



Immaculate Conception Church

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NELSON

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NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

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

Please contact office to schedule an appointment.

September 03, 2023 — 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Main Parish Office has reopened Mondays with the return of the School year!

Mass will continue to be livestreamed with the link on our website.



*Thank you
for taking
a moment
to silence
your mobile
devices.*

WEEKEND AND DAILY MASS TIMES:

Sundays	Rosary	8:30 am
	Mass:	9 am, 11 am, & 5:00 pm
Weekdays	Rosary	7:30 am
	Mass:	8:00 am
Wednesdays	Rosary	4:30 pm
	Mass:	5:00 pm
	<i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena to follow mass</i>	
Saturdays	Rosary	8:30 am
	Mass:	9:00 am, & 5:00 pm (Vigil, for Sunday)

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 10:00 – 11:00 am, & 3:45 – 4:45 pm
If you are unable to attend confession during these times,
please call office for an appointment: 250-762-3910
Emergencies Only – 250-762-8445

KELOWNA AND AREA HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

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



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

MASS INTENTIONS Repose – R. Intention – I.

Sat.	02-Sept	9:00 AM	R.	Marcus Novel	Sat.	09-Sept	9:00 AM	R.	Connor Gherasim
		5:00 PM	R.	Holy Souls in Purgatory			5:00 PM	I.	Paton Family (through the intercession of the Infant Jesus of Prague)
Sun.	03-Sept	9:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners	Sun.	10-Sept	9:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		11:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners			11:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		5:00 PM	R.	Helene Guillot & Doug Walker			5:00 PM	R.	Edward Ramos
Mon.	04-Sept	9:00 AM	R.	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Mon.	11-Sept	8:00 AM	R.	Blair Kirkpatrick
Tues.	05-Sept	8:00 AM	I.	McKenzie Family	Tues.	12-Sept	8:00 AM	R.	Maria Serka
Wed.	06-Sept	8:00 AM	R.	Joe Iafrancesco	Wed.	13-Sept	8:00 AM	R.	Deceased Members of the Bruni Family
		5:00 PM	I.	Hilaria Ramos (thanksgiving)			5:00 PM	R.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thurs.	07-Sept	8:00 AM	R.	Alfred Mayhew	Thurs.	14-Sept	8:00 AM	R.	Michael J. Aprile
Fri.	08-Sept	8:00 AM	I.	Lunelli Grandchildren	Fri.	15-Sept	8:00 AM	R.	Kay Marshall

MASSES AT CARE HOMES

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

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

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE ILL: Loretta Bouchard, Linda Kirkpatrick, Margaret Murphay, Monika Habart, Aggie Turner, Juliana Lavell, Maritess Steiman, Rhonda Jennens, Roy Velmonte, Jolana Dusik, Betty Yarrow, Justina Mikosa, Mildred Reyes, Kathe Gonzaga Carpena, Michelle Miller, Victor Kovac, Phillip Dos Santos, Marlene Hughes, Annie Baars, Russ Radi, Heidi Hurson, Dorota Nowak, Chinee Fajardo, Rosario, Luisito & Crispin Clemente, Nancy Brisson, Paul Meyer, Ginoefa Diakow, Rick Lock, Cathie Lock, Mertis Filiatrault, Sister Barbara, Candace Gilmore-Stephensen, Anne Engel, Aisley Ducharme, Catherine Fortunat, Michael M, Trudy Szulkies, Cherie Lynn Walsh, Suzanne Crowe, Alicia L, Arthur Cobham, Marcus Cresswell, Ray Pauluk, Desjardines families, Rachel Donegan, & Ernie Poitras.



*If you have a loved one that you would like on the prayer list
or if you know of someone who no longer needs to be on the list please contact Andrea at the Parish office
762-3910 ext. 0, or email icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org*





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



For people living on the margins.

"Let us pray for those people on the margins of society in subhuman living conditions, that they may not be neglected by institutions and never be cast out."

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ADORATION CHAPEL
25 YEAR CELEBRATION!!

You are invited to join Bishop Gregory Bittman in a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate **25 years** of perpetual adoration at the Immaculate Conception Adoration Chapel.

The Mass will be offered at **5:00 p.m. Thursday, September 7**, at Immaculate Conception Church in Kelowna. Mass will be followed by a potluck dinner in the parish hall.

Please join us for the celebration!

For security purposes, Immaculate Conception Church is locked when it is not in use. If you would like to visit the church during the week when it is locked, please visit the office (white building next door) to request access or call office 250-762-3910 to make an appointment.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

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

Scheduled Hours available are:

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



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

THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW!

Have you been looking for a service opportunity that perfectly fits your schedule? Come visit our cemetery on Casorso Road, and spend some time praying and weeding!

Benefits include:

- † No meetings!
- † No membership dues!
- † Fresh air & sunshine!

Drop by at your leisure!! Green bins provided!!

Thank you in advance for your time and support!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS — August 27, 2023

Regular Collection	\$	6,568.73
Collection to date	\$	282,657.29
Weekly Collection required	\$	8,592.00
Collection to date required	\$	300,720.00
Balance to Date	\$	(18,062.71)

*We appreciate your support to help
in the maintenance and running of our parish!*

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

Thank you for all that you give!!

DONATIONS TO ICC

For parish collection envelopes, call or email parish office.

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

e-transfer.ICC@nelsondiocese.org (note in memo eg. Sunday collection/Pro-Life, etc.) for automatic deposit.

Interested in pre-authorized debit/SAG? Please contact office.



ICC KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
UPCOMING EVENTS

ICC PARISH BREAKFAST,
Sunday September 3rd.

The food will be blessed and the fellowship will be divine!!!!

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

Please come out and support our Knights in their Ministry to serve our Community through various programs, scholarships, pilgrimages, charity and disaster efforts.



Knights of Columbus Men's Retreat

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



Knights of Columbus - 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.

Goto: www.kofc.org/joinus

Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

After joining, please check your INBOX for confirmation.

Having completed a period of study and prayer through the RCIA program, **Kayden Beath** will soon be received into the Catholic Church! Please pray for **Kayden** as he makes his final preparations to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion. All are invited to join in this wonderful celebration on **Saturday September 16th at 5:00 PM!!**

YOUNG FAMILY NEWS

FIRST COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION COMING UP?

To ensure a proper understanding and formation for the sacraments, children must have at least one year of formation (either through a Catholic school or parish program) to celebrate First Reconciliation and First Communion. Likewise, Confirmation candidates need to be part of a religious education program for years 3 to 7. Please see details below for the parish’s religious education program.

PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

For students in grades 2 to 7 attending public school, we are raring to go and are now accepting registrations for our 2023/24 Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)! This year we will be gathering on WEDNESDAYS from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. You can either download a registration package from our website (www.icckelowna.ca) under the children’s tab or pick one up at the church entrance. Please return completed registrations to the parish office or simply drop them into the Sunday collection in an envelope marked ‘PREP Registration.’ **Registration deadline is Sept. 12.** For more information, contact David Z at the parish office at 250-762-3910 ext. 3 or david@icckelowna.ca.

WHAT DO CATHOLICS ACTUALLY BELIEVE?

Many people don’t really know ... if this describes you or someone you know, **come and discover what our Catholic faith teaches** through the RCIA Program!

The “Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults” is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. The classes are also open to those who are missing some sacraments of initiation (eg: Confirmation) and include several stages marked by study, prayer, and rites at Mass. As a group, we journey together in a year of classes where we receive information and get our questions answered.

Classes will run from 6:30-8:00ish on **WEDNESDAYS** in the Bedford Room of ICC hall beginning on **September 13, 2023**. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Leanne at 250-762-3910 ext 4 or email the parish office.



ST. JOSEPH NOVENA:

For direction and guidance towards future Parish structural improvements and equipment upgrades.

We will be having a *Novena to St. Joseph* every evening at 7:00 pm from September 14th to September 22nd in the church to ask for St. Joseph to intercede on our behalf in building a balcony befitting a cathedral and other upgrades for our music ministry where we can praise God, as well as other Parish enhancements.

Novena will include prayers and hymns. September 22nd Novena & Mass in honour of St. Joseph.

THE SCHOOL YEAR IS ALMOST BACK IN SESSION!

School zones are back in effect on **Tuesday September 5th!!** For the safety of our children, parents and staff, please slow down and observe the posted speed limits.



Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School is looking for a new team member! Do you have the skills and/or experience/certification to work as a Custodian & Maintenance Groundskeeper?

Do you know someone who would be a great asset to our West Kelowna school? There is an opening for School Custodian/Maintenance at Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary. You can access the position details and see all employment opportunities within CISND by going to our website, <https://www.cisnd.ca/employment.php>. OLOL also has open teacher positions.

- Click on “Available Support Positions” or “Available Teaching Positions”
For any questions about the application process, email admin.assist@cisnd.ca.



St. Joseph Catholic School is looking for a bus driver to transport our students from the school to the Clubhouse Farm in Ellison on Wednesdays starting in September. These weekly visits are an important part of our Outdoor Academy program which gives our students hands on learning in nature.

If you know someone who could help out, please contact sjkinternational@cisnd.ca.

PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY



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

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

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

RE-SCHEDULED!!

Mission SuperWash and
Matte & Associates Financial Solutions presents

FREEDOM'S DOOR CHARITY

CARWASH AND BBQ

Enjoy a fun filled day including a **free lunch, swag bag giveaways, draw prizes** and most importantly - have your car washed by our volunteers!

This event supports Freedom's Door, a non-profit organization offering a clean, safe, non-judgmental, supportive environment for men seeking addiction recovery.

@ Mission SuperWash | Friday, Sep 8th | 9am-4pm

2023 FREEDOM'S DOOR CHARITY CARWASH

Matte & Associates Financial Solutions alongside Mission SuperWash and Freedom's Door Kelowna are hosting their 7th annual Freedom's Door Charity Car Wash and BBQ on September 8th!

All vehicles coming through Mission SuperWash will be washed by our Freedom's Door Residents and staff on a donation basis towards Freedom's Door. In exchange, the customer will receive a free car wash, a complimentary BBQ lunch, a goodie bag, and the opportunity to win great prizes!

ST. VINCENT'S CORNER

As we grow closer to the beginning of a new school year, we invite everyone to *come out, and help to serve the Lord with us.*

Saint Mother Theresa once said: "At the end of our lives, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, or how many great things we have done. We will be judged by: 'I was hungry, and you gave me food to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in.'"

Become a SVDP volunteer. We have flexible hours, friendly, welcoming volunteers, and great mentorship. Most of all, we have fun serving others. It is so rewarding! Share God's love with us in this ministry.

For more information, contact Meg at Meg O'Brian mobrien750@gmail.com or Maria Levko 778-214-2705

Rachel's Corner

"It is in the dark that God is passing by. The bridge and our lives shake not because God has abandoned, but the exact opposite: God is passing by, God is in the tremors... Though it is black, and we can't see, and our world seems to be free-falling and we feel utterly alone, Christ is most present to us" Ann Voskamp

Has it seemed very dark since the day of the abortion? Perhaps no one knows just how dark it truly is for you. God knows. He was there that day, and He is here now.

Will you join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and allow Him to fill your life with light and warmth again as He touches your aching heart with His merciful love?

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

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

info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com
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250-762-2273

GRIEF TO GRACE — Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, *Grief to Grace* helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness.

The next retreat in Canada is **October 24 – 28, 2023** in Kelowna.

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



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



Yeshua 2023 Retreat

“Men are yearning to encounter the real person of Jesus. The problem is that in today's fast-paced, digitalized world, many good men are often caught in a whirlwind of responsibilities and distractions. The deeper questions of purpose, faith, and personal connection with God can get sidelined.

The Men's Retreat: Yeshua, is more than just a three-day event; it's an opportunity to rediscover Christ. Guided by Jake Khym and Peter White, attendees will dive deep into understanding not just the teachings, but the very person of Jesus. The Men's Retreat offers:

- Personal Discovery: Learn that Jesus isn't just a figure in history, but a real, competent, and loving Savior who seeks a personal relationship with you.
- Brotherhood: Forge deep connections with like-minded men who are committed to going deeper with Jesus.
- Adventure: Break free from routine, and be immersed in the stunning outdoors of Rockridge Canyon.

Here's what you need to do:

1. Register for The Men's Retreat at, www.liferestoration.ca/mensretreat
2. Invite a friend or brother priest to join you.
3. Get ready to deeply experience the person of Jesus.

Rediscover. Reconnect. Recommit. Register today.”

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, FALL 2023

You are warmly invited to this year's Development and Peace Regional Assembly. The event will take place over the weekend of **September 22 - 24, 2023 at Little Flower Academy in Deroche, B.C.** (Just outside of Mission).

This will be our first in-person assembly since the beginning of the pandemic, so we look forward to gathering together once again! This weekend is an open invitation to both new friends and veteran members of Development and Peace. We are hoping to create a weekend retreat full of awareness raising around different social issues impacting our world, as well as meaningful spiritual reflection and opportunities to socialize. So, if you know someone who might be interested in this weekend gathering, please let them know.

Registration Forms will be available on the table in the church entrance, or in the Bulletin section of our website. Estimated costs are around \$100.00 per person, subsidy may be available.

Formal agendas available once we have confirmed our special guests! If you have any questions about registration, please be in touch with Jeremy (jeremy.laurie@devp.org).

Based on Neal Lozano's FIVE KEYS TO FREEDOM

“The **UNBOUND** Seminar”

St. Ann's & St. John Vianney Parishes - Penticton

An 8-week seminar facilitated by Pat & Vicki Conroy

Catholic Lay Evangelist Missionaries for 34 years

To Register or for more info:

Call Claudette 778-559-3048 Email claudettebris@gmail.com

Sessions begin on

Tuesday, September 12 at 9:45am in St. John Vianney

Or

Thursday, September 14 at 6:30pm in St. Ann's

Books By Neal Lozano

Recommended: UNBOUND, Practical Guide to Deliverance - \$14 US

Required: UNBOUND, Freedom in Christ Workbook - \$14 US

Purchase from:

melissa@heartofthefather.com or call 610-952-3019 ext.3

FALL 2023 PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSION

Through our Pastoral Care Ministry, volunteers visit the lonely, homebound, sick, injured, elderly, and dying, in hospitals, extended health care facilities, or at home. Lay pastoral care visitors can assist their pastors by helping to share Christ's healing love and compassion with those in need—in their rawness and vulnerability—by offering friendship, encouragement, the ministry of presence, and, when requested, prayer, and Holy Communion.

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online again this fall by the Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee. Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 - noon, **starting on September 23 and running until November 25, 2023** (with no session on October 7 for Thanksgiving). Participants who attend all sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or SmartPhone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable Internet connection, and access to Zoom. Bishop Gary Gordon of the Diocese of Victoria feels “it is important to have parishioners trained at the ready to provide a caring and compassionate experience to those who are most in need.”

Previous graduates have commented: “Loved every minute of it! I would mark all nine session evaluations as **EXTREMELY WELL!!!** Each of the sessions were rich in the information presented and methods of delivery and discussion. I have appreciated these classes and the beautiful warm-hearted people I have met here. It was very motivating and the presentations were excellent. I have learned so much on this journey. My first reaction was I don't have time for this course. It went by so quickly and I gained so much info. I am so happy I said 'yes'.” **Please register through your local parish by September 12th.** For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca

FORMED EASY SIGN UP

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

- Go to 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

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3RD

- ◆ The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Sacred Art
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/sacred-art-the-nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary>
- ◆ Mother Teresa: No Greater Love
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/mother-teresa-no-greater-love-1>
- ◆ Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/formed-now-nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary>

We are accepting donations for the 2023/24 subscription. Thank you for your generosity to keep this program available!

LAUDATO SI UPCOMING VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Greetings!

I know many of us are feeling the climate impacts of this summer, whether it be extreme heat, smoky air, wildfires, flooding, drought, or any other host of impacts.

As Pope Francis reminds us, it is important to let our hearts break and let ourselves weep for our world that is suffering, and we hope you are also finding ways to root yourself in prayer and moments of hope. Here's LSM's [August prayer reflection](#) to support you in reflecting upon our current times

Please read on for upcoming opportunities and a friendly request for your help:

Let's come together in Canada:

This Season of Creation Movement Laudato Si' Movement - Canada ([MLSM Canada](#)) is responding to Pope Francis' [call](#) to "come together"! We are inviting all MLSM Canada members and supporters as well as Laudato Si' Animators and other global Laudato Si' Movement ([LSM](#)) members across Canada to our **first online MLSM Canada National Gathering on Wednesday, September 27th from 6:00-8:00 pm ET.**

We believe that "much can be done" (Laudato Si' #180) if we build better bridges and a stronger movement of Catholics and all people of good will across Canada seeking to bring [Laudato Si'](#) to life and working towards a more just and sustainable earth community. We hope you will join us!

[Find out more and register here!](#)

Save these dates!:

- ◆ **Sept 1-Oct 4:** [Season of Creation](#): Find the global Catholic resources [here](#), and consider how you might participate in the global call to action, adapted for Canada [here!](#)
- ◆ **Sept 15 & 17:** Around the world, cities are participating in the [March to End Fossil Fuels](#). If there's an event in your area, consider joining as a Catholic, praying with our feet in action! Also, we invite you to [follow](#) our North America Programs Coordinator, Luke Henkel, on his bike pilgrimage to the New York march from Chicago!

Thank you for your continued work and support to care for our common home; this growing and active community is a huge sign of hope for me, and hopefully for you, too.

Anna Johnson
North America Senior Programs Manager
Laudato Si' Movement