

# 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.



**December 21, 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS**

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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	<b>Benediction/Adoration 3:00 PM, Mass 4:00 PM</b>

**\*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* – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 9:45 am

*Summerwood Retirement Resort* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am

*Cottonwoods* – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 10:30 am

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

### 2025 Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedules

Wednesday Dec. 24	8:00 am	Daily Mass
Christmas Eve	4:00 pm	First Mass of Christmas **livestreamed
	7:00 pm	Second Mass of Christmas
	12:00 am	Midnight Mass
Thursday Dec. 25	9:00 am	Christmas Day Mass
Christmas Day	11:00 am	Christmas Day Mass
	4:00 pm	Christmas Day Mass
Friday Dec. 26	9:00 am	Daily Mass
Saturday Dec. 27	9:00 am	Daily Mass
	5:00 pm	for Sunday Mass
Sunday Dec. 28	9:00 am	Daily Mass
	11:00 am	Daily Mass
	5:00 pm	Daily Mass
Monday Dec. 29	8:00 am	Daily Mass
Tuesday Dec. 30	8:00 am	Daily Mass
Wednesday Dec. 31	8:00 am	Daily Mass
New Years Eve	5:00 pm	Mass –Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
	11:30 pm	Holy hour/Benediction
Thursday Jan. 1	9:00 am	Mass –Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
New Year's Day	11:00 am	Mass –Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
	4:00 pm	Mass –Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

**CHRISTMAS THROUGH NEW YEAR'S.**

Our Main Parish Office will be CLOSED from December 24<sup>th</sup> 2025 until January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

For emergencies, please email [icckelowna.pastor@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:icckelowna.pastor@nelsondiocese.org) or reach out to the Kelowna and Area Hospital Chaplaincy phone.

There will be NO Newsletters/Bulletins printed during these weeks.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

### 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!!

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

For Christians in areas of conflict:

*“Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.”*

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

For prayer with the Word of God:

*“Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.”*

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Each year we celebrate the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ, the saviour of the whole world. All the prophesies of the birth of the Messiah not only point to a better condition for us but above all to our salvation. If the coming is just for things to be better for us here on earth alone, then, our whole humanitarian projects must have been accomplished or realized. Jesus fulfills the Old Testament prophesies. In Jesus, people's dreams come true. In Jesus, God's plan becomes reality. To have a benefiting celebration of Christmas is to have had a good advent. The period of advent is the remote and the proximate preparation of Christmas. The best preparation for Christmas is an interior preparation. Cleanliness of our hearts is the best preparation.

As we say goodbye to the year 2025, we thank God for seeing us through the year in spite of our weaknesses, challenges, disappointments, and many other shortcomings. As we say welcome to the year 2026, we are ready to start afresh, with new mindset, new attitude, and ever ready to allow the Holy Spirit of God to take control of our mission and our vision. With the special reception of the greatest gift, God Himself (Jn 3:16, Jn 1:14), we must be ready to become gifts to our brothers and sisters. We can do this if only we accept the biblical injunction that says that when we reach out to help those in need, we not only find Jesus (Matt. 25:40), but we also become Jesus (Rom. 8:29, 2 Cor 3:18, Phil. 2:5-11).

We the resident priests, Very Rev. Fr. Sebastian Puthenpura, Fr. Dave DeSouza, and I are very appreciative of the support of all our parishioners. Your commitment has shown in the various aspects of our parish. We thank the Parish Council members for their consistency in deliberating on the Pastoral and spiritual life of our parishioners. The Finance Council (Committee) members, thank you for always guiding and directing the parish on the matters of finance. The joint collaboration and consultation between the Parish Council and the Finance Council made us to carry out Parish Survey and Parish Pictorial directory soon to be out.

My dear parishioners, let us equally extend our heartfelt thanks to our Permanent Deacon Rod Attwell for all his dedicated services. We appreciate the support of his lovely wife and family too. Our Parish staff and their volunteers we thank you for your commitment to your duties. On the Liturgical life of our parish, we thank the sacristans, Eucharistic ministers, the musicians, ushers, and servers. Also, thank you to members of the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's league, St. Vincent De Paul and our Parish Youths. Religious Education teachers (Catechists) we appreciate all you do in helping new parishioners through catechism classes and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult (RCIA). We are sincerely grateful to all our parishioners for all your contributions. May God continue to bless you and your family.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Fr. Maurice Okolie (Pastor)

## Church Christmas Decorating

If you are available on **Monday, December 22** between **9:00 and 11:00 am**, please join us as we decorate the inside of the church for Christmas.



## Funeral Mass – FRIE, Marie Magdolene

A funeral Mass for Marie Magdolene Frie will be celebrated by **Fr. Scott Whittemore** at Immaculate Conception Church on Thursday January 08, 2026 at 11:00 am, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join us in supporting her loved ones with your presence and prayers.



*"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her."*

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

Sat.	20-Dec	9:00 AM	R. Alfred Geismayr
		5:00 PM	I. St. Vincent de Paul Families
Sun.	21-Dec	9:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
		11:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
		5:00 PM	I. Matija Sabljic
Mon.	22-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Marguerite & Maynard Allers
Tues.	23-Dec	9:00 AM	R. Sharon Wilkinson
Wed.	24-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Intentions of Parishioners
		4:00 PM	Christmas Mass
		7:00 PM	Christmas Mass
Thurs.	25-Dec	12:00 AM	Midnight Mass
		9:00 AM	Christmas Mass
		11:00 AM	Christmas Mass
		4:00 PM	Christmas Mass
Fri.	26-Dec	9:00 AM	I. Patrick Kelly
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Sat.	27-Dec	9:00 AM	I. Elmo Rantucci
		5:00 PM	R. Mate Mikulic
Sun.	28-Dec	9:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
		11:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
		5:00 PM	I. Ted Matte
Mon.	29-Dec	8:00 AM	R. Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tues.	30-Dec	8:00 AM	R. Mafalda Vecchio
Wed.	31-Dec	8:00 AM	I. Rob Plaxton
		5:00 PM	R. Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thurs.	01-Jan	9:00 AM	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
		11:00 AM	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
		4:00 PM	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Fri.	02-Jan	8:00 AM	I. Fr. Curtis McKenzie
		4:00 PM	I. Knights of Columbus
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Sat.	03-Jan	9:00 AM	I. Patricia Phelan
		5:00 PM	I. Mary Jean Tomas
Sun.	04-Jan	9:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
		11:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
		5:00 PM	R. Ruth Mitton
Mon.	05-Jan	8:00 AM	R. Reva Tomas
Tues.	06-Jan	8:00 AM	R. Leonard Warren
Wed.	07-Jan	8:00 AM	I. Lilia Villasenda
		5:00 PM	R. Thor Gunnarson
Thurs.	08-Jan	8:00 AM	R. Kevin Ewing
Fri.	09-Jan	8:00 AM	I. Teresita Sommery

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED:

Jason & Mary Angela Newcomb, Ken & Lynda Antao, Filomena Rotundo, Ashton Therrien, Bishop Gregory Bittman, Irene Heisler, Lawson, Teresa Kovacs, Elizabeth Downey, Maggie Johnstone, Samuel Jovez, Rick Prost, Sheila Lowe, 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, Sandra Park, Loretta Bouchard, Linda Kirkpatrick, Juliana Lavell, Maritess Steiman, Rhonda Jennens, Roy Velmonte, Justina Mikosa, Mildred Reyes, Kathe Gonzaga Carpeta, 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.

*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](mailto:icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)*

## STEWARDSHIP/WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday Collections – 12/14/25	\$ 13,558.60
Weekly Parish Budget	\$ 7,968.00
<b>YTD OFFERINGS TARGET, OVER/SHORT</b>	<b>\$ 57,674.19</b>
<b>2025 POF Shortfall</b>	<b>\$ -36,635.65</b>
<b>YTD PARISH, OVER/SHORT</b>	<b>\$ +21,083.54</b>

*Thank you for your generous financial support, which helps sustain our parish's ministries, expenses, and mission.*

*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](mailto: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](mailto:icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)***

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday January 29 @ 9:30 am

Wednesday February 18 (Ash Wednesday) @ 9:30 am

Thursday April 9 @ 9:30 am

Thursday May 28 @ 9:30 am

Thursday June 11 @ 9:30 am



## Knights of Columbus Corner



### Christmas Greeting from the Knights of Columbus

Wishing you and your family a blessed and joyful Christmas. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, may His light fill your hearts with peace, hope, and love.

From all of us in the Knights of Columbus Fr. Pandosy Council 2558, we thank you for your faith, service, and dedication throughout the year. May this holy season bring you renewed strength and many graces, and may the New Year be filled with God's blessings, good health, and happiness.

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

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### PARISH BREAKFAST!!

Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

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!

### ICC CWL Corner

CWL Memberships are due - renew or become a new member!  
Ladies 16 and older are welcome to join!

The ICC CWL will continue to meet every second Tuesday of the month at 1pm in the Main Hall or Blue Room for a coffee social! Join us for a rosary and a short presentation with plenty of time to enjoy each other's company. Tea and coffee provided, snacks to share are always accepted! All ladies of the parish welcome, even non-members and kids.

CWL Coffee Social - Jan. 13, 2026 - 1 pm Main Hall - Rosary to start and New Year presentation to follow with light refreshments. Please bring a snack to share. Kids are always welcome!

CWL General Meeting - Jan. 20, 2026 - 6:30 pm Main Hall - Deadline for requests is: Jan. 13, 2026

Questions/e-transfer info? Contact Monaco Parker:  
250-300-7773/[cmparkerfamily@gmail.com](mailto:cmparkerfamily@gmail.com)

### 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.

### The Young Adults Group

meets on Sundays in the Blue Room (ICC Hall) after the 11 am mass. Come join them for snacks and fellowship.

All adults ages 18-35 are welcome.

### 2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2026 collection envelopes are ready for pick up in the foyer of the church. Please only pick up your envelope box.

If you did not receive collection envelopes in the past and you wish to receive 2026 Offertory Envelopes, or you notice your annual box of envelopes is missing, please contact the parish office.

**PLEASE DO NOT use your 2026 envelope until the New Year as it may have a different number than your 2025 envelope.**

### USHERS NEEDED – CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS!!

We're in need of volunteers to assist as Ushers for our Christmas Mass times! We need volunteers for Christmas Eve at 4pm and midnight, and Christmas Day at, 9am, 11am and 4pm. If you are planning to attend one of these Mass times and are able to help out, please sign up at the Ushers station in the church foyer, or call the office. Volunteers are also needed for our New Years Mass times.

### Parish Coffee Socials

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

Week 1 – Knights of Columbus, Breakfast

Week 2 – available

Week 3 – St. Vincent de Paul

Week 4 – Kelowna Right to Life Society

Week 5 – Parish Council



### Children's Liturgy

### Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday during the 9am Mass

Remaining 2025 date is December 14<sup>th</sup>

After the opening prayers of the Mass, Father will invite children between the ages of 4/5 (preschool) to age 8 to the front of the church and send us off for the Children's Liturgy of the Word in the Bedford Room of the parish hall. (Children who have received First Holy Communion should remain in the Church). Parents are also welcome to join with their younger kids.

2026 dates:

January: 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> | February: 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
March: 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> | April: 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

If you have any questions, please contact Leanne at

### 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.

### 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](mailto:plannedgiving@nelsondiocese.org)



## PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2025

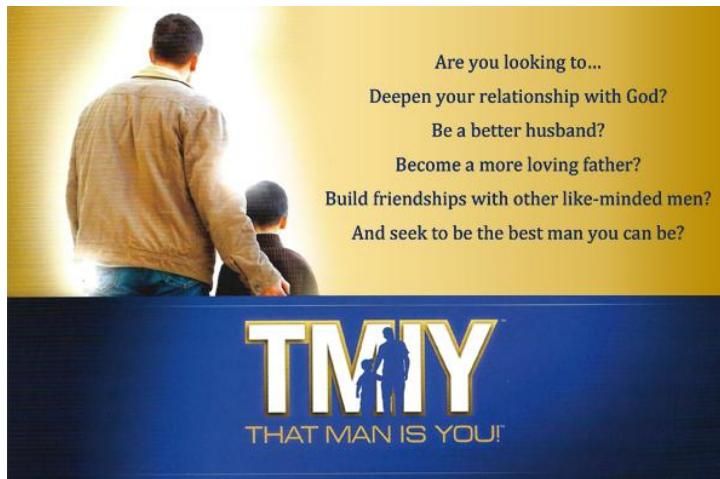
This annual appeal provides funding for capital project rebates, Catholic education, social and pastoral programs, and many other key services in our Diocese as well as to our parish.

We hope that everyone will participate in this year's appeal. Remember to fill out your pledge card and drop it along with a cheque/cash in the collection, or donate via e-transfer to: [etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org) or online via Canada Helps at Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360>.

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](mailto:appeals@nelsondiocese.org) or logon to the Nelson Diocese website <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/> and click on the 'Donate Now' button.

ICC's 2025 Diocesan Goal is \$71,300.  
To date, we have received \$30,964.35

*Thank you for your continued support!*



*That Man Is You* is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families, and the greater society.

Starting January 21, TMIY will meet for semester 2 on **Wednesday mornings, 6:30 am – 7:30 am** in the Immaculate Conception Parish Center (Use EAST Entrance). Light continental breakfast items available. Come check it out, and if you feel it is a good fit, we have a suggested donation of \$25.00 (or whatever you can afford) for the semester to help cover materials and breakfast items.

For more information about the program, check out the [Paradisus Dei Website](#), and to **save your spot**, please email the [TMIY Core Team](#).

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.*

## **2025/2026 SUNDAY MISSALS**

We have a few extra Sunday Missals available in the parish office for purchase, the cost is \$7.00 each.



## **Youth Group Christmas Bottle Drive**

Got empty beverage containers this Christmas season? Using the Return-It App, please consider donating them to help our ICC teens get to the 2026 Steubenville Conference.

Return-It App makes donations easy, to get started:

1. Log-in to your account through the Return-It App (found on Google Play Store or the iOS App store) or visit <https://app.return-it.ca>.  
**Don't have an account? Sign up for a free Return-It account at <https://app.return-it.ca>**
2. Donate to the Youth Group by clicking the QR Code or by using the following link: <https://app.return-it.ca/immaculateconceptionchurch>  
You'll have the option to set **auto-donations** or a **one-time donation**.
3. Return all your empty beverage containers to a Return-It Express location, every container counts!



**FORMED**

*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!

### **WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2025**

- The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Christmas Special <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3026666/>
- Christmas | Sacred Art <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1896794/>
- What Catholics Believe About Christmas: Traditions, Santa Claus & the 12 Days <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3388336/>

### **WEEK OF DECEMBER 28, 2025**

- New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1949820/>
- The Holy Family <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1243200/>
- Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1931141/>

### **WEEK OF JANUARY 04, 2026**

- God's Doorkeeper <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/578776/>
- The Three Wise Men <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2968623/>
- Epiphany <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1952319/>

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

## ST. VINCENT'S CORNER:



On behalf of all the families we were able to provide services to and provide a wonderful Christmas party, we wish you all a very Blessed Christmas, and may 2026 be filled with joy and happiness.

~The Vincentian team

and remember the needs continue donations can be made anytime at [icc.ssvp@gmail.com](mailto:icc.ssvp@gmail.com) or scan our QR-code!



## Pray For Us!

The Alpha course is coming back to Immaculata in February. The most important element of Alpha is prayer, and that includes our community. We ask that you pray for the participants, for the leaders, and the course itself. A great initiative from Alpha Canada invites us to pray for all our high school students:

<https://wearemadeforthis.com/>

We ask that you choose Immaculata as one of the High Schools. You can repeat the process and pray for as many High Schools in Canada that you choose. There is power in prayer, and our new generation needs this!



**IMMACULATA**  
CATHOLIC REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

DIOCESE OF NELSON PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL  
839 Sutherland Avenue

The Adoration Chapel has new contact information!!

Email: [adorationkelowna@gmail.com](mailto:adorationkelowna@gmail.com)

Text/Telephone: 778-214-0680

Contact: Luke Mitton

We are verifying the Adoration Chapel schedule to ensure accuracy and setting up an online spare scheduling system using SignUp.com.

We request that **all scheduled Adorers verify their scheduled hours and information** with the contact information above and also indicate yes/no if you would like to have your email added to the spare list.

If you are not a scheduled Adorer and would like to be added to the spare system, please email [adorationkelowna@gmail.com](mailto:adorationkelowna@gmail.com).

Current available permanent hours:

Sunday: 1am, 2am, 4pm, 6pm

Wednesday: 3am

Thursday: 3pm (until May)

Friday: 8am (support)



## CATHOLIC MOUNTAIN STAR

The Catholic Mountain Star is now accepting any news, photos and articles for publication for the coming winter issue: Deadline January 20, 2026. Please send photos, news and articles to: [Catholicmountainstar@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:Catholicmountainstar@nelsondiocese.org)

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



## Journey Through Advent Video Series

The CCCB is pleased to announce that the Journey through Advent video series, which includes reflections on the readings for each Sunday in Advent, will be available from today, Monday, 24 November 2025. It is a joint project between three CCCB offices (the Office national de liturgie, the National Liturgy Office, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis).

This year's spiritual reflections are delivered by the Most Reverend Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Moncton (in French), and the Most Reverend Wayne Lawrence Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton (in English); we are grateful to them.

The videos are available on the CCCB Website:

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

In French: <https://www.cecc.ca/evangelisation-catechesis-et-education/ressources-video/cheminer-ensemble-durant-lavent/>



Video message for Christmas presented by CCCB President Bishop Pierre Goudreault.

In English: <https://youtu.be/2utYV0W3T1c>

In French: <https://youtu.be/PdN64oqxHUG>

Please also find below a link to the President's Christmas Message.

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/letter/christmas-message-2025/>

In French: <https://www.cecc.ca/letter/message-de-noel-2025/>

## ICC NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER / DANCE



Wednesday December 31<sup>st</sup>

Doors open @ 6:00/refreshments

Dinner @ 7:30 Dancing 8:45-1:00 am

Midnight snacks

Live music by Vic Dance Band

Tickets are \$80 per person (non-refundable) prior to December 12<sup>th</sup>

\$90 (non-refundable) after December 12<sup>th</sup>

& available through Loaves & Fishes!

**Event tickets must be presented at main door for entry.**

## ICC NEW YEAR'S DAY LUNCH / ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday January 1<sup>st</sup>

1:00pm - 4:00 pm

\$20 / person at the door!!

**Join Us!!**

St. Edward's Parish in Lake Country is looking for a Building and Grounds Maintenance Contractor. Position is available as of December 30th. Any interested parties please call St. Edward's Parish @ 250-766-3146 for more details.

**DIOCESE OF VICTORIA PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSIONS  
STARTING JANUARY 2026:**

*“God calls us to touch the lives of our aging, lonely, ill, palliative and dying sisters and brothers with accompaniment, kindness and compassion as the hands and face of Christ. In these sessions, you learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ.”* – Most Reverend Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online this winter. The training is open to spouse caregivers, family members who care for their loved ones, clergy and religious, care aides and others in the health industry, and anyone who is personally drawn to learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ.

Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, **starting on January 24 and running until March 28, 2026** (with no session on March 7). Missed session can be made-up, and a Certificate of Completion is provided to those who complete all nine sessions. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smart phone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable Internet connection, and access to Zoom. **Please register through your parish by January 13, 2026.** For further information, please email [moiraking@shaw.ca](mailto:moiraking@shaw.ca)

**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 250448-5633**

**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!*

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