

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

Parish Priest: Fr. Maurice Okolie

839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna BC V1Y 5X4

Phone: 250-762-3910 | Email: icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org | Website: <https://www.icckelowna.ca/>

Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Mondays, Weekends & Stat Holidays – offices are closed. Please contact office to schedule an appointment.



July 2026, Monthly Newsletter

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

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</i> 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	<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

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

For Respect for Human Life

"Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God."

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!!

Please join us for the Rite of Candidacy Mass

† † † † † † †

His Excellency, [Bishop Gregory Bittman](#) will be present at Immaculate Conception Church to Celebrate the Rite of Candidacy to both the Permanent and Transitional Diaconate at the **5pm Evening Mass, Sunday, July 12th.**

The Rite of Candidacy offers the aspirants to publicly declare their intention to serve the Church and to be recognized by the Church community as they prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Seminarian Jeffrey Loma (ICC - Kelowna)

Elisio Cunha (Our Lady of Lourdes - West Kelowna)

Luc Lavigne (Mary Immaculate Cathedral - Nelson)

Romeo Medrano (St. Ann's - Penticton)

Jon Rowe (St. Charles Garnier - Kelowna)

A light coffee / dessert reception will be held in the parish hall following the Mass, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Father Pandosy Council #2558.



Funeral Service - ELLIOTT, Dallas

A Funeral Mass for Dallas Elliott will be celebrated at ICC on Wednesday, July 8th, at 12:00 PM. With a reception to follow.

† † † † † † †

A prayer service will be held Tuesday July 7th, at 7:30 PM. We invite the parish community to pray for the repose of his soul and for the comfort of his family.



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.

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

Tickets are \$20/person. Purchase online via the QR code to the right, or visit the parish office for assistance, or pick up hard copy tickets at Loaves & Fishes



Come and celebrate with us the SILVER JUBILEE for Rev. Fr. Paul John Irumba

July 7, 2001 - July 7, 2026

Sacred Heart Parish, Golden, BC cordially invites you to celebrate the Priestly Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Paul John Irumba Abwooli to take place **Tuesday July 7, 2026 @ 4:00 PM**

The program will start with Holy Mass, followed by a catered dinner in the Parish Hall. The deadline to register for the dinner is over.

Your attendance will be greatly appreciated and valued.

Email: golden@nelsondiocese.org

ST. VINCENT'S CORNER:



This past week members of St. Vincent de Paul from across Canada met in Halifax. Staying in dorms as an inexpensive model takes many of us back to college days, and reminds us that we are so fortunate to have our own homes and comfortable beds. We had workshops on social justice, thrift stores, formation and training, spirituality and more. We return refreshed with new ideas on how best to serve our neighbors in need.

+++++

Thank you for your generosity this past weekend.

+++++

Remember you can always donate at icc.ssvp@gmail.com or scan our code! ...and remember you can always donate online at icc.ssvp@gmail.com or scan our QR-code!



Thank you for your generous support!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Barb Hamilton (Bird) | Juliana Lavell |
| Chaz | Cyslin Isaacs |
| Rachel Donegan. | Maritess Steiman |
| Chloe | Rhonda Jennens |
| Linda Kirkpatrick | 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-Stephensen |
| Hazel Csordas | Anne Engel |
| Rihnon Coatsworth | Aisley Ducharme |
| 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 | |

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

MASS INTENTIONS Repose – R. Intention – I.

Sat.	07-Jun	9:00 AM	I.	Teresa & Rob Plaxton
		5:00 PM	I.	Jessica Turner
Sun.	08-Jun	9:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		11:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		5:00 PM	R.	Sr. M. Pierina Richardson
Mon.	09-Jun	8:00 AM	R.	Larry Ukrainetz
Tues.	10-Jun	8:00 AM	R.	Ray Volk
Wed.	11-Jun	8:00 AM	I.	Jessica & Nick Turner Anniversary
		5:00 PM	I.	Ryszard Kwapinski
Thurs.	12-Jun	8:00 PM	R.	Jack Richardson
Fri.	13-Jun	8:00 AM	I.	Tony Lunelli
			+++++	
Sat.	14-Jun	9:00 AM	I.	Tony Lunelli
		5:00 PM	R.	Mertyl Radke
Sun.	15-Jun	9:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		11:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		5:00 PM	I.	Andrea Mitton
Mon.	16-Jun	8:00 AM	R.	Lyalle Fuergutz
Tues.	17-Jun	8:00 AM	I.	Jamie Gorges
Wed.	18-Jun	8:00 AM	R.	Marielle Attwell
		5:00 PM	R.	Jaycee Herrick
Thurs.	19-Jun	8:00 PM	R.	Wendy Brown Nolems
Fri.	20-Jun	8:00 AM	R.	Henry Matonog



Knights of Columbus Corner



PARISH BREAKFAST

📅 Sunday, July 5th ⌚ 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Come enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast in the Parish Hall with your parish community! *All are welcome!*

🍲 **Breakfast is by good-will donation.**
We look forward to seeing you there!

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

After joining, please check your INBOX for confirmation.

+++++

Contact pandosy2558@gmail.com

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



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!

FORMED

WEEK OF JULY 05, 2026

- ✚ **Sts. Benedict and Scholastica**
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2866076/>
- ✚ **Saint Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon**
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582313/>
- ✚ **Maria Goretti: The Story of the Patroness of Modern Youth**
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/588786/>



STEWARDSHIP/WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Parish Budget	\$	9,544.00
Weekly 2026 POF Required	\$	1,300.00
Weekly Stewardship Required	\$	10,844.00
Sunday Collections – 06/28/26	\$	7,780.15
2026 POF Received – (May. 31)	\$	11,735.50
YTD Offerings Shortfall	\$	-24,693.09
YTD POF Shortfall	\$	-24,664.50

Total YTD Deficit **\$-49,357.59**

Thank you for your generous financial support.

Your contributions are essential to helping our parish meet its weekly budget and continue serving our community.

May God bless you!

STEWARDSHIP FOR ICC

WAYS TO DONATE:

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

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

- Mail your Offerings



Please call or email our offices to register with our parish, to arrange for weekly ICC Offerings Envelopes, or for SAG information, 250-762-3910 | icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org

Thank you to all of our families who have made a gift to this year's **Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal**. Our parish has currently raised **\$11,735.50** of our Parish Goal, **\$71,500.00**.

Gifts can be made via e-transfer to: etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org or online via Canada Helps Canada Helps:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360> or by completing a pledge card and returning it along with a cheque/cash to the parish by collection, in person or by mail.

For more information on how to give contact the Pilgrimage of Faith office at the Pastoral Centre at 250-448-2725 ext. 240 or email appeals@nelsondiocese.org or logon to the Nelson Diocese website <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/> and click on the 'Donate Now' button. Thank You!

ANNIVERSARY DINNER / DANCE

Join Bill & Paulet for our annual Anniversary Dinner & Dance as we honour all couples celebrating wedding anniversaries this year.

Whether you're marking a milestone or simply looking for a great night out... come and enjoy a wonderful meal, lively music, and time with our parish community. Adults 19+ are welcome.

Friday July 24th

Doors open @ 6:00/refreshments

Dinner @ 6:30 🎵 Dancing to follow!

Live music by Vic Dance Band 🎸 🥁 🎷 🎹 🎺 🎻

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

Event tickets must be presented at main door for entry.

🌞 He Is Risen! Alleluia! 🌞

Come and rejoice in the Risen Lord!

✨ Lift your heart in joyful praise

🙏 Spend time in prayer before the Lord

🎵 Be renewed through worship and community

Whether you are seeking peace, encouragement, or simply time in God's presence, all are welcome.

📍 Location: St. Pius X Parish (side entrance)

For more information about the People of Faith Prayer Group, please call or text Piera at 250-215-7100.

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

ICC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Immaculate Conception Parish is seeking a parishioner who would be willing to step in and assist the Finance Committee during a committee member's medical leave.

We are looking for someone with experience or a good understanding of accounting, budgeting, financial planning, and the general operation of a business. Most importantly, we are seeking a person who is dependable, collaborative, and willing to share their knowledge in service to our parish.

If you feel you may be able to help or would simply like to learn more about what is involved, please contact the parish office. A member of the Finance Committee would be pleased to answer your questions.

"God has blessed each of us with unique gifts. Perhaps this is an opportunity to share yours in service to our parish community."



Lost and Found

A garage door opener was found in the parking lot behind the church. Please contact the parish office to claim it.



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

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

Evangelical Gardens

Our EVANGELICAL GARDENS are blooming with the artistry and perseverance of Mary Jane, our devoted volunteer gardener. You can assist her with:

1. Donation of flats of bedding plants.
All colors & varieties appreciated.
Costco, Independent, Superstore... all stock!
2. Time to help weed.

Thank you for your "hands on" support 🌱 🌻 🌺

Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi

Pope Leo has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year in honour of St. Francis of Assisi, running from **January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027**. As part of this Jubilee, St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Revelstoke has been designated a pilgrimage site. All parishioners are warmly invited to visit and take part in this grace-filled year.

A plenary indulgence may be obtained during the Jubilee – for oneself or for a departed soul – by those who participate devoutly and fulfill the usual conditions:

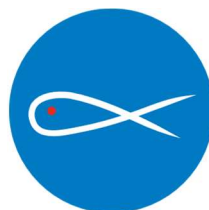
- **Sacramental Confession** – to be in a state of grace (within eight days before or after)
- **Mass and Eucharistic Communion**
- **A pilgrimage** to any Franciscan church or a church dedicated to St. Francis, where one renews the profession of faith by reciting the Creed
- **The Lord's Prayer**, reaffirming our dignity as children of God through Baptism
- **Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father**, affirming our unity with the Church and the Pope

Parish Coffee Socials will return in September.

Please join the Knights of Columbus for their monthly breakfast on the first Sunday of the month throughout the summer.

Office Desk Needed - If you have one you no longer need, please contact the parish office or email a photo with the dimensions. Thank you for helping our parish!

CHEZ
Vincent
THRIFT STORE



**Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul**

UPDATE: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has finally secured a space for their 100% Charitable Chez Vincent Thrift Store. Hooray!! While we would love to, we are not authorized to disclose the exact location for a few months as current tenants require time to vacate their premises. Also, it is very important to prevent unauthorized donation drop-offs. In the meantime, we are still seeking volunteers with construction management and trades skills for some demolition work and leasehold improvements.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Now that we have secured a location, we will begin our search for a Store Manager. This dynamic and experienced leader can expect a salary in the range of \$55k - \$65k, depending on qualifications, with an estimated start date of August, 2026. A job description can be attained by contacting the undersigned.

PS: Individuals and businesses are still welcome to become Founders of our Chez Vincent thrift store, through their generous tax-deductible donation. For more information, please contact Tim Young at (250) 859-1485 or timyoung@shaw.ca.



Thanks to your ongoing generosity our shelves are full. Our families are truly grateful for your support.

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!

† † † † † † †

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

† † † † † † †

Harvest Festival CWL Volunteers needed for Market Hall (Sat. Sept.
26, 2026) Please contact Monaco Parker at contact info below.

† † † † † † †

CWL on Summer break – Will resume Sept. 8, 2026
General Meeting Sept. 15, 2026 at 6:30pm.

† † † † † † †

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

Children's Liturgy

Will return in September. If you have any questions, please contact
Leanne at 250-762-3910 ext 4 / leanne.icckelowna@gmail.com

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](https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/news)

Do You Know Someone who is Curious about the Catholic Faith?

A survey once indicated that almost all RCIA enrollees were invited
by a co-worker, friend, or family member. **A simple and sincere
invitation from a friend is many times all that is needed in their
life.** For some, becoming Catholic was a means to find what was
missing in their daily life. If you know someone who may be looking
for the peace that comes through the Catholic faith, I encourage you
to extend an invitation to consider the RCIA program (The Rite of
Christian Initiation for Adults). There is no cost to attend. For more
info, please see Father Maurice, or contact Leanne Hopegood, RCIA
Coordinator at 250-762-3910 ext 4 or leanne@icckelowna.ca

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.

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.

Rise Up 2026

by

Catholic Christian Outreach
(CCO)

Rise Up is Canada's national Catholic conference
for young adults. Hundreds of students and young
professionals (ages 18 to 35) meet for worship,
talks, Mass, and life-changing encounters with
Jesus from Dec 29 to Jan 1 at a selected location in
Canada.

Rise Up 2026 will be held in Vancouver from Dec
29, 2026 to Jan 1, 2027. Young adults in Nelson
Diocese are encouraged to attend. Planning is
ongoing for young adults interested in attending.

For more information and registration, scan the
QR code or visit the link below.



<https://forms.gle/eH7uRLe1vwodxEU29>

NOW HIRING
AWESOME
— ★ —
**THRIFT
STORE
MANAGER**

Salary Range: \$55k - \$65k

Send your resumes to: joannyoung@shaw.ca

COMING SOON TO KELOWNA, BC

CAJAZ
Vincent
THRIFT STORE

100% CHARITABLE THRIFT STORE

A project by the Okanagan Valley



Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul

Leave a Legacy of Faith

Have you considered leaving a legacy to Immaculate Conception Parish? A gift in your Will is a meaningful way to help our faith community flourish for generations to come.

Your gift can support a particular ministry or project close to your heart, or be directed wherever the parish's needs are greatest – helping provide for future ministries, building improvements, and ongoing parish needs.

To learn more, with no obligation, please contact the parish office. A member of the Finance Committee would be pleased to speak with you confidentially.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart... for God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Corinthians 9:7

Thank you for prayerfully considering how your generosity, today or through your estate planning, can help build the future of our parish.

† † † † † † †

Celebrate 50 Years of Loaves and Fishes

We are filled with gratitude as we reach a momentous milestone in our community. Please join us to celebrate the **50th Anniversary** of Loaves and Fishes!

For half a century, this ministry has been a testament to our local Catholic Book and Supply store's commitment to serving the community and those in need. We want to honor the volunteers, and supporters who have made this mission possible since 1976.

When: Saturday, July 11th, 2026

Time: Immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass

Where: The Parish Hall at Immaculate Conception Church

FREE gifts to the first 250 people.

DIOCESE OF NELSON PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL
839 Sutherland Avenue



Email: adorationkelowna@gmail.com

Contact: Luke Mitton

Text/Telephone: 778-214-0680



PARISH/MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS CONTACT INFORMATION (AREA 250 UNLESS INDICATED)

Parish Priest	Fr. Maurice Okolie	762-3910
Permanent Deacon	Dcn. Rod Attwell	rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org
Parish Secretary	Andrea Mitton	762-3910 ext 0
Parish Fax		763-7450
Maintenance	Douglas Rasmussen	762-3910 ext 0
RCIA	Leanne Hopegood	762-3910 ext 4
		leanne.icckelowna@gmail.com
Youth / Religious Ed.....	David Ziebart	762-3910 ext 3
		david.icckelowna@gmail.com
CWL	Monaco Parker	300-7773
CWL Hospitality Chairperson.....	Monaco Parker	cmparkerfamily@gmail.com
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 Ibrahim	pandosy2558@gmail.com
Loaves & Fishes		868-8933
Militia Immaculatae	Eileen Collins	575-3553
Music Ministry call Parish Office...		762-3910
Okanagan Pregnancy Care Centre .		763-2112
Rachel's Vineyard.....		762-2273
		rvokanagan@gmail.com
Reach Out Youth Counselling.....		763-7892
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....	Meg	826-5562
		icc.ssvp@gmail.com
St. Joseph Elementary.....	Maddy Pedrette, Principal.	763-3371
Seton House of Prayer		764-4333



SECULAR ORDER OF
DISCALCED CARMELITES
(OCDS)

Come and See!!

The members of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites, under the protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in the biblical tradition of the prophet Elijah and inspired by the teachings of St. Teresa of Jesus and St. John of the Cross, seek to deepen their Christian commitment received in baptism.

For more information call Loretta at
250-448-5633
or Doug at 613-363-8246



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, please contact
Maria: (778) 214-2705