

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.



August 16th 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 – 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

WHAT DO CATHOLICS ACTUALLY BELIEVE?

Not sure what Catholics believe—or know someone who has questions? Come and discover what the Catholic faith teaches through our RCIA Program!

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey for adults who are not baptized and would like to learn more about becoming Catholic. It is also open to those who are missing one or more sacraments, such as Confirmation.

Together, we will learn about the Catholic faith, pray, ask questions, and grow in our understanding. The journey includes videos, prayer, and special rites celebrated at Mass.

Weekly classes in the ICC Hall begin September 8th, 2026. 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Registration is required.

For more information, please see Fr Maurice or contact Leanne (RCIA coordinator) at 250-762-3910 ext. 4 or leanne.icckelowna@gmail.com

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

For evangelization in the city.

"Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community."

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!!

Immaculate Conception Church FINANCIAL GOALS

Sunday Collections

THIS WEEK CA\$8,957 of CA\$9,544

94% of goal

YEAR TO DATE CA\$299,427 of CA\$524,920

92% of YTD goal · 57% of yearly

▲ CA\$25,069 ahead

Pilgrimage of Faith

TOTAL RAISED CA\$14,194 of CA\$71,500

20% of goal

▼ CA\$21,556 behind

Updated August 9th, 2026 · Pilgrimage June 30, 2026



30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

BISHOP GREGORY J. BITTMAN

Join us in celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of the Most Reverend Gregory J. Bittman, Bishop of Nelson.

Live-Stream: <https://youtube.com/live/j6vmEHM1c0?feature=share>

Monday, August 17, 2026 | Immaculate Conception Church,
Kelowna Mass at 5:00 pm | Dinner at 6:30 pm (Parish Hall)

Dinner Tickets are Sold Out.



As wildfires continue to affect communities across British Columbia, let us pray:

For families forced to leave their homes, for firefighters and first responders, for those providing shelter and support, and for all creation impacted by these fires, that God may grant them protection, strength, and hope.

May the Lord hear our prayer.

Amen.

**For those
in the fire's
path**

Firefighters, families, and the land itself
— hold them in prayer this week.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED:

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

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

St. Vincent's Corner:



This Sunday the reading from Isaiah 56:1 6-7 reminds us "to do what is just"...today and everyday we need to work for Justice. As we walk gently with our brothers and sisters who are displaced with the wildfires let us take a minute to reflect on what each of us can do. Maybe we can pray, or call a neighbor, or if you are providing a home for family and friends reach out and ask for support as needed.

Today, and always we must walk gently with God trusting that God will indeed be presence with us

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MASS INTENTIONS Repose – R. Intention – I.

Sat.	15-Aug	9:00 AM	I.	Martin & Eileen Collins
		5:00 PM	I.	Bishop Gregory Bittman
Sun.	16-Aug	9:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		11:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		5:00 PM	R.	Amedeo Russo
Mon.	17-Aug	8:00 AM	R.	Violet Kraft
Tues.	18-Aug	8:00 AM	R.	Leo Zuccato
Wed.	19-Aug	8:00 AM	R.	Henry Thalheimer
		5:00 PM		Mass Cancelled
Thurs.	20-Aug	8:00 PM	I.	Agnes & Stephanie Nagy
Fri.	21-Aug	8:00 AM	R.	Mary Magdolene Frie
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Sat.	22-Aug	9:00 AM	I.	Cyslin Isaacs
		5:00 PM	I.	St. Vincent de Paul Families
Sun.	23-Aug	9:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		11:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		5:00 PM	R.	Mafalda Vecchio
Mon.	24-Aug	8:00 AM	I.	Kathleen Mayhew
Tues.	25-Aug	8:00 AM	R.	Bonniefacio Magallanes
Wed.	26-Aug	8:00 AM	I.	Helena Plaxton
		5:00 PM	R.	Anna Mae & Matthew Collins
Thurs.	27-Aug	8:00 PM	R.	Nadine Hale
Fri.	28-Aug	8:00 AM	I.	Brigit Brizalua



Knights of Columbus Corner



Parish Food Drive

The Pandosy Council is hosting a Food Drive in support of St. Vincent de Paul from September 1-30.

Parishioners are invited to donate non-perishable food items, which can be dropped off in the foyer.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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Calling all men 18 and over to join the Pandosy KofC Council

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

Catholic Women's League

OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Renew your membership or become a new member - Perks include:
Monthly social gatherings, lots of prayers, quarterly newsletter, friendship, community + more!

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Ladies 16 and older are eligible for full memberships. Kids of all ages are always welcome with their mother/guardian & are encouraged to participate!

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CWL on Summer break – Will resume Sept. 8, 2026

General Meeting Sept. 15, 2026 at 6:30pm.

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

Help us improve the Diocese of Nelson Website by taking a **quick survey**:



You may also access it here: <https://forms.gle/eeA8SkbEytACLcPQ8>

Your feedback is much appreciated!

This survey is distributed and monitored by the Diocese of Nelson

STEWARDSHIP FOR ICC

WAYS TO DONATE:

- **e-Transfer:** etransfer.icc@nelsondiocese.org
In the message box indicate that you want your donation to go to Sunday Collection, or a Special Collection.
- Regular offerings/collection envelopes.
- Pre-Authorized giving (PAG).
- Mail your Offerings
- QR Code.

Please call or email our offices to register with our parish, to arrange for weekly ICC Offerings Envelopes, or for PAG information,
250-762-3910 | 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 AUGUST 16TH, 2026

- ✚ Saint Bernard of Clairvaux | Catholic Saints
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1040855/>
- ✚ The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/617741/>
- ✚ Pope Saint Pius X | Catholic Saints
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1044253/>



ANNUAL FR. McGIVNEY MASS & DINNER

AUGUST 13, 2026

MASS 5:30PM - DINNER TO FOLLOW
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

COME JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
AS THEY CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THEIR
FOUNDER AND PRAY FOR PAST KNIGHTS.

DINNER TICKETS:

BEFORE AUGUST 6TH \$15.00

AFTER AUGUST 6TH \$25.00

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
LOAVES & FISHES



Diocese of Nelson Perpetual Adoration Chapel

839 Sutherland Avenue

Email: adorationkelowna@gmail.com

Contact: Luke Mitton - Text/Telephone: 778-214-0680

Do you love to sing? The Kelowna Community Gospel Choir is holding auditions throughout September, and all voice types are welcome. Rehearsals are Mondays at 6:30 PM beginning September 7, 2026, at Mission Springs Church of God, 3705 Mission Springs Drive. For more information, contact kelownacommunitygospelchoir@live.com or 250-763-0453, or visit www.facebook.com/kelowna.community.gospel.choir.

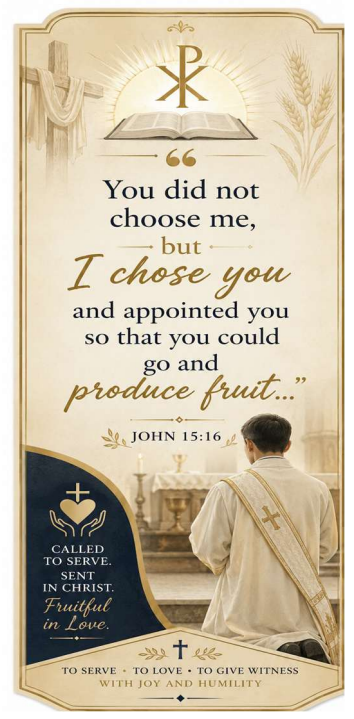
Gathering in the Spirit 2026 – September 16–19 at Seton House of Prayer, Kelowna. Guest speaker John Connelly: "Draw Near to My Sanctuary—Abundant Life and True Love Await." Wed. 8:00 a.m. to Sat. 4:00 p.m. Residential \$547 (Nelson Diocese) / \$647 (outside); commuters \$308. Info & registration: ndccrs2020@gmail.com. Hosted by the Charismatic Renewal.

10th Annual Charity Car Wash & BBQ

Freedom's Door Kelowna, together with Mission Superwash, Matte & Associates Financial Solutions, and Evergreen Building Maintenance, invites you to the 10th Annual Charity Car Wash & BBQ on **Friday, August 21st** at Mission Superwash.



Volunteers will be hand-washing vehicles top to bottom, and 100% of every donation goes directly to the programs and services at Freedom's Door, which supports individuals in recovery here in Kelowna. Stay afterward for a complimentary BBQ, a goodie bag, and a chance to win prizes.



[Jeffrey Loma Transitional Diaconate Ordination Mass Live Stream Link](https://youtube.com/live/Ubv45y-Q3p4?feature=share) or <https://youtube.com/live/Ubv45y-Q3p4?feature=share>

Join us this **Wednesday August 19th, at 7:00 PM** for Brother Jeffrey's Ordination into the Sacred Order of Transitional Deacons through the laying of hands of the Most Rev. Gregory J. Bittman at ICC.

A reception in the ICC Hall will follow.

Brother Jeffrey Loma (Bro. Jeff), 36, is a seminarian intern of the Diocese of Nelson. He completed his philosophical and theological formation in the Philippines, earning his Philosophy Studies, Ecclesiastical Degree in Theology, and a Master of Arts in Theology. Specializing in finance in the field of business, he holds a Bachelor in Business Administration, Master in Business Administration, and a candidate for Doctor of Business Administration.

He is the third of four children and his family resides in Canada. He arrived in Canada in July 2024 and soon began his internship formation in the Diocese of Nelson. Since then, he has gained a wide range of pastoral experiences through his assignments in various parishes across the diocese including Cranbrook (East Kootenay – prior to his acceptance to the Diocese), Trail (West Kootenay), Penticton (South Okanagan), and currently Kelowna (North Okanagan).

Prior to entering the Nelson Diocese internship formation, Bro. Jeff worked for five years as a university educator in the Philippines, teaching Business Administration and Theology, where he shared knowledge of faith, doctrine, and moral teachings. He also gained experience working in the banking sector early in his career. Although he found fulfillment in teaching and academic research, he gradually recognized a deeper calling in his life. Sensing a longing that professional success could not satisfy, he discerned God's invitation to serve more fully in a personal and pastoral capacity. This led him to leave his academic career and pursue his vocation to the diocesan priesthood.

One of the most transformative moments in his life came during his early years in seminary formation in the Philippines when he unexpectedly lost his voice due to a rare neurological vocal chords disorder known as spasmodic dysphonia. For someone preparing for the priesthood – a vocation centered on preaching, teaching, and pastoral communication – the experience became a painful and deeply challenging journey. For 4 or 5 years, he struggled not only with physical limitations, but also with uncertainty, discouragement, and the emotional weight of losing the ability to speak. Despite these trials, he continued to hold on to his faith, trusting in God's purpose even during moments of silence and suffering.

Through God's providential care, perseverance, prayer, medical treatment, and the support of family, friends, and mentors, Bro. Jeff miraculously regained his voice. More importantly, the experience transformed his understanding of suffering, compassion, and faith. His journey became a testimony of hope and resilience that has inspired many people facing their own personal struggles and hardships. Today, he often shares his story as an encouragement to others, reminding them that even in moments when life seems uncertain or broken, God continues to work through suffering and can bring healing, purpose, and renewed strength.

In his personal time, Bro. Jeff enjoys reading books, learning new things, painting, gardening, biking, walking, and exercising. He has a particular interest in creating ritual prayers, retreats, and guided meditations, as well as in planning and organizing activities and events.