



Immaculate Conception Church

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NELSON

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NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Please contact office to schedule an appointment.

Thank you for taking a moment to silence your mobile devices during celebration of the Holy Mass.



October 01, 2023 — 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ICC Offices are closed Monday October 2nd, in recognition of National Truth and Reconciliation Day and Monday October 9th for Thanksgiving Day.

WEEKEND AND DAILY MASS TIMES:

Sundays	Rosary	8:30 am
	Mass:	9 am, 11 am, & 5:00 pm
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)

First Friday's Benediction/Adoration 3:00 pm, Mass 4:00 pm
***Monday of long weekends & Stat. Holidays:** Rosary @ 8:30, Mass @ 9:00

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 for an appointment: 250-762-3910
Emergencies Only – 250-762-8445

KELOWNA AND AREA HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

For anointing of the sick/emergencies or for end-of-life blessings call 250-878-1502 (24/7).



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

MASS INTENTIONS Repose – R. Intention – I.

Sat.	30-Sept	9:00 AM	I.	Yvonne Pereira (<i>for Thanksgiving</i>)
		5:00 PM	R.	Marguerite White
Sun.	01-Oct	9:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		11:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		5:00 PM	I.	Akurienne Family
Mon.	02-Oct	9:00 AM	I.	McKenzie Family
Tues.	03-Oct	8:00 AM	I.	Dos Santos Family
Wed.	04-Oct	8:00 AM	R.	Blair Kirkpatrick
		5:00 PM	R.	Teresa Chiarello
Thurs.	05-Oct	8:00 AM	R.	Ingrid Muller
Fri.	06-Oct	8:00 AM	R.	Maggie Fuergutz
		5:00 PM	I.	Lorraine Mayhew



Sat.	07-Oct	9:00 AM	R.	Marcus Novel
		5:00 PM	R.	Zlatko Markic
Sun.	08-Oct	9:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		11:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		5:00 PM	I.	Rachel's Vinyard Retreatants; past, present & future
Mon.	09-Oct	9:00 AM	I.	McKenzie Family
Tues.	10-Oct	8:00 AM	R.	Miriam L.
Wed.	11-Oct	8:00 AM	R.	Walter Keating
		5:00 PM		
Thurs.	12-Oct	8:00 AM	I.	Okanagan Valley Pregnancy Care (for clients & families)
Fri.	13-Oct	8:00 AM	I.	Ms. Parkeprodan

NO 5:00 PM MASS will be celebrated Wednesday, October 11th 2023
 as Fr. Paul will be attending the ordination of Sem. Ferdinand to the Sacred Order of Transitional Deacons at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in West Kelowna.

All are welcome to attend!

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

*** LIVESTREAM UPDATE ***

Please note that although we are no longer live streaming the Rosary prior to our weekday and weekend Masses, we continue to live stream our weekday morning Mass at 8:00 am (9:00 am on holidays) and weekend Masses on Saturday and Sunday at 9:00 am. To watch a live stream of one of our Masses, go to www.icckelowna.ca and scroll down to 'Youtube Livestreaming' and click 'watch now.'



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE ILL: Loretta

Bouchard, Linda Kirkpatrick, Margaret Murphay, Monika Habart, Aggie Turner, Juliana Lavell, Maritess Steiman, Rhonda Jennens, Roy Velmonte, Jolana Dusik, Betty Yarrow, Justina Mikosa, Mildred Reyes, Kathe Gonzaga Carpena, Michelle Miller, Victor Kovac, Phillip Dos Santos, Marlene Hughes, Annie Baars, Russ Radi, Heidi Hurson, Dorota Nowak, Chinee Fajardo, Rosario, Luisito & Crispin Clemente, Nancy Brisson, Paul Meyer, Ginoefa Diakow, Rick Lock, Cathie 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 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 762-3910 ext. 0, or email icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org

ICC BOOK OF HOLY SOULS

The month of November is dedicated to *the Holy Souls in Purgatory*. Throughout the month of October, we will be gathering the names of our deceased family members in notebooks located at the Usher's Counter in the front of the church. We ask that you please **PRINT** the names of your loved ones *very clearly*, as their names will be read during masses celebrated during the month of November (starting November 3rd).

YOUNG FAMILY NEWS:

1st RECONCILIATION and 1st COMMUNION REGISTRATION MEETING

For families with children registered in Catholic Schools or PREP wishing to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion at Immaculate Conception this year, we will be having our registration meeting for parents (only one parent required to attend and children have the night off!) on **Thursday, Oct. 26 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Parish Center**. Please bring your registration form (available at our website at www.icckelowna.ca under the 'children' tab. If you have any questions, please contact David Z at 762-3910 ext. 3 or email david.icckelowna@gmail.com.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION MEETING

For families with children registered in Catholic Schools or PREP wishing to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at Immaculate Conception this year, we will be having our registration meeting for parents (only one required to attend) **AND students on Thursday, Nov. 16 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Parish Center**. Please bring your registration form (available at our website at www.icckelowna.ca under the 'children' tab. If you have any questions, please contact David Z at 762-3910 ext. 3 or email david.icckelowna@gmail.com.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the month of October:

For the Synod.

"We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world."

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Lord Jesus is inviting you to visit Him in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

Scheduled Hours available are:

SUN	8 AM, 9 AM & 3 PM	FRI	12 AM
MON	10 AM	THURS	4 AM
TUES	12 AM & 7 AM	SAT	4 AM & 2 PM
WED	2 AM & 3 AM		



Spares are always needed. Shared times available!
For information phone Lorie 250-448-5633

MASSES AT CARE HOMES

Village at Mill Creek – 1st Tuesday of the month @ 9:45 am
Cottonwoods – 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 10:30 am
The Dorchester – Last Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am

FILIPINO MASS is celebrated at *Corpus Christi Parish* 750 Rutland Rd N, Kelowna @ 5:00 pm every **FIRST** Sunday of the month.



Kelowna Catholic Youth Group

If you are in grade 7-12 and want to deepen your faith with other Catholic teens, please join us for our 2023-24 slate of events!

For more information, go to www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca or talk to your parish youth coordinator.

Registration form and Sign Up REQUIRED.

ST. VINCENT'S CORNER

As we move into Autumn and all it's beauty and bounty let us continue to support our most needy neighbors. A kind word, a smile, whatever you do for the least of these you do for me. And if you would like to learn more please join us Monday, Oct. 2. 6:30 pm in the blue room.

Remember our neighbors as you pass the poor boxes this weekend.

And as always you can donate on line at icc.ssvp@gmail.com



The Deacon's Corner



Why do we Catholics dip our fingers in holy water and make the sign of the cross as we enter the Church?

As we enter the Church, we who are baptized, dip our right fingers into the holy water font and bless ourselves with the sign of our faith, the Cross – and quietly say to ourselves: “In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

But why?

Well let's try to unpack this... When we were baptized, the priest or deacon either poured holy water or dunked us (a.k.a. immersed us) three times, while stating, “[Our Name], I baptize you, in the name of the Father [pour/dunk], and of the Son [pour/dunk], and of the Holy Spirit [pour/dunk]”.

It was at our baptism that we became a child of God, we began our Christian life, we became disciples of Christ, we entered the Body of Christ and then began the journey home to the Father. Like at our baptism, when we dip our fingers and bless ourselves today with holy water it reminds, renews, and refreshes us for our journey home. The sign of the cross is the mark of the One to whom we belong.

The holy water fonts located at the entrance of the Church in the narthex (fancy church word for foyer), remind us of *when* and *how* we entered the Christian life. Also, it reminds us that our baptism led us to the altar, the Eucharistic table, where we are now nourished and strengthened for our journey home.

So... when we dip our fingers in the holy water and make the sign of the cross, we remind ourselves of all that God has done for us, who we belong to, who we are, that we are part of God's family, of the mission given to each one of us as disciples of Christ, of our total dependence on God, and that our life has a purpose and a destination. Mom and Dad with little ones, I encourage you to take the time to teach your baptized children *when*, *how* and *why* to bless themselves as they enter the Church.

A beautiful tradition of our faith is to have a holy water font in our homes at the front door, allowing us to bless ourselves as we start or end our day, and as we come or go from our homes. You can purchase a font for your home at a Catholic bookstore and obtain holy water from our parish.

Until next time, may God continue to pour His love into you, *in good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over.* -Luke 6:38 Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life - D-Rod

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS — September 24, 2023

Regular Collection	\$	6,101.48
Collection to date	\$	307,626.86
Weekly Collection required	\$	8,592.00
Collection to date required	\$	335,088.00
Balance to Date	\$	-27,461.14

We appreciate and require your financial support to help in the maintenance, operations and programs of our parish.

*If you don't have collection envelopes and you would like a **tax receipt** be sure to have your name and address with your donation!*

Thank you for all that you give!!

DONATIONS TO ICC

PARISH ENVELOPES: email icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org for information on registering or to get donation envelopes.

You can also mail donations to - ICC:
839 Sutherland Ave, Kelowna, BC V1Y 5X4

We accept **E-transfers!** etransfer.ICC@nelsondiocese.org
No password needed!! Indicate where to deposit donation (example: Sunday collection). Your donation will be deposited.

A Pre-Authorized debit form is available by email or mail if you are interested in signing up for donations through the **SAG program**. Email or call the office 250-762-3910

Please inform the office of any changes in address/contact information.



PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, Oct 14th, 2023, 11:30 am.

ICC Procession to Rowcliffe Park.
PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US.

- 11:30 Gather @ ICC outside front entrance
- 11:40 Procession on Sutherland to Rowcliffe Park {Corner Richter & Rowcliffe}
- Noon: Pray Public Rosary in the Park
Marian Hymns & singing
- 12:45 Procession with singing, back to ICC
Bbq/social at ICC Hall to follow.

**ICC PARISH THANKSGIVING
TURKEY DINNER & DANCE**

- When:** Friday October 6, 2023
- Where:** ICC Parish Hall
- Time:** Doors open at 6:00 pm/refreshments
6:30 pm, dinner
Dancing from 7:30

Admission: Dinner & Dancing, \$40 /person
Turkey Dinner only, \$25 /person

Advanced ticket sales only!

For larger groups, please reserve your seating as soon as possible by contacting the Parish Office, 250-762-3910 or *Loaves & Fishes*
591 Lawrence Ave, 250-868-8933

Tickets are available until Wednesday October 4th

Music by: *The Vic Dance Band*

KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS:

Join us on Sunday, October 1st for the annual LIFE CHAIN!

Over 300 locations across Canada will be holding Life Chains this year, and together we will be heard.

Please meet at Gagnon and Harvey Avenue behind the Dairy Queen (Harvey & Gordon) at 1:45 pm.

See you there!

**NEW YEAR'S DINNER / DANCE
Sunday December 31st**

Doors open @ 6:00/refreshments
Dinner @ 7:30 🎵 Dancing 8:45-1:00 am
Midnight snacks

Music by *Vic Dance Band*

Tickers are \$80 per person (non-refundable) & available through *Loaves & Fishes!*



CWL - GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 10th @ 1:00 pm in the parish hall.
All ladies of the parish welcome!

Guest speaker, Louise Elliott will be giving a presentation for *Haiti in My Heart* following the meeting!

Prayer Group

Greetings, Grace and peace to you all.

“Come to me all you who are laboured and heavily burdened and I will give you rest” Matthew 11:28

Come Join us!

Where: St Pius X Parish
When: Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
Starting: October 3rd 2023

We gather in an atmosphere of love and support for one another, in an effort to grow in the knowledge and love of God and to show this love in our attitude toward others.

The prayer group is a place where people have found a new dimension to their spiritual lives and have discovered God's love in a more profound way. Together we are learning to live a surrendered life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ who continually leads us to our ABBA Father.

We gather with thanksgiving, in the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit to seek God's face in Praise and Worship. Entering His presence and giving Him ours, gazing upon His goodness. “He inhabits the praises of His people.” (Psalm 22:3)

In His beautiful presence we give Him our struggles, fears, anxieties, frustrations, loneliness, circumstances, and shortcomings. In this place our loving Father accepts us just as we are and fills us with His Mercy and Grace and gives us a renewed Peace and Hope.

Often our problems begin to disappear when we praise God, who then gives us a new perspective on life.

The Word of God is read and listened to. Scripture teaching, on aspects of the Christian life, instructs and helps us to grow in our spiritual life.

Through prayer ministry and intercession, we pray for each other, for our Church, city and our world. Testimonies are shared as a most important way of building faith in others.

All are welcome. We would love to have you join us.

All Glory and Praise to our Lord Jesus Christ

For more information please call Piera (250) 215-7100

FaceToFace – St. James school located at 2700, 28th Ave, Vernon, at 1pm on Saturday the 14, for registration. Pick up will be at 10pm on Saturday night. Sunday morning will start at 9am with a continental breakfast. We strongly encourage families to join us for an 11 am mass at the school, this can be a meaningful moment for you and your teen to share in the weekend. (otherwise pickup around 12:15)

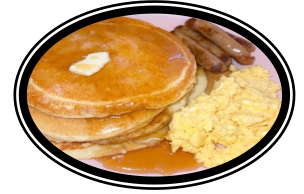


ICC KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING EVENTS:

PARISH BREAKFAST!!

ICC Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to join us for pancake breakfast, **Sunday October 1st.**

Time: 10:00 am to 1:00pm
Where: ICC Parish Hall
Cost: Free-will Donation
Menu: Pancakes, eggs, sausage, tea and coffee



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Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation 62nd Annual Charity Appeal



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Seton House Clean Up!

Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 9am. to 12pm
Knights of Columbus will be gathering to clean up Seton House.

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Knights of Columbus Men's Retreat

November 11, 2023 at Seton House of Prayer.
The cost is \$75 /person; includes 3 meals, 2 guest speakers, adoration & mass.

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2023

Our Pilgrimage of Faith parish goal for 2023 is **\$67,150.00**. To date we have raised **\$33,134.06** which is **49.34%** of our goal.

If you did not receive your Pilgrimage of Faith package in the mail, please contact the Parish Office and we will provide the necessary form to donate.

Are you on our list to receive an Income Tax receipt for the 2023 Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal? If not, WHEW, we still have a shortfall and need your contribution... Then you will be on the list!!

Pilgrimage of Faith – Support your Diocese support our parish ministries!

No gift is too small. Thank you!

Alpha in *St. Pius Parish*, Kelowna beginning October 5th at 5:30pm.

Life moves very fast. Have you ever asked yourself: Is there more to life than this?

Alpha is a series of talks exploring the big questions of life. First, there is food, talk and discussion. Each talk explores different aspect of life and faith questions - all done in an honest, open, friendly and loving environment.

Who are we to invite?

“We share things everyday: things meaningful, entertaining, inspiring, challenging. We share moments: good or bad, big or small because what we share matters. In Alpha, we share something incredible: the hope that has transformed our lives. Today more than ever, people are searching for hope, for connection, for meaning. The life we have experienced in Jesus is available to our friends and neighbours, and it is easier to share than we think. Alpha gives us an opportunity to share Jesus with friends, family and colleagues.

What happens each week?

Each week we connect with each other, watch a short video and have time to discuss our thoughts and questions without needing to have all the answers. All it takes is a simple invitation. Share life. Faith. Hope. Jesus. Who will you invite? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that family member, friend or colleague or anyone who like all of us needs hope, love and all that Jesus came to offer us.” Excerpts from Alpha Review.

GRIEF TO GRACE – Through a retreat 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 retreat in Canada is **October 24 – 28, 2023** in Kelowna.

For more information please email
griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com
or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE – CARITAS CANADA’S RESPONSE TO THE MOROCCO EARTHQUAKE

The General Secretariat of the CCCB was recently informed that Development and Peace – Caritas Canada (DPCC) has launched an appeal in response to the earthquake that struck Morocco on 8 September 2023.

You are invited to consult the DPCC website for further information:

English:

<https://devp.org/en/faq-development-and-peace-%e2%80%95-caritas-canadas-response-to-the-morocco-earthquake/>

French:

<https://devp.org/fr/faq-lintervention-de-developpement-et-paix-%e2%80%95-caritas-canada-a-la-suite-du-seisme-au-maroc/>



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 Second Sunday of the month at St Charles Garnier Church.

For more information, contact Sandy Kavanagh
(250) 212-3596

RACHEL’S VINEYARD FALL RETREAT is a life-giving journey for women, men or anyone who struggles with the emotional and spiritual pain caused by abortion. Our retreats offer the mercy and compassion of God as well as a pathway to forgiveness, transforming the pain of the past into hope for the future.

To register please contact Vicki: 250-762 2273
Confidentiality assured.

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- Click on our parish name
- Enter your email address and create a password

WEEK OF OCTOBER 1ST:

[Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy | Divine Mercy | Episode 4](https://watch.formed.org/videos/faustina-and-the-spread-of-divine-mercy)
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/faustina-and-the-spread-of-divine-mercy>

[Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi](https://watch.formed.org/videos/brother-francis-the-barefoot-saint-of-assisi)
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/brother-francis-the-barefoot-saint-of-assisi>

[The Feast of St. Thérèse](https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-feast-of-st-therese)
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