brittany Andrews, Spencer Cross, Sierra Esteves, Amandine Gingras, Jack Harvey, Sofia Grael, Samantha Tinling, Katrina Ledding, Devyne Cortens, Carlene Woodruff, Esteban Taimal, Andre Toscano, Ella Javier, and Chantelle Charters.

We also congratulate and welcome Hirundee, who celebrated the sacrament of Baptism and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion.

May the Holy Spirit continue to strengthen and guide them, and may our parish community surround them with prayer, friendship, and support as they grow in faith.

## Children's Liturgy Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday during the 9am Mass

The next Children's Liturgy will be April 12<sup>th</sup>  
Upcoming: April 26<sup>th</sup>

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

### STEWARDSHIP/WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Parish Budget	\$	9,544.00	
Weekly 2026 POF Required	\$	1,300.00	
Weekly Stewardship Required	\$	10,844.00	
Sunday Collections – 03/29/26	\$	7,875.34	
2026 POF Received – (Feb. 28)	\$	1,156.50	
<b>YTD Offerings Shortfall</b>	<b>\$ –</b>	<b>15,509.97</b>	
<b>YTD POF Shortfall</b>	<b>\$ –</b>	<b>17,043.50</b>	

**Total YTD Deficit \$ – 32,553.47**

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](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

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)

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

Sat.	04-Apr	3:00 PM		<i>Divine Mercy Novena</i>
		8:00 PM		Easter Vigil
Sun.	05-Apr	9:00 AM		Easter Sunday Mass
		11:00 AM		Easter Sunday Mass
		3:00 PM		<i>Divine Mercy Novena</i>
		4:00 PM		Easter Sunday Mass
Mon.	06-Apr	9:00 AM	I.	Desmond Plaxton
		3:00 PM		<i>Divine Mercy Novena</i>
		4:00 PM	R.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tues.	07-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Michael & Marley Geismayr
		3:00 PM		<i>Divine Mercy Novena</i>
		4:00 PM	I.	Matteo Marin-Rasmussen
Wed.	08-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Maleszewski & Swierczynski Families
		3:00 PM		<i>Divine Mercy Novena</i>
		4:00 PM	R.	Marianna Bilnik
Thurs.	09-Apr	8:00 PM	I.	Jackie Ainsworth
		3:00 PM		<i>Divine Mercy Novena</i>
		4:00 PM	I.	Anna Mitton
Fri.	10-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Geismayr Family
		3:00 PM		<i>Divine Mercy Novena</i>
		4:00 PM	I.	Joseph Marin-Rasmussen

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Sat.	11-Apr	8:00 AM	R.	Alfred Geismayr
		3:00 PM		<i>Divine Mercy Novena</i>
		5:00 PM	R.	Teresa Bruni
Sun.	12-Apr	9:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		11:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		3:00 PM		<i>Divine Mercy Novena</i>
		5:00 PM	R.	Fulvio Pasutto
Mon.	13-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Matteo Plaxton
Tues.	14-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Laurie & Dave Corbeth
Wed.	15-Apr	8:00 AM	R.	Violet Norman
		5:00 PM	R.	Helena Nazarek
Thurs.	16-Apr	8:00 PM	R.	Gerald Ryznar
Fri.	17-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Abbey Ackerman

## 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

All are welcome!



### GR. 8-12 KELOWNA CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Victory is sweet - literally. 🍌  
Join us for sundaes, friends, and a powerful conversation about how Jesus' resurrection changes everything.  
Sunday, April 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Immaculate Conception Parish Center (use EAST entrance). Please RSVP by April 9 using the link below.  
Want to stay in the loop or sign up for upcoming events? Check us out at: [www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca](http://www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED:**

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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](mailto:icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)

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



**FORMED**

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 05, 2026**

- What Catholics Believe About the Resurrection: Was Jesus a Ghost?  
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3156669/>
- Easter and the Resurrection | The Augustine Institute Show  
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1443249/>
- The Resurrection  
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3619636/>



*Knights of Columbus Corner*



**APRIL PARISH BREAKFAST**

There will be no Monthly Parish Breakfast on Sunday, April 5, as we joyfully celebrate Easter. We look forward to serving you breakfast May 3<sup>rd</sup>!

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**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](mailto:pandosy2558@gmail.com) for full details on how to apply.

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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.

**ST. VINCENT'S CORNER:**



*Alleluia, He is Risen.* Happy Easter and welcome to the new members of our faith community. We are Blessed with the generosity of our community which allows us to serve our growing number of families needing support.

We have launched a new on-line resource: [www.ssvpoky.ca](http://www.ssvpoky.ca) on the site go to [okinfo.ca](http://okinfo.ca) to find community resources.

...and remember you can always donate online at [icc.ssvp@gmail.com](mailto: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

**DIocese OF NELSON PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL**  
839 Sutherland Avenue

*The Adoration Chapel has new contact information!!*

**Email:** [adorationkelowna@gmail.com](mailto:adorationkelowna@gmail.com)

**Contact:** Luke Mitton

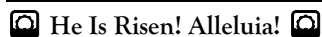
**Text/Telephone:** 778-214-0680

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 and 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



## THE PEOPLE OF FAITH PRAYER GROUP



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 7

🕒 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.

## *ICC SPRING/EASTER DINNER & DANCE*

*Celebrate the joy of Easter with our parish Easter Dinner & Dance!  
Adults 19+ are invited for a delicious meal, great music, and a  
wonderful night with our community.*

*Enjoy a delicious meal, a lively dance floor, and the chance to connect  
with familiar faces... –and maybe meet a few new ones!*

*Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Doors open @ 6:00/refreshments*

*Dinner @ 6:30 🎵 Dancing to follow!*

*Live music by Vic Dance Band 🎸 🎹 🎺 🎻 🎷 🎥*

*Tickets are \$45 /person  
& available through Loaves & Fishes!*

*Event tickets must be presented at main door for entry.*

## **IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL – GRAD FUNDRAISER APRIL 10 AT 6PM:**

Please consider supporting our graduating class through this important fundraiser by either purchasing tickets for the show (<https://cur8.com/projects/40082>) or participating in our on-line prize opportunity: 50/50 Draw and WestJet Raffle – Win a trip for two anywhere WestJet flies (available at

[https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/immaculata\\_westjet](https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/immaculata_westjet)).

You can also access through our QR Codes:



Raffle box - 50/50 and WestJet



Grad Show Tickets



**The annual Black Tie Gala in support of the Catholic education will take place on April, 11, 2026.**

**Theme:** James Bond, Agent 007

**Date:** April 11, 2026

**Location:** Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School,  
West Kelowna

**Tickets:** \$75; e-transfer payments may be sent to  
[ololschool@cisnd.ca](mailto:ololschool@cisnd.ca)

Dust off the tuxedo and dress to the 9's! Enjoy an elegant evening featuring fine food, live music, and James Bond—themed trivia.

## **STEUBENVILLE NW YOUTH CONFERENCE**

**Spokane, Washington ~ July 8-12, 2026**

If you are a Catholic student currently in grade 8 to 12 and are from one of the Catholic parishes in Kelowna, W. Kelowna or Lake Country, we invite you to apply for this sacrament-soaked weekend! This youth conference is filled with talks, small group discussions, lively worship music, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass to help us see the importance of our relationship with the Lord.

Trip cost: \$705.00 (*additional funding may be available - please contact your parish office.*) Cost includes bus ride from ICC Kelowna, four nights' accommodation, all conference activities, 11 meals, travel medical insurance, conference t-shirt and entry into Silverwood Theme Park. Space is limited!

Complete all three application steps by **April 10:**

- 1) INTERESTED? Email David Z FIRST at [snw.kelowna@gmail.com](mailto:snw.kelowna@gmail.com) with 'I'm Interested' in the subject line so that he can watch for the following:
- 2) Parish commitment form signed by teen's parish priest
- 3) School-based character reference

If interest exceeds the number of available spots for this trip, preference will be given to older teens and those who are actively involved in their parish.

For more information about the conference and for trip application forms, go to [www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca](http://www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca)



If the death of a loved one has left you searching for God in your grief, we are here to help.

Grieving with Great Hope is a 5-week Christ-centered grief support program rooted in the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church. Through prayer, Scripture, reflection, and fellowship, you will be gently guided toward Christ's consolation and hope. There is no cost to attend. All materials, including a participant booklet and journal, are provided.

### **Spring 2026 Session**

Thursdays, 1:00–3:00 PM

April 23 – May 21

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall (Bedford Room)

**Registration is required by April 13, 2026**

To learn more or to register, please contact:

ICC Parish Office: 250-762-3910 or,

Email Tania Tavares: [taniastemarietavares@gmail.com](mailto:taniastemarietavares@gmail.com)

## **CATHOLIC MOUNTAIN STAR**

The Spring 2026 edition of Catholic Mountain Star has been published. A few copies are available on the ICC website and the Diocese of Nelson website:

[https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=1069723&type=d&pREC\\_ID=1358553](https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1069723&type=d&pREC_ID=1358553)

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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](mailto:Catholicmountainstar@nelsondiocese.org)

**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](http://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.

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

The ICC CWL will continue to meet every second Tuesday of the month at 1pm in the Main Hall or Blue Room for a coffee social! Join us for a rosary and a short presentation with plenty of time to enjoy each other's company. Tea and coffee provided, snacks to share are always accepted! All ladies of the parish welcome, even non-members and kids.

*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](mailto:cmparkerfamily@gmail.com)

**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.

*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.



Has abortion left you feeling empty and alone?  
This retreat is for any woman, man, couple or family member who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from an abortion Experience, this retreat is for you.

Register now for our upcoming spring retreat.

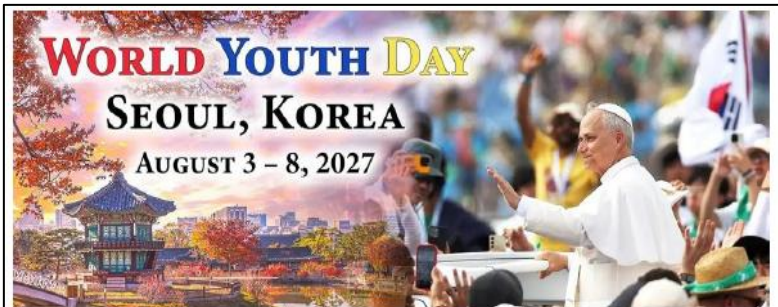
For more information call Vicki: 250-762-2273

or e-mail: [rvokanagan@gmail.com](mailto:rvokanagan@gmail.com)

[www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com](http://www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com)

Facebook: Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

*Confidentiality assured*



**Young Adults of the Diocese of Nelson**

World Youth Day 2027 is from

**July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2027 - August 11<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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](mailto:rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org)

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

**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.

# 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](mailto:ndccrs2020@gmail.com)

## 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](http://www.prolifekelowna.ca) or in person at Immaculate Conception Church Office, Loaves and Fishes Book Store, 591 Lawrence Avenue in Kelowna. Call 250 870-4103 or [kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com](mailto:kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com) for more information.*

### 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**

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm at *Our lady of Lourdes Parish in West Kelowna.*

For more information, please contact **Maria: (778) 214-2705**

### Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program



The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program is underway. The 2026 program is now receiving applications. We are privileged to offer fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia.

These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province of British Columbia.

Applications are accepted from January 1, 2026, until June 30, 2026, with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference may be found on our web site ([kofcbc.org](http://kofcbc.org)) or at the Knights of Columbus table in the church entrance.

Requests for application should be addressed to:

Jim Williams  
State Bursary Chairman  
2195 Neptune Road  
North Saanich, BC, V8L 5J4

OR E-mail: [jimw.kofc@gmail.com](mailto:jimw.kofc@gmail.com)

Deadline for requests for application is June 1, 2026.

We would like to congratulate the many recipients once again over the past years and look forward to the opportunity to assist many more young people in the advancement of their education.

### Knights of Columbus Father Delestre Council #6233 Bursary

The Fr. Delestre Council of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce that it will again be offering bursaries to students who are graduating from high school this year and who are planning to attend an accredited post-secondary school in BC. One-time bursaries are also available for students already in post-secondary programs who are continuing their studies in accredited post-secondary education in BC. To request an application, please contact Paul Gabias, [paul.gabias@ubc.ca](mailto:paul.gabias@ubc.ca).

All applications must be received on or before May 15<sup>th</sup> to be considered.

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/>



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