

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

Parish Priest: Fr. Maurice Okolie

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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.

May 04, 2025 – Third Sunday of Easter, YEAR C



WEEKEND AND DAILY MASS TIMES:

Weekdays Rosary, 7:30 AM | Mass: 8:00 AM

Wednesdays Rosary, 4:30 PM | Mass: 5:00 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena to follow Mass

Saturdays Rosary, 8:30 AM | Mass: 9:00 AM, & 5:00 PM (Vigil, for Sunday)

Sundays Rosary, 8:30 AM | Mass: 9AM, 11 AM, & 5:00 PM

First Friday's Benediction/Adoration 3:00 PM, Mass 4:00 PM

**Monday of long weekends & Stat. Holidays: Rosary @ 8:30 AM, Mass @ 9:00 AM*

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 10:00–11:00 AM, & 3:45–4:45 PM

If you are unable to attend confession during these times, please call office or an appointment:
250-762-3910

MASSES AT CARE HOMES

Village at Mill Creek – 1st Tuesday of the month @ 9:45 am

Summerwood Retirement Resort – 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am

Cottonwoods – 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 10:30 am

The Dorchester – Last Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am

Please remember to silence your mobile devices prior to Mass.
Thank You!!

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) or email: chaplain@nelsondiocese.org.

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

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL REMAINING '24/'25 MASS SCHEDULE

Thurs. May 29 @ 9:30 am

Thurs. June 12 @ 9:30 am

All are welcome!

SUMMIT: An Evening of Eucharistic Adoration



Please join us at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, June 7 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 ICC Hall.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

For working conditions:

"Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized."



ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE!

Join us to pray for the Unborn, the Elderly, and the Disabled.

Thursday **May 8th**, Canada embraces 56 years of mourning legal abortion in Canada.

Euthanasia has become the latest desecration of LIFE in our country! *How do we respond?*

We are delighted to welcome Bishop Gregory Bittman as the main celebrant for our annual *Mass for Life*.

This Mass will be celebrated **Thursday, May 8, 6:30pm** at **Immaculate Conception Church** 839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna.

Local Pastors will con-celebrate Mass with Bishop Gregory.

Following Mass, coffee and refreshments will be served in the Hall. A short video WILL BE SHOWN

Please join us to become informed and convicted to **STAND FOR LIFE!**



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

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

MASS INTENTIONS Repose - R. Intention - I.

Sat.	03-May	9:00 am	R.	Josephine Holterman
		5:00 pm	R.	Jose & Victor Dos Santos
Sun.	04-May	9:00 am		Intention of Parishioners
		11:00 am		Intention of Parishioners
		5:00 pm	R.	Joyce Marhoff
Mon.	05-May	8:00 am	I.	Brandon & Evelyn Patterson & Family
Tues.	06-May	8:00 am	I.	Matthew & Ann-Maria Bernacki (4th Wedding Anniversary)
Wed.	07-May	8:00 am	R.	Nuguid Family
		5:00 pm	R.	Philip Bilny
Thurs.	08-May	8:00 am	R.	Nick Serka
Fri.	09-May	8:00 am	R.	Sharon Watson
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Sat.	10-May	9:00 am	I.	Xavier Plaxton
		5:00 pm	I.	Elvira Dube
Sun.	11-May	9:00 am		Intention of Parishioners
		11:00 am		Intention of Parishioners
		5:00 pm	I.	Betty Bolton
Mon.	12-May	8:00 am	I.	Colum & Joanne Patterson & Family
Tues.	13-May	8:00 am	I.	Robert Koska
Wed.	14-May	8:00 am	R.	Maggie Fuergutz
		5:00 pm	I.	Esther Kwapinski Bilny
Thurs.	15-May	8:00 am	I.	Ken & Lynda Antao
Fri.	16-May	8:00 am	I.	Joseph Lee & Peter Lee

STEWARDSHIP/WEEKLY OFFERINGS, W/E – 04/27/25

Weekly Offerings required	\$	7,968.00
Sunday Collections	\$	9,019.74
Offerings received to date	\$	149,338.45
Offerings required to date	\$	151,392.00

Shortfall to Date \$ – 2,053.55

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the financial needs of our parish family.
May God bless you!*

STEWARDSHIP FOR ICC

WAYS TO DONATE:

- QR Code.
- Regular offerings/collection envelopes.
- Pre-Authorized debit (SAG).
- e-Transfer etransfer.icc@nelsondiocese.org.



(Scan me here!)

In the message box indicate that you want your donation to go to Sunday Collection, or a Special Collection.

- 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, to arrange for weekly ICC Offerings Envelopes, or for SAG Information, 250-762-3910 icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org

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, 2025**.

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



Want to get the latest ICC CWL news delivered right to your email! Scan the QR code above to fill out the form, or contact Monaco Parker to be added to the list!



*Not a member? That's okay!
This is open to all ladies in the parish and beyond.
Contact Monaco Parker, cmparkerfamily@gmail.com
Call or text - 250-300-7773*

You will be sent a confirmation email once you have been added to the list.

FAITH OF THE FATHERS READING GROUP

Learn the roots of the Catholic faith through the Early Church Fathers in our ongoing discussion series.

Meetings held on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Blue Room - ICC Parish Hall. Please contact Charlie Parker at fofkelowna@gmail.com for further information.



**ICC KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
UPCOMING EVENTS**



PARISH BREAKFAST!!

ICC Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to join them for breakfast this **Sunday (May 4th)**, from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the ICC Parish Hall. Our Knights will be serving up pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, tea and coffee!

Breakfast is by free-will donation.



Free 1 Year On-Line Membership

You can enjoy the benefits of being a Knights of Columbus Member, including Accidental Death Benefit and the famous Columbia Magazine. Go to: www.kofc.org/joinus

Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

After joining, please check your INBOX for confirmation.

**FATHER WAYNE PFLIGER'S
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**



Join in the celebration of Fr. Wayne Pfliger's 50th Anniversary of Ordination on **Friday May 9, 2025** at Immaculate Conception Parish.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 5:00 pm with dinner to follow in the parish hall at 6:00 pm



Tickets are \$35/person and are available at **Loaves and Fishes, 591 Lawrence Ave.**



GRADE 7-12 KELOWNA CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

Mark Sunday, May 25, on your calendar! Together with OLOL Youth Group and our diocesan Youth Director, Fr. Ferdinand, we are planning a Jubilee Year 'mini pilgrimage' to Seton House of Prayer for an outdoor Youth Mass, followed by a BBQ sponsored by the ICC and OLOL Knights of Columbus councils.

Watch for details and sign-up instructions in next week's bulletin!

For more information or to RSVP for any of our events and download our Youth Group registration form, go to www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca

ICC's Evangelical Gardens —HELP NEEDED!!

Are you inspired by Mary's gardens around the church?? We're looking for a few volunteer to help us weed, 1–2 hours per week, at your leisure and schedule.

~ Bring a beverage and a friend!

~ Pray a Rosary as you work!

~ Heavenly rewards!

The evangelical gardens will welcome donations of annuals –geraniums, marigolds, potato vines, petunias and any other favourites you would love to see in the gardens.

We will be planting on Saturday May 10th after the 9:00 am Mass. Thank you so much!



Parish Coffee Socials!!!

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

Week 1 – Knights of Columbus *Breakfast*

Week 2 – CWL

Week 3 – St. Vincent de Paul

Week 4 – Kelowna Right to Life Society

Week 5 – Parish Council

All are welcome!

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.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Are you getting married in the Catholic Church? Please contact **St. Pius X Parish** 250.762.2587, Deacon Peter d'Aoust or Lynn Hale for more information lhaledaoust2012@gmail.com, or phone 250-460-0378

ICC's YOUTH PILGRIM FUNDRAISING —BOTTLE DRIVE—

Please bring your refundable bottles to the ICC parking lot Sundays following the 9am mass until 12:00 noon. Pick up also available!!

Funds from the bottle drive will help with costs for ICC's youth pilgrim to travel to Rome this summer!

For more information please contact:
Jacob Hopegood, 250-826-9827



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.

ICC YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The ICC Young Adult group meet in the Blue Room every Sunday after the 9am mass for discussion and fellowship. All young adults between the ages of 18-30 are welcome.

All UBCO students ...there is mass on campus every Monday at 7pm in UNC 316 and small group meetings every Thursday at 7pm in UNC 316. The UBCO Catholic Club is working to build a faith community on campus.

Come and join to learn more about the Catholic faith and to grow in community. *All students are welcome!*

Seton House of Prayer,

Designated Pilgrimage Site in Nelson Diocese

Please note that all visits to Seton House of Prayer must be booked in advance. To arrange your pilgrim visit please call 250-764-4333 or email setonhouse@nelsondiocese.org. We would love to welcome you and ensure that you are able to enjoy our beautiful pilgrim site. As we occasionally have private groups on site it is very important that you contact us in advance of your visit.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



This Monday, May 5th is **Red Dress Day** to remember missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada. Please pray for families affected by this, and also pray with our Filipino brothers and sisters who grieve for family and friends due the tragedy last weekend.

And pray for our friend of the poor: Pope Francis that he is enjoying eternal peace in heaven.

Please remember our brothers and sisters right here in our community who struggle to make ends meet every day.

Donations can be made to icc.ssvp@gmail.com or leave an envelope in the collection plate or scan the code.

Thank you for your continued and generous support!



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 2025 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, 2025 until June 30, 2025 with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference may be found on our web site (kofcbc.org) after Jan 1, 2025.

Requests for application should be addressed to:
Christopher Chen – State Bursary Chairman
Knights of Columbus BC Charity Foundation
#333 – 1231 Pacific Boulevard
Vancouver, B.C. V6Z-0E2

Or email: chrischen.kofc@gmail.com



Deadline for requests for application is June 1, 2025.

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.



Where:
Springfield Funeral Home
2020 Springfield Road, Kelowna

Cremation Information & Tour

Wednesday, May 7th, 6:00 PM

Complimentary facility tour and informative discussion led by our Funeral Directors.

- ◆ Take a tour and gain peace of mind in making an informed decision.

Register by: May 5, 2025

Springfieldfuneralhome.com/events, OR 250.860.7077

For educational purposes only. No sales or solicitations.



Through a 5 day 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 program in Canada is **May 20–25 in Kelowna.**

For more information please email griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to [250-808-6403](tel:250-808-6403).

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. **All applications must be received on or before May 15th to be considered.**

ARE YOU A CHEF?

AND LOOKING TO PICK UP A FEW HOURS OF WORK?

This might be the opportunity you are looking for!

Seton House of prayer requires a Chef on a casual basis.

We need someone to cook for smaller groups of up to 10 people, and occasionally for larger groups, on a casual basis.



Maybe you're retired and still want to share your talent or maybe you're starting out and want to show off your skills!



If you're interested please send your resume and cover letter to executive-cpc@nelsondiocese.org by **May 15, 2025**

DIocese of Nelson PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

839 Sutherland Avenue

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 Volunteer Hours available are:

SUN: 1 PM & 4 PM | **MON:** 1 AM & 2 AM |

WED: 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM & 2 PM | **THURS:** 1 AM

Spares are always needed. Shared times available!

For information phone Lorie: 250-448-5633



Sign-up information is in the church entrance!

To find this week's featured content,
visit watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed.

WEEK OF MAY 04, 2025

† St. Damien of Molokai | Catholic Saints

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/st-damien-of-molokai-catholic-saints>

† Lectio: Salvation

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/lectio-salvation-promo>

† Eastertide Special | The Annie Moses Show

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-annie-moses-show-eastertide>



HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT LEAVING A LEGACY?

For more information or assistance contact the Diocesan Appeals Office at the Catholic Pastoral Centre.

Phone: 250-448-2725 ext. 240,

or email: plannedgiving@nelsondiocese.org



**KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE SOCIETY
UPCOMING EVENTS:**

An Evening with Sarah Joy Walker!

The Kelowna Right to Life Society presents an evening with Sarah Joy Walker on **Saturday, May 3rd** in the **Blue Room** at ICC, 839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna, BC. This is a dessert and coffee evening with the doors opening at 6:30 pm, presentation to begin at **7:00 pm**.

Sarah Joy is alive today because her mother flatly turned down an abortion when pregnant with her. Seventeen years later, Sarah Joy fulfilled her pro-life advocacy dream by speaking at the 2019 March for Life in her hometown of Edmonton, Alberta.

Sarah Joy and her mother Alisa Ketchum-Walker continue to work with the Edmonton March for Life organization in their advocacy on behalf of the unborn.

For more information on Sarah's dessert and coffee evening in Kelowna, contact the society at kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com or 250 870-4103.

2025 Dinner Event!

The Kelowna Right to Life Society and the Knights of Columbus present an evening with Alex Schadenberg and Dr. Ryan Wilson.

Mr. Schadenberg is the Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition and Dr. Wilson is the President of Canadian Physician for Life. The subject of the evening is *Euthanasia Expansion in Canada*.

You won't want to miss this semi-formal, educational dinner evening on **Saturday, May 24th** at the **ICC Parish Hall** –

839 Sutherland Ave in Kelowna. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

Tickets are \$35 each or \$250 for a table of eight.

Cheques may be paid to *Kelowna Right to Life Society*.

Visit prolifekelowna.ca for more information and online ticket purchase. Tickets also available at Loaves & Fishes bookstore and the ICC office.

Call 250-870-4103 or email kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com.

**YOUTH
BAZAAR
BAKING &
BURGERS**

MAY 24, 2025 9AM-3PM

St Pius X Parish
1077 Fuller Ave, Kelowna
Cnr. Gordon & Fuller Ave

To donate items contact Adisa
adzebic@gmail.com or 604-339-596

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED:

Irene Heisler, Lawson, Eileen Collins, Jeannette Berry, Teresa Kovacs, Elizabeth Downey, Maggie Johnstone, Samuel Jovez, Rick Prost, Sheila Lowe, Lea Carpenter, Ken Antao, Fr. Jim Ratcliffe, Teresa McGauley, Chiamaka Aghaizu, Josephine Bruch, Mary Van Verdegem, Diane Lynott, Hazel Csordas, Rihnon Coatsworth, Helen Zentner, Theresa Kaller, Kathleen Mayhew, Jesse Wilson, Bambina Tinto, Anne Mould, Rose Harry, Adam Gorges, Joyce Tremmel, Florence Nagy, Sandra Park, Loretta Bouchard, Linda Kirkpatrick, Juliana Lavell, Maritess Steiman, Rhonda Jennens, Roy Velmonte, Justina Mikosa, Mildred Reyes, Kathe Gonzaga Carpena, Michelle Miller, Victor Kovac, Phillip Dos Santos, Marlene Hughes, Dorota Nowak, Chinee Fajardo, Rosario, Luisito & Crispin Clemente, Nancy Brisson, Ginoefa Diakow, Rick 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 & Gudrun 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



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

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

St. Joseph Elementary
Presents
Disney THE LION KING JR.

St. Joseph Elementary Presents
The Lion King Jr. show
May 14th/15th

Tickets are \$15 per person and can only be purchased through the box office website.

To purchase tickets, go to:
<https://rotarycentreforthearts.com/events/event/154401/>

Seating is assigned and tickets are non-refundable.

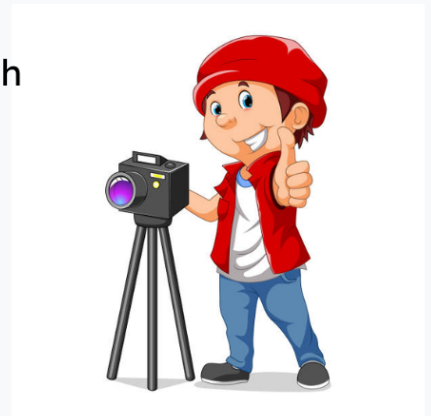
ICC PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

What is a photo directory?

A book of photos of all the families from our parish
Think of it a school year book

Why are we doing one?

To develop a community spirit among us
To get to know fellow parishioners by name
So Fr. Maurice and staff get to know families



How much does it cost?

Every family that participates gets a FREE directory
You also have the option to purchase additional portraits at significantly lower prices than studio rates

When will the photos be taken?

During the afternoon and evening from May 28 to June 3
Including weekend time slots

Where are the photos taken?

ICC Parish Center in one room
Photos chosen that day in the next room (easy peasy!)

How long does it take?

30 minutes to have family portraits taken and choose the photo for the directory (That's it! All in one trip to the church!)

How do I sign up for a photo appointment?

Drop by the appointment table after Mass
OR: Scan the QR Code on the right
OR: Go to www.icckelowna.ca and click on the yellow photo appointment sign up button



Questions?

Contact Colleen Finlon at 250-868-8071
or David Ziebart at david@icckelowna.ca