

Immaculate Conception Church

Parish Priest: Fr. Cerlouie Iimenez

Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

PLEASE CALL for appointment.

839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna BC V1Y 5X4

Website: icckelowna.ca Phone: 250-762-3910 Email: iccoffice@shaw.ca



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

WEEKEND AND DAILY MASS TIMES

Sundays	9:00 am	Rosary - 8:30 am
	11:00 am	
	5:00 pm	
Weekdays	8:00 am	Rosary - 7:30 am
Wednesdays	5:00 pm	Rosary - 4:30 pm,
		Novena to follow mass
Saturdays	9:00 am	
	5:00 pm	(for Sunday)

Monday of long weekends & Stat. holidays: 9:00 am First Friday - Benediction/Adoration 3:00 pm, Mass 4:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

All confessions inside the church.



10:00 - 11:00 am

& 3:45 - 4:45 pmIf you are unable to attend confession during

these times, please call office for an appointment: 250-762-3910 or Emergencies Only - 250 -762 - 8445



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

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish Mission Fund. Any donations collected will be put towards future missions and exhibits hosted by our Parish.



Ruah! Youth Fellowship Day: Grades 7-12!

A day of worship, games, fellowship, inspiration and FOOD on Saturday, April 29 from 1:00 to

5:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center, closing with anticipated Sunday Mass at 5:00 pm.



Woo Hoo!! BUS TRIP for students who live in the Kelowna area

Drop Off at ICC Parish Center: 12:15 pm

• bus leaves at 12:30 pm sharp! Pick Up at ICC Parish Center: 6:45 pm

To REGISTER for Ruah and/or SIGN UP for the BUS RIDE, go to our website at www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca and click on the links for Ruah!

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

ICC Young Adults Group

Our Young Adults Group meets Sundays after the 11:00 am Mass in the Blue Room of the Parish Center for lunch, an inspiring or thought-provoking video on faith and some great conversation. Suggested donation for lunch is \$5.00.

For more information, email <u>iccyoungadults839@gmail.com</u>.



ICC Knights of Columbus Council

would like to invite you to join them for breakfast Sunday May 7th.

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

When: Sunday, May 7th, 2023 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Time: Where: ICC Parish Hall Free-will Donation Cost:

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.





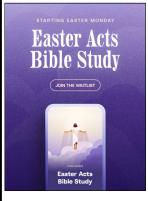
St. Joseph Catholic School

invites you to join us in celebrating our school masses at ICC

May 25th at 1:00 pm | June 23rd at 9:15 am.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

We have also been nominated for "Best in Kelowna 2023" and would appreciate your support in voting for our Catholic school. This can be done online at https://bestof.kelownanow.com.



EASTER ACTS BIBLE STUDY

"Starting Easter Monday, hundreds of thousands of us around the world will start a new Easter prayer and reflection challenge. We'll hear one chapter from Acts each day for 28 days read aloud by Jonathan Roumie from *The Chosen* with transformative, guided meditations on the text from one of the most renowned scripture

scholars in the world, Dr. Scott Hahn.

The Acts of the Apostles details the beginning of the Church, beginning with the Ascension of Christ, making it the perfect book to continue our journey of growing closer to Christ after this Lenten season and starting off our Easter season in joyful celebration!

Check out the poster and bookmark promo material at the entrance of the church and join us in this Easter prayer challenge!"

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel is *fully open* to all of our faithful; <u>all</u> restrictions have been lifted!

Our Lord Jesus is calling you to visit Him in The Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Consider signing up for an hour.

Regular, scheduled hours available are:

SUN 7 AM, 9 AM & 3 PM

TUES 7 AM

<u>WED</u> 2 AM, 5 AM

THURS 5 AM

Fri 5 am

<u>SAT</u> 4 AM & 8 AM

Please call Lorie 250–448–5633



MASS INTENTIONS Repose - R. Intention - I.

Sat.	22-Apr	9:00 AM	I.	Emily Bumann
		5:00 PM	I.	Deacon Rod Attwell & Family
Sun.	23-Apr	9:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		11:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		5:00 PM	I.	Stella Majic
Mon.	24-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Carlin Fuergutz
Tues.	25-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Michelle Collins &
				Christopher Collins
Wed.	26-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Zachary Plaxton
		5:00 PM	R.	Anthony Pasquat Panza
Thurs.	27-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Ann-Maria & Matthew Bernacki
Fri.	28-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Simon Preis
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Sat.	29-Apr	9:00 AM	I.	Parents of the Un born
		5:00 PM	R.	Armando Chiarello
Sun.	30-Apr	9:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		11:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		5:00 PM	I.	Paul Preis
Mon.	01-May	8:00 AM	I.	Akurienne Family
Tues.	02-May	8:00 AM	R.	Victor Seguin
Wed.	03-May	8:00 AM	R.	Wladyslawa & Henry Matonog
		5:00 PM	I.	Ben Selzler
Thurs.	04-May	8:00 AM	I.	Stanislaw Nazovek
Fri.	05-May	8:00 AM	R.	Teresa Chiarello
		4:00 PM	R.	Nick Serka
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FILIPINO MASS is celebrated at <u>Corpus Christi Parish</u> 750 Rutland Rd N, Kelowna @ 5:00 pm every *FIRST* Sunday of the month.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE ILL:

Roy Velmonte, Jolana Dusik, Betty Yarrow, Donna Mann, Justina Mikosa, Mildred Reyes, Kathe Gonzaga Carpena, Ken & Lynda Antao, Michelle Miller, Victor Kovac, Phillip Dos Santos, Marlene Hughes, Annie Baars, Russ Radi, Heidi Hurson, Dorota Nowak, Chinee Fajardo, 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 at iccoffice@shaw.ca



Sunday Collection — April 16th, 2023

Regular Collection \$ 6,795.60 Collection to date \$138,036.03 Weekly Collection required \$ 8,592.00 Collection to date required \$137,472.00 Balance to Date \$ 564.03

If you requested 2023 envelopes, please check the tables in the entrance of the church.

Please continue to give on a regular basis so as not to fall behind.

Thank you for all that you give!!



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 is says "Find your Parish or Organization," enter ... 'Immaculate Conception Kelowna'
- ➤ Click on our parish name
- > Enter your email address and create a password

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

Week of April 23, 2023

- Episode 1: Saint Mark the Evangelist https://watch.formed.org/videos/saint-mark-the-evangelist
- Who is St. Catherine of Siena?
 https://watch.formed.org/videos/formed-live-who-is-st-catherine-of-siena
- Can You Trust God? by Dr. Tim Gray https://watch.formed.org/videos/can-you-trust-god

We are accepting donations for the 23/24 subscription. Thank you for your generosity to keep this program available!

DONATIONS TO ICC

You can mail donations to - ICC: 839 Sutherland Ave, Kelowna, BC V1Y 5X4

We accept E-transfers!

etransfer.ICC@nelsondiocese.org No password needed. Please indicate where to deposit donation (example: Sunday collection). Your donation will be deposited.

KINDLY INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME AND NOTE YOUR FUNDS ALLOCATIONS WHEN SENDING E-TRANSFERS.

A Pre-Authorized debit form is available by email or mail if you are interested in signing up for donations through the SAG program.

Contact the parish office <u>iccoffice@shaw.ca</u> or 250-762-3910 for e-transfer or SAG information.

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

ICC SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

Please contact the Parish Office **FIRST** when enquiring about your child's baptism.

Parents and Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

We ask that you call or email the office <u>at least 6 weeks</u> <u>prior</u> to your requested date to ensure time for your preparation.

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.

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In preparation of this most special sacrament we ask that you contact the office <u>at least 6 months prior</u> to your requested wedding date.

Parish Office 250-762-3910 or <u>iccoffice@shaw.ca</u> *Please DO NOT contact priest through social media.*

DIVINE WILL STUDY GROUP — You're invited to join and study the writings of Luisa Picaretta, on the *Divine Will*.

WHEN: *Tuesdays*, 10:30 am—noon & 7:00 pm—8:30 pm

WHERE: St. Pius X, 1077 Fuller Ave, Kelowna

(in the gymnasium)

For more information please call Joanne Ducharme at 778-363-1033, or Paulette Martins at 1-250-570-2967

Catholic Mountain Star is back!

Article submission deadline for the **year 2023** first issue is on **Monday, May 15th**. Please limit articles to 600 words (fit one page of 8 ½" x 11" paper) using size 11 font. News articles for parish or caption information limit to 1 or 2 sentences.

Please email all submissions to catholicmstar@gmail.com.

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



We are Resurrection People.

We love.

We care.

We use our gifts and talents to serve.
We follow Christ.
He is our model.

Our St. Vincent de Paul group really needs YOU. We need organizers, administrators, prayer warriors, strong arms to deliver food, listening ears, compassionate hearts, drivers, generous givers. What gifts do you have that you could put to the service of others? Whatever your gifts, we need YOU! Please prayerfully consider how you can volunteer.

Next week the poor boxes will be out at the back of church.

Please give generously.

For those who are able to give financially, we are now able to accept e-transfer donations at icc.ssvp@gmail.com, or through our National website: ssvp.ca. Click donate and choose Immaculate Conception Kelowna.

Thank you for your generosity to those in need.

April 30th is the last Sunday of the month!

Please remember our brothers and sisters when you see the *Poor Boxes* near the church exit, or you can always submit donations with the regular collection marked to St. Vincent de Paul or you can always donate online: icc.ssvp@gmail.com

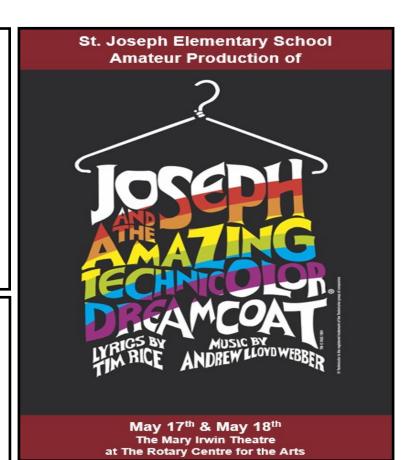
We continue to pray for you, our benefactors and for our

LATIN MASS SOCIETY OF KELOWNA

For information on Latin Mass Society of Kelowna, Mass or events schedules, please visit their website:

> www.latinmasskelowna.com or email: info@latinmasskelowna.com

2475 Dobbin Road, Unit 22, Suite #532 West Kelowna, BC V4T 2E9



Tickets on Sale Now!

Three performances to choose from.

Adult / Student 14+ \$25

Child 13 and under \$15

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT IS THE FAMILY EVENT OF THE YEAR, SHOWCASING THE STUDENTS AND FINE ARTS PROGRAM OF ST. JOSEPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. (SUITABLE FOR AGES 5+)

Performances

May 17th 6:30pm

Featuring Grade 4-6 Choir, Grade 4 students, and Grade 7 cast

May 18th 12:00 pm

Featuring Grade 4-6 Choir, Grade 6 students, and Grade 7 cast

May 18th 6:30pm

Featuring Grade 4-6 Choir, Grade 5 students, and Grade 7 cast



Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is an apostolic lay organization that empowers ordinary Catholics to live out their baptismal promises in structured forms of prayer, service and fraternity.

Its goals are the personal sanctification of its members and to embody the ideals of Christianity through the spiritual Works of mercy.

If you feel Mary is calling you to serve the shut-ins in our community, please join us. We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:30 in the Blue Room.

CWL Bursary Applications

are now available to pick up at the ICC Office. Please return your application before May 31, 2023. This application is open to *first year students* pursuing higher education at private or public institutions.

For more information, please pick up an application from the ICC office between 8:30 and 12:30, Monday – Friday!



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 postsecondary programs who are continuing their studies in accredited post-secondary education in BC.

Applications can be requested, by contacting Paul Gabias by email, <u>pgabias@gabiaswellness.com</u>.

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

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 2023 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, 2023 until June 30, 2023* with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference may be found on our web site (kofcbc.org) after Jan 1, 2023.

Requests for application should be addressed to: Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon 2809 Mara Drive, Coquitlam, BC V3C 5T9 Attn: Herb Yang, Bursaries Chairman



Or email: herbykofc@gmail.com

Deadline for requests for application is June 1, 2023.

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.



The Pro-Life Truck is on the road again for 2023!

Spring is here, the roads are bare, and once again, our mobile billboard is

rolling through the streets of Kelowna! This highly effective mode of advertising will be reaching tens of thousands of Kelowna residents over the coming months, helping to change hearts and minds to the pro-life position.

While the pro-life truck is still a cost-effective way to spread the pro-life message in our community, the price of gas and maintenance continues to be high. If you'd like to support this important project, please click on the button below to make a tax-deductible donation to Kelowna Right to Life Society (select "pro-life truck project" from the drop down menu).

Additionally, we are still in need of drivers willing to take the truck out once per week (or every two weeks) for the Spring and Summer. If you're interested in being a driver of



the pro-life truck, please <u>send us an email</u> or call us at 250-870-4103 for more information.

Rachel's Corner

"Many of us have things buried in our hearts. Mistakes, sins, omissions, and commissions. Many of us have a tomb within, and when we buried those things, we did so with the intent of never again unearthing what was sealed in this tomb. Listen to me: There is more to life than this. God longs to give you more. And all He asks is permission to enter into the tomb within our hearts." Fr. Mark Toups

Join the men and women on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. We too stuffed our pain from abortion involvement in a tomb within the heart. Come see what it feels like to not carry around shame and regret anymore. Give it a try.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273



Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured physical,

emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse find healing.

The next retreat is May 23 – 27, 2023 in Kelowna. For more information please email grieftogracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

The Kelowna Red Cross is reaching out to local Kelowna organizations as we are recruiting Client Services Volunteers to support the Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP) Depot in Kelowna.

The Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP) offers mobility, independence, and safety to people recovering from illness or surgery or wishing to spend their final days at home. In addition, the HELP Client Services Volunteer provides administrative support, like answering the phone and coordinating health equipment loans and returns.

JOIN THE CANADIAN RED CROSS VOLUNTEER TEAM NOW



Volunteering with the Red Cross is a wonderful way to give back to your community, meet people with similar values, and build new skills and experiences. Red Cross provides full training for all roles.

redcross.ca/volunteer

The hours may vary but are generally three to four hours per week. For program information and to complete an application, please follow the link: <u>Health Equipment Loan Program Volunteer Application</u>

The Annual MASS FOR LIFE will be celebrated Thursday, May 11, 7 pm @ Immaculate Conception Church. Celebrant will be Bishop Gregory Bittman, joined with local priests to concelebrate.

The theme for this years National campaign is *STAND FIRM*. This phrase from Ephesians 6:14 encourages us that the violence of abortion and euthanasia must be met with the Gospel of Peace! Coffee, goodies and a video presentation will follow in the parish centre. Join us. Put on the Armour of Christ. Fortify yourself with Truth, Justice & Faith! Everyone encouraged to join us STAND FOR LIFE!









MASS FOR LIFE

THURSDAY MAY 11, 2023



7:00 PM

CELEBRANT: Bishop Gregory Bittman Coffee & film in hall following mass.

"Stand firm therefore, having belted your waist with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness."
(Ephesians 6:14)

OKANAGAN IRISH SOCIETY PRESENTS

CELTIC FUSION



What is "CRAIC" you ask? It's the Irish word for **FUN**; entertainment, and enjoyable times!

CELTIC FUSION will supply all of the above and more!

Featuring:

Ceol na hEireann (Music of Ireland)

Blakey Okanagan Irish Dancers Kelowna Pipe Band Nelson Diocese Clergy Guest Singers: Angela Bittman & Tony Serka 50/50 Draw

You don't want to miss this family friendly concert. Come out and support <u>Seton House of Prayer</u>: a beautifully located Retreat Centre in the hills above the Upper Mission area of Kelowna. This wonderful facility is operated under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson. As well as Catholic, their outreach is Ecumenical. For information on Seton House of Prayer, please feel free to phone 250-764-4333 or email: setonhouse@nelsondiocese.org

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 Kelowna Community Theatre Doors @ 5:30 pm Performance @ 6:30 pm

Tickets: \$33 Tickets may be purchased online at https://theatre.kelowna.ca/upcoming-events/celtic-fusion click on tickets, choose your seats and follow the prompts. Or, call 250-469-8940. Or, in person at the Kelowna Community Theatre 1375 Water Street in advance of the show (box office hours are Monday to Saturday 10am – 4pm).

AID UKRAINE AMBULANCE BUS An AID FOR UKRAINE table will be available at the K of C Breakfast on Sunday. May 7, @ ICC.

We continue to Fundraise for an ambulance/bus for Ukraine. It will be designed with a surgical/treatment unit. Help us STUFF THE BUS with FIRST AID SUPPLIES! Bandages, gauze, gloves, First Aid Kits, Polysporin, Tylenol, Advil, Burn cream, tape, Iodine...

- Flashlights & batteries
- Ice & hot Packs
- sleeping bags, mats, blankets
- Baby food, formula, diapers



OUR NEW UKRAINIAN REFUGEES arrived April 7. We are seeking:

- 4 Bicycles: for a man, woman, 13 yr old boy & 7 yr old girl
- lawn chairs & patio table
- microwave oven
- bakeware: cookie trays, cake & loaf pans
- garden tools: rake, spades, shovels
- Bedding plants; vegetable & flowers

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Donations of \$\$, cheques & items welcomed @ ICC office weekdays.

FOOD BOXES FOR UKRAINE 2023 Glory to Jesus Christ! – Glory to Him Forever! Слава Icycy Христу! – Слава на Віки! Slava Isusu Chrystu! – Slava na Viky!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Friends, and All Caring and Thoughtful People Who Help Ukraine at The Time of War Today!

CNEWA created a separate web-link for donations towards the *Food Boxes For Ukraine* project:

https://cnewa.org/ca/work/food-boxes-for-ukraine/

Food Boxes For Ukraine is CNEWA's major project in 2023 in response to Ukraine emergency. It is implemented and managed by the Patriarchal Curia of the UGCC through the Patriarchal Fund "Mudra Sprava".

Thank you for your support.

CNEWA, <u>cnewa.ca</u> <u>adombrovska@cnewa.org</u> 1-866-322-4441x224

https://www.facebook.com/cnewacanada

Skype: CNEWA Canada

Springfield Funeral Home Events and Seminars

FREE Public Workshops

Mar 22 - Wills, Estates and Probate

Mar 30 - Questions About Cremation?

May 2 - Pre-Need 101
May 3 - Container Gardening

June 7 - 9 Struggles Executor's Face

Registration and more information www.springfieldfuneralhome.com/events

All seminars for educational purposes only. No sales or solicitation will occur.





UPCOMING PARISH DINNER/DANCES!



Friday MAY 26th, 2023

Refreshments @ 6:00, Dinner @ 6:30, Dancing 7:30
—more details to come



Okanagan Catholic Family Camp

September 8-10, 2023 Camp Winfield, Lake Country

Early Bird Registration Opens May 1-15, 2023
Register at www.okanagancatholic.ca

Parishioners wanting to make donations for assistance to **Turkey** and **Syria** can do so using the following links:

<u>Development and Peace:</u> <u>Development and Peace - 55</u> years of solidarity. (devp.org)

Red Cross: Helping To Strengthen Resiliency - Canadian Red Cross

Tax receipts are issued directly to the donor from these organizations. Also, any donations made through the Red Cross are matched by the Canadian Government.

Please support these organizations <u>directly</u>, *do not* send donations through ICC, as we are unable to transfer your donations to these organizations and receipt you for 2023 Income Tax —thank you.