



# Immaculate Conception Church

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*Please contact office to schedule an appointment.*



## December 3rd, 2023 — 1st Sunday of Advent

### 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  
*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena* to follow mass

**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);  
For Hospice/Hospital and care facility Coordinators, call Fr Paul John Irumba @ 250-469-3716.

### MASSES AT CARE HOMES

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



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

**For persons with disabilities.**



*“We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.”*

### POLISH MASS:

Fr. Waldemar Karciarz will be visiting Immaculate Conception Church in December to celebrate mass and hear confession for our Polish Community (in Polish).

### SCHEDULE:

#### Reconciliations:

Friday December 15th, 4:00–7:00  
Saturday December 16th, 12:30–3:00

**Mass** will be celebrated Sunday December 17th at 3:00 pm.

### CATHOLIC MOMS CONNECT:

Wednesdays, 9:30–11:00 am @ St. Charles Garnier Hall.  
Childcare provided. *Join us for prayer and fellowship.*  
Questions? Contact Abbey @ 250-899-4384

### **Mark the Dates!!**

## NORTH OKANAGAN DEANERY 2023 ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

<u>PARISH/SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Corpus Christi Parish	Dec. 6 (Wed)	6:00 pm
IMMAC High School	Dec. 7 (Thurs)	10:00 am 2:30 pm
St. Francis of Assisi Parish	Dec. 13 (Wed)	6:00 pm
<b>Immaculate Conception Parish</b>	<b>Dec. 14 (Thurs)</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
OLOL School	Dec. 15 (Fri)	10:45–11:45 am 12:45–1:45 pm
St. Pius X Parish	Dec. 18 (Mon)	5:30 pm
St. Joseph's School	Dec. 19 (Tues)	10:30–11:45 am 12:30–1:45 pm
St. Edwards Parish	Dec. 20 (Wed)	5:30 pm
St. Charles Garnier Parish	Dec. 20 (Wed)	5:30 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Dec. 21 (Thurs)	4:00 pm

### It's time to Prepare for Christmas!

As we begin to do our shopping and cleaning of our own homes, let's not forget our parish home! We are looking for people who are willing to devote an hour or two to help clean up the church before Christmas. If you have some time to spare before Christmas, please contact Gabriele G. at 250-763-1181 –please leave a message.

Any and all help is appreciated!!

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

Sat. 02-Dec	9:00 AM	R. Marcus Novel	Sat. 09-Dec	9:00 AM	R. Yvonne Merlo
	5:00 PM	I. Robert Geismayr & Family		5:00 PM	R. Donna Machuga
Sun. 03-Dec	9:00 AM	Intentions of Parishioners	Sun. 10-Dec	9:00 AM	Intentions of Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Intentions of Parishioners		11:00 AM	Intentions of Parishioners
	5:00 PM	R. Margaret Mussio		5:00 PM	I. Joe Bistricky
Mon. 04-Dec	8:00 AM	R. "Arman" Arsenio Emmanuel O. Cabrera	Mon. 11-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Francesca Lee
Tues. 05-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Marlene Hughes	Tues. 12-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Andrew Myshak
Wed. 06-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Bert Malfair	Wed. 13-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Gabriele Geismayr
	5:00 PM	R. Ian Rintoul		5:00 PM	R. Blair Kirkpatrick
Thurs. 07-Dec	8:00 AM	R. Bess Schuurman	Thurs. 14-Dec	8:00 AM	R. Siegfried Winzer
Fri. 08-Dec	8:00 AM	<b>ICC Feast Day</b>	Fri. 15-Dec	8:00 AM	R. Hans & Hildegard Novalletto
		<b>- Feast of Immaculate Mary</b>			
	5:00 PM	R. "Arman" Arsenio Emmanuel O. Cabrera			



**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S  
MASS SCHEDULES: 2023 - 2024**

<b>December 24<sup>th</sup>, Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)</b>	9:00 am	Daily Mass
	11:00 am	Daily Mass
<b>Christmas Eve</b>		
First Mass of Christmas	4:00 pm	
Second Mass of Christmas	7:00 pm	
Midnight Mass	12:00 am	
<b>December 25, Monday – Christmas Day</b>		
First Mass	9:00 am	(livestreamed)
Second Mass	11:00 am	
Third Mass	4:00 pm	
<b>December 26, Tuesday – Boxing Day</b>	9:00 am	Daily Mass
<b>December 27, Wednesday</b>	8:00 am	Daily Mass
	:00 pm	
<b>December 28, Thursday</b>	8:00 am	Daily Mass
<b>December 29, Friday</b>	8:00 am	Daily Mass
<b>December 30, Saturday</b>	9:00 am	Daily Mass
Vigil for the Feast of the Holy Family	5:00 pm	
<b>December 31, Sunday – Feast of the Holy Family</b>	9:00 am	Daily Mass
	11:00 am	Daily Mass
Vigil for The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	5:00 pm	
New Year's Eve – Benediction	11:30–12:30 pm	
<b>January 1, Monday – New Years Day</b>		
<i>and The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation</i>		
First Mass	9:00 am	(livestreamed)
Second Mass	11:00 am	
Third Mass	5:00 pm	

*Merry Christmas, and a blessed, prosperous New Year, 2024!*

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE ILL:**

John Cornelissen, Rose Harry, Adam Gorges, Joyce Tremmel, Florence Nagy, Sandra Park, 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, 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 250-762-3910 or email [icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)* 

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS – November 26, 2023**

Regular Offerings	\$ 7,816.32
Offerings to date	\$ 377,089.36
Weekly Offerings required	\$ 8,592.00
Offerings Required, to date	\$ 429,600.00

**Balance to Date \$ –52,510.64**

**2022/23 MISSALS AVAILABLE**

Please *do not* remove the 2023/24 missals from the church pews.  
We have a few missals available for purchase from the ICC Office, or in the Church Sacristy. The cost is \$6 each. Thank you!!

## OFFERINGS FOR ICC

**\*\*NEW\*\* ICC QR CODES ARE HERE!!** You will notice that our pews now have a QR code attached (and posted here in our bulletin)! These have been used in other parishes with GREAT success to enhance donations and ease to parish giving. Here's the general process (each device is different...):



- 1) With the camera on your phone, place the QR code in the center.
- 2) A yellow "Square Link" box will appear, touch that.
- 3) It will take you to an ICC site where you can donate. When requested, use "Sunday Collection" as the reason for the donation. Follow the prompts (it should be relatively simple) and pay with your credit card.
- 4) When complete, you will get a text or an email to confirm your donation.
- 5) NOTE: Because you have to include your name and address during the process, you WILL get a tax receipt for your donation.
- 6) NOTE: This is an encrypted system and has been used with success AND privacy in numerous places before (including churches).

### OTHER WAYS TO DONATE:

Pre-Authorized debit forms are 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 for more information.

Another way you can donate is to use an **eTransfer** from your online banking. All you have to do is create a new "payee" (eg. ICC Parish) and use the email [etransfer.icc@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.icc@nelsondiocese.org). In the message box indicate that you want your donation to go to *Sunday Collection*.

Regular offering envelopes will CONTINUE to be collected at Offertory at each mass.  
Extra envelopes will be available in the pews if you wish to use them, and still wish to donate with cheques or cash.

You can also 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, or to arrange for weekly **ICC Offerings Envelopes**; 2024 envelopes will be available soon! We thank you for your continued charity to help us create the programs and cover the costs needed to run our parish.  
*God Bless you all!*

**Bishop Emeritus Eugene Cooney** will celebrate his 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>! Send him a hug in a card of blessings to:

Providence Care Centre  
Suite # 138  
149 Providence Blvd. SE  
Calgary, AB. T2X 0X2

He will be thrilled to hear from you! Include your name & return address inside the card to enable him to correspond.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FEAST DAY!



Come and celebrate ICC's feast day of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be Mass at 5:00 pm, followed by potluck supper in the parish hall.

PLEASE BRING YOUR FOOD/BEVERAGE ITEMS  
TO THE REAR KITCHEN DOOR OF THE HALL,  
AT THE BACK PARKING LOT BEFORE MASS.

Your presence is the greatest gift to Mary in the celebration of her Immaculate Conception. Everyone is welcome!

### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



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 Hours available are:

<u>MON</u>	1 AM & 2 AM	<u>FRI</u>	12 AM
<u>TUES</u>	7 AM	<u>SAT</u>	1 AM & 2 PM
<u>WED</u>	2 AM, 3 AM & 2 PM	<u>SUN</u>	5 AM
<u>THURS</u>	3 PM		

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

### BLESSING OF SACRAMENTAL ITEMS

On Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, after the 8:00 am mass there will be a Blessing of Sacramentals. You may bring your candles, oils, water, salt etc... to the baptistery.

Please keep all items you bring in 1 basket/container/bag, and ensure that your bottle or container is open - take the cap off.

You may pick up your blessed sacramental on Monday December 11<sup>th</sup>, **after the blessing of items** .

## MADE FOR MORE

with CHRISTOPHER WEST & MIKE MANGIONE

Thursday, February 8 from 7:00 to 9:30 pm at Immaculata Regional High School

Ever wonder the “why” behind the “what” the Catholic Church teaches? Want to hear the Gospels in a whole new light? Join best selling author Christopher West and award-winning musician Mike Mangione as they present *Made For More: Visions of The Promised Land*. MADE FOR MORE is an inspired blend of teaching, live music, and art that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal.

Tickets are \$35 and are available at the parish office, *Loaves and Fishes* or online at <https://www.icckelowna.ca/made-for-more>

Please see the bulletin insert for more information, or contact David Ziebart at [david@icckelowna.ca](mailto:david@icckelowna.ca).

## PLEASE BE A PRAYER PARTNER!

Let's become more like our heavenly Father! He welcomes us with open arms. We can show a reflection of that love to those from our community who are on the RCIA journey. Please keep them in your prayers, that they continue to grow in the faith and in the love and knowledge of God.

We are thrilled to announce that, as of now, there are 15 adult and 6 teen candidates joining us in our RCIA and RCIC classes on Wednesdays in our parish! These individual candidates are either non-Catholics seeking full initiation into the Church (including Baptism), Baptized non-Catholics needing to be fully received into the Church, or baptized Catholics who need Holy Communion and/or Confirmation through the Rite of Christian Initiation.

Consider becoming a prayer partner by spiritually "adopting" one of the candidates or catechumens during their journey. Pray for them as an individual, as a couple, or as a family. They need our prayer support! If you would like to adopt a candidate, contact Leanne at the parish office.

"The harvest is plentiful" and for that we give thanks!



### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE AT ICC

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.



### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT ICC

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.

With Advent beginning this Sunday, we are pleased to inform you that the National Liturgy Office, the *Office national de liturgie*, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis are once again releasing the video series titled "Journey through Advent".

This year's presenters are the Most Rev. Jon Hansen, C.Ss.R., Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith, and the Most Rev Alain Faubert, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal. They will each present, in English and French respectively, a reflection on the Readings of Mass for each Sunday in Advent, one week at a time.

The links to the videos for the **First Sunday of Advent** are:  
in English:

<https://www.cccb.ca/oec/journey-through-advent/>

in French:

<https://www.cecc.ca/oec/cheminer-ensemble-durant-l'avent/>

Should you have a question or require more information, please do not hesitate to contact Father Jean Vezina, General Secretary for the CCCB at [bishops@ccb.ca](mailto:bishops@ccb.ca).



The CWL December General Meeting will be replaced by an **Advent Ceremony and Christmas Luncheon**. Please come to the hall at **11:30 am on Tuesday, December 12th**, and bring a dish to share.

It is time to pay your 2024 membership dues (\$45). Please send your fees in with this year's member survey. Membership fees can be dropped off at the ICC Office, or dropped in the collection baskets during mass. Contact Christina if you didn't receive a survey: [christina.icc.cwl@gmail.com](mailto:christina.icc.cwl@gmail.com)

The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 Leadership Program. A year-long leadership certificate program to help Catholic women strengthen their leadership skills in and environment that integrates faith and spirituality. For more information visit [cwlfcanada.ca](http://cwlfcanada.ca)



### Kelowna Catholic Youth Group

If you are in grades 7-12 and want to deepen your faith with other Catholic teens, please join us!

Stay tuned for upcoming events!

For more information, go to

[www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca](http://www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca)

or email [david.icckelowna@gmail.com](mailto:david.icckelowna@gmail.com) or [leanne@icckelowna.ca](mailto:leanne@icckelowna.ca)

**Registration form and Sign Up REQUIRED.**



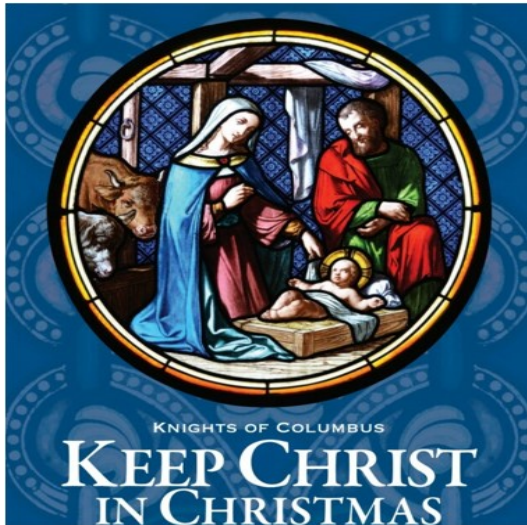
ICC KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
UPCOMING EVENTS:

PARISH BREAKFAST!!

ICC Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to join us for pancake breakfast, **Sunday December 3rd.**

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

Starting Sunday December 3rd...



**Wristbands  
\$2.00/each**



Charity Appeal deadline, December 16th!!  
Sales available online only, <https://www.kofccharity.ca/>



**62<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL**

WIN \$100,000 in prizes including a **2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid Grand Prize**

**PRIZES**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	\$30,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	\$10,000
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	\$5,000
5 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,000 each! --> Early Bird Draws

**TICKETS**  
1 for \$5  
10 for \$25  
50 for \$50

**Limited Tickets!  
BUY TODAY for Council 2558**

**Total Prizes \$100,000**

Sales Oct 1, 2023 to Dec 16, 2023, 8pm  
Early Bird Draws .....

Oct 9 (2x\$1000), Oct 23 (2x\$1000), Nov 6 (2x\$1000)  
Nov 20 (2x\$1000), Dec 2 (2x\$1000)  
Main Draw Saturday December 16, 2023, 8:01pm

An annual charity appeal of the Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation  
WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER  
Thank you for your Support!

For general inquiries call 604-216-7272 BC Gaming Event License #: 144568  
Chances are 1 in 410,000 (total tickets for sale) to win a grand prize. Actual odds depend on number of tickets sold. 19+ to play.  
Problem Gambling Help Line 1-888-795-6111 www.bcregulation.ca Know your limit. Play within it.  
Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery/claiming of prizes.



Attention ICC parishioners:

St. Joseph's School needs your help!!!

Please help support our **Christmas bake sale** by donating baked goods!

Baked goods may be dropped off at the school on **Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> (8:30am-3:30pm)** OR **Thursday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> (before 10am)**. No need for fancy packaging. We will be re-packing the donated baked goods into mixed plates and boxes. There will be a table in the school foyer for drop off.

Please label your baking if it contains nuts.

Thank you in advance for helping to spread some **Christmas Cheer!**

Questions? Text or call Jeffie Bridge at 250-870-8099



ST. VINCENT'S CORNER

We are very excited to have the Angel Tree up!! Every parishioner is invited to take an angel from the tree, place a donation in the envelope and return it to the church. All of the funds will be used to provide a wonderful Christmas Party with food, gifts and gift cards (in lieu of hampers) for the clients of St. Vincent de Paul.



Our Christmas Party this year is on December 16th. We are looking forward to providing a special meal for our clients, complete with dessert and treats. As usual, Santa and his elves will make an appearance. There will be crafts and surprises for the children, along with "give aways", and door prizes. A favourite part of the festivities is joining in with the Christmas Caroling.

We appreciate all of the help that you can give us. Putting on such an event is a huge undertaking, but we are blessed with the generous support of our parishioners. Thank you!

Remember you can always donate online through [icc.ssvp@gmail.com](mailto:icc.ssvp@gmail.com) (no password required).



UPCOMING DINNER/DANCES  
@ ICC PARISH CENTRE

NEW YEAR'S DINNER / DANCE  
Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup>

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

Music by Vic Dance Band

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



# We Are Made for More.

## A Q&A with Christopher West and Mike Mangione

As parishes and families try to keep up with a fast-moving world where the definition and purpose of our humanity seem to constantly change, an eye-opening and breathtakingly beautiful national touring event called **Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land** is coming to Immaculata Regional High School, 1493 K. L. O. Road, Kelowna, BC, V1W 3N8 at 7 pm Thursday, Feb 8th, 2024.

"Where do we come from and where are we going? If we don't have compelling answers to these questions, we have no orientation in our lives," says Christopher West, world-renowned teacher of St. John Paul II's liberating vision of human life and love called "Theology of the Body."

The event, led by West and internationally touring folk/Americana musician Mike Mangione, will dive deeply into life's deepest questions and provide both grounding and great hope.

"This is not just a lecture or a talk," insists West. "It's an evening of beauty and reflection that weaves music, video, images and the spoken word into a message of hope that there really is a banquet of love that corresponds to the deepest hunger of our hearts."

West and Mangione recently spoke to the media about some of these clues and much more, including the transformation they hope takes place in those who attend **Made for More**. Immaculata Regional High School.



Christopher West (left) and Mike Mangione.

**What is Made for More? Why is this your focus?**

**Christopher West:** We call it **Made for More** because we yearn for so much more than what the world is telling us. The world understands that we are creatures of hunger and passion, but they lead us to what I call "the fast food gospel," which is the promise of immediate gratification for that hunger. Many people think Christianity, on the other hand, is an invitation to a "starvation diet." No! That's not the Gospel. Christianity is an invitation to an infinite feast of life-giving love, and that's what this event is all about.

**Mike Mangione:** It's a presentation meant to meet you where you are and bring you to a place of communion. It is the culmination of Christopher's 25 years in this work, my 15 in music and our friendship. It is a conversation

through sight and sound about how God reveals himself through creation and how our desires are meant to draw us closer to Him. It is a special and unique opportunity coming to your area.

It is my focus because it addresses the question of what it means to be human, Christian, Catholic right at a crucial moment in our history. We really need to look at these questions before we lose ourselves and slip into a stale state of indifference as a culture.

**How is it different from other Catholic presentations?**

**MM:** It is broad and relevant to all types of people. "Catholic talks" tend to be more on a specific element of the Catholic tradition/faith. This talk will be focused on the human heart no matter where it has been before. This presentation uses sight, sound, video, music, and images to reveal, teach and enable us to experience something communally as a group.  
**CW:** Catholicism is a sensual religion – meaning, we experience the divine in and through our bodies, through our senses. And this event is designed to engage your senses, to wake them up and enable a new way of seeing, of hearing, of experiencing the world.

**Mike, what is your role in the event? What are you trying to convey through your music?**

**MM:** I am a co-creator as well as the musician for the event. My goal is to facilitate an experience that is communal between presenters, recipients and the Holy Spirit. I call it the Holy Campfire experience ... where we can all gather around and discuss the deepest mysteries of what it means to be human and be part of the human mystery. It is sometimes easier to achieve this with music because, like most art forms, it is often felt first and understood later. My aim is to create an event that brings the audience into the experience rather than just simply watching a talk.

**Christopher, what are you trying to convey through your presentation?**

**CW:** We're taking people on a journey through some particular words of Christ. We start with: "They look but do not see." So we've been trained to look at the world, but not see it; to look at the human body, for instance, but not see it. All of creation has a message, and Jesus says, "Come and become one who sees." He's in the business of giving sight to the blind.

The great battle between lightness and darkness is particularly intense in the world today. The meaning of our humanity is being eclipsed. The goal of this event is really to help turn the lights on for people, so they can see the mystery of God revealed through all of creation, and especially through our own humanity, our own bodies as male and female. Through that "coming to see," our eyes are opened in stunning new ways to God's plan for creation and for our own lives.

**Mike, what is the "dance" between your music and Christopher's presentation?**

**MM:** There are places music can go that the spoken word cannot. There is so much happening at once: lyrics, melody, instrumentation etc. All of these things can combine into a potent force that can pierce the heart. Sometimes the spoken word can tease out very clear ideas in a way that music never can. Combined, if done correctly, you can create a full head and heart experience. We try to create an experience where Christopher sets up a thought or a vision and then the music helps to prayerfully reflect upon it.

**Is Made for More just for adults and parents? Or can youth attend?**

**MM:** **Made For More** is for everyone who is ready to ponder the questions "Who am I, what am I, and where am I going?" This event is for married, single, celibate, Catholic, non-Catholic, devout, skeptic, youth and ... experienced.

**Why is art and beauty essential to the event?**

**CW:** Art is the language of the heart and the heart is wired for beauty, but, sadly, a lot of us are anesthetized in the modern world. "Anesthetized" actually means "numb to beauty." We want to wake people up to beauty, and through that, help people get in touch with their deepest yearnings. That's where we discover the great mystery we are all part of.

**How can Made for More transform a parish? How can it help the priest and parish leadership?**

**MM:** **Made for More** can tenderize the hearts and dig the furrows for the Holy Spirit to drop seeds and cultivate. We provide post-event resources that help those seeds take root and potentially grow into something beautiful and life-giving. Any seeds dropped in the right conditions can provide an abundant harvest.

**What would you like attendees to come away feeling?**

**MM:** Empathy, affirmation and hope.  
**CW:** That they're not crazy to yearn for more than what this world offers. They're not crazy to want to be loved and affirmed as they are, behind the masks, warts and all. They're not crazy to imagine a world where every tear is wiped from the eye and every cry of the heart is answered. It's called "the promised land," and we want to give people a vision of it.

**MADE FOR MORE**  
VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND

Thursday, Feb 8th, 2024 at 7 p.m.

**Immaculata Regional High School**

1493 K. L. O. Road, Kelowna, BC,  
V1W 3N8

<https://>

[kelownam4m.eventbrite.com](https://kelownam4m.eventbrite.com)

### FORMED EASY SIGN UP

To sign up for this FREE parish-sponsored resource, follow these easy steps ...

- Go to [formed.org](https://formed.org)
- Click on the 'sign up' icon
- Where it says "Find your Parish or Organization," enter ... 'Immaculate Conception Kelowna'
- Click on our parish name
- Enter your email address and create a password

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we are accepting donations for the 2023/24 subscription.*

*Thank you for your generosity to keep this program available!*

### WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26TH:

#### What Is the Immaculate Conception?

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/what-is-the-immaculate-conception>

St. Nicholas Day | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney  
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/st-nicholas-catholic-all-year-at-home-w-kendra-tierney>

Shalom/Peace | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project  
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/shalom-peace-advent-word-studies-the-bible-project>

**REFUGEE FAMILY SUPPORT:** Can you assist our refugee families by donating some of the following items?

- Maternity clothes (L)
- Winter clothing –winter boots, especially winter jackets
- Clothing for: 12-mo old boy, 2-yr old boy, 6-yr old girl
- Full-sized baby crib.

The ongoing **URGENT NEED** for **AID UKRAINE** includes: **FIRST AID SUPPLIES**. Also, suitcases, floor mats & sleeping bags for soldiers.

Pray for peace!! God bless your continued support!

### PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2023 OFFERINGS

Our *Pilgrimage of Faith* offering goal for 2023 is \$67,150.00. To date we have raised **\$35,184** which is **52%** 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, *let us know!* 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! *Thank you!*

### 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!***



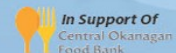
The Little Flowers of St Francis Fraternity gathers on the Second Sunday of the month at St Charles Garnier Church.

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

## **Feed a Family... Feel the Joy!**

### **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Kelowna Christmas Turkey Drive**

Immaculata Regional High School  
1493 KLO Road



**December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
6:30am - 10:00 am

Accepting both frozen turkeys and monetary donations for the direct purchase of turkeys.



## Parish/Organization TELEPHONE NUMBERS

(Area 250 Unless Indicated)

Parish Priest.....	Fr. Paul John Iumba.....	762-3910
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Parish Secretary/Office Manager.....	Andrea Mitton .....	762-3910 ext 0
Parish Fax .....		763-7450
Maintenance .....	Douglas Rasmussen .....	762-3910 ext 0
Parish Center Kitchen .....	N/A.....	762-3910 ext 8
Youth / Religious Ed. ....	David Ziebart .....	762-3910 ext 3
RCIA.....	Leanne Hopegood .....	762-3910 ext 4
CWL.....	Monaco Parker.....	300-7773
CWL Hospitality Chairperson .....	Isabell Kabatoff.....	868-0048
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 Serka.....	<a href="mailto:Pandosy2558@gmail.com">Pandosy2558@gmail.com</a>
Latin Mass Society.....		<a href="mailto:info@latinmasskelowna.com">info@latinmasskelowna.com</a>
Militia Immaculatae .....	Eileen Collins .....	575-3553
Music Ministry call Parish Office .....		762-3910
Okanagan Pregnancy Care Centre.....		763-2112
Rachel's Vineyard.....		762-2273
		<a href="mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com">info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com</a>
Reach Out Youth Counselling .....		763-7892
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....		826-5562
St. Joseph Elementary.....	Maddy Pedrette, Principal .....	763-3371
Seton House of Prayer .....		764-4333

**ALPHA** – Alpha is an 11-week course that creates a space, online or in person, where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about life, faith and Jesus... (hope, purpose, meaning and love).

Join us! Every Thursday Evening for a meal, a short video and a great discussion... course runs until December 14th.

5:30–7:30 pm

**St. Pius X Parish—1077 Fuller Ave**  
Call the office at 250-762-2587  
or Angelica, 250-317-7670 to register.

**Stuff the AMBULANCE BUS for UKRAINE with First Aid Supplies!**



Bring your donations & ease the suffering!

A collection of suitcases will be available in the front entrance of the church.



## We've Added A Little Sparkle For Haiti This Christmas!

With the continued dire situation in Haiti (5 million people face acute hunger due to the restricted availability of basic necessities and their high cost), we have allocated additional funds from ICC to **Haiti in My Heart** (HIMH) this December to ensure all the school's students and their families continue to eat a daily meal through the Christmas Break. The family meal kits HIMH will distribute later this month provide basic food staples such as spaghetti, rice, beans, cooking oil, spices, etc. to provide a daily meal for each family for 4-6 days, depending on family size.

*We couldn't provide this for our Haitian friends without you, and thank you for your generosity. Spreading Jesus' love and comfort to those in need are what we are called to do!*



You can join us to "add a little sparkle" for our Haitian friends this Christmas Season and contribute to the family meal kits. Contributions can be dropped off at the ICC office or in the Sunday collection basket, clearly marked "Haiti in My Heart", e-transferred directly to [info@haitiinmyheart.ca](mailto:info@haitiinmyheart.ca) or made online with a debit or credit card here:

<https://www.haitiinmyheart.ca/meals-for-minds-home>.



Catholic Moms Connect Presents:

## PEACE & PREPARATION Womens Advent Retreat

**WHERE:** SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER

**WHEN:** DECEMBER 8-9 2023

**COST:** OVERNIGHT \$120 / DAY RATE \$50

**INCLUDES:** ADORATION, PRAYER AND WORSHIP, OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATION AT SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER, BREAKFAST & LUNCH ON SATURDAY



**SPECTACULAR SPEAKERS:**

**FR. SYLVESTER ,  
FR. GERALD**

**MARCIA LAWRENCE &  
ALANET MCKINNON**

**TO REGISTER:** SEND E-TRANSFER TO

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PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME &  
EMAIL ADDRESS IN THE NOTES.  
REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE  
EMAILED TO YOU

QUESTIONS? TEXT MARY 778-581-9898