



Immaculate Conception Church

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NELSON

Parish Priest: Fr. Paul John Irumba

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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 10, 2023 — 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.	09-Sept	9:00 AM	R.	Connor Gherasim	Sat.	16-Sept	9:00 AM	R.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
		5:00 PM	I.	Paton Family <i>(through the intercession of the Infant Jesus of Prague)</i>			5:00 PM	I.	St. Vincent de Paul Families
Sun.	10-Sept	9:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners	Sun.	17-Sept	9:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		11:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners			11:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		5:00 PM	R.	Edward Ramos			5:00 PM	R.	Don Froh
Mon.	11-Sept	8:00 AM	R.	Blair Kirkpatrick	Mon.	18-Sept	8:00 AM	R.	Hans & Hildegard Novalletto
Tues.	12-Sept	8:00 AM	R.	Maria Serka	Tues.	19-Sept	8:00 AM	I.	Yvonne Pereira <i>(for Thanksgiving)</i>
Wed.	13-Sept	8:00 AM	R.	Deceased Members of the Bruni Family	Wed.	20-Sept	8:00 AM	I.	Yvonne Pereira <i>(for Thanksgiving)</i>
		5:00 PM	R.	Holy Souls in Purgatory			5:00 PM	I.	Felicity Mayhew
Thurs.	14-Sept	8:00 AM	R.	Michael J. Aprile	Thurs.	21-Sept	8:00 AM	R.	Marie Walker
Fri.	15-Sept	8:00 AM	R.	Kay Marshall	Fri.	22-Sept	8:00 AM	I.	Yvonne Pereira <i>(for Thanksgiving)</i>

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



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS — September 03, 2023

Regular Collection	\$	6,399.18
Collection to date	\$	289,056.47
Weekly Collection required	\$	8,592.00
Collection to date required	\$	309,312.00
Balance to Date	\$	-20,255.53

*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.

PLGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL 2023

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR PARISH GOAL!

ICC's goal for 2023 is \$67,150. To date we have received \$33,134 [49%] with \$34,016 remaining to reach our goal!

*Reminder: any funds received over our goal
will be returned to our parish (REBATE)!
No gift is too small!!*

Rebate/funds currently returning to ICC = \$ 0.00

Major projects to be funded by the Appeal are:

- † **Communications:** *Catholic Morning Star* and the Diocese of Nelson Website.
- † **Pastoral Programs:** Youth Ministry (*World Youth Day, youth rallies, youth camps, parish youth initiatives*), Office of Faith Formation (*training programs for Catholic teachers and volunteer catechists*), Seton House of Prayer, First Nations Ministry, Office of the Marriage Tribunal, Social and Pastoral Programs (*Rachel's Vineyard and Grief to Grace*).
- † **Catholic Education.**
- † **Clergy Pension Support.**
- † **Vocation Support and Lay Training.**
- † **Capital Development.**

Pledge cards are available in the entrance of the church. Please 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 or online via Canada Helps at Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360>.

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF NELSON.

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.

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>

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



*ICC KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
UPCOMING EVENTS*

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.

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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.

UPCOMING FUNERALS AT ICC:

O'BRIEN, Gerald 'Jerry' Robert – Friday September 15, 2023
at 11:00 am, reception to follow in Parish Hall.

ROZINSKI, Patricia – Saturday September 16, 2023
at 12:00 (noon), reception to follow in Parish Hall



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.



Please refer to previous bulletins or information page on our website (on the Bulletin tab) for upcoming events and dates.

THE 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR IS BACK IN SESSION!

School zones resumed on **Tuesday September 5th!!**

For the safety of our children, parents and staff, please slow down and observe the posted speed limits.

YOUTH



Kelowna Catholic Youth Group

If you are in grade 7-12 and want to deepen your faith with other Catholic teens, please join us for our 2023-24 slate of events!

For more information, go to

www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca or talk to your parish youth coordinator. **First event starts Sunday, Sept. 17! Registration form and Sign Up REQUIRED.**

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!*



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.



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/social at ICC Hall to follow.

ST. PIUS X PARISH EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

As the new school year begins, we are extending an invitation to everyone for an evening of prayer for our students, teachers and families. Everyone is welcome.

The evening will begin at 4.30 p.m. with a family fellowship, meal, games and other activities.

Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration. During Adoration families will have the opportunity to light a candle for their families.

ST. PIUS X PARISH ANNUAL BAZAAR

St. Pius X Parish is pleased to invite you to join us for our Annual Bazaar on **Saturday, September 30** from **8 am to 2 pm** at our **parish Hall**. We will have lots of fun and very good community environment. Everyone is welcome and thanks in advance for your support.

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

REFUGEE SERVICES & SPONSORSHIP

Central Okanagan Refugee Committee works as a local private sponsorship group through the United Church of Canada Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) office with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to sponsor and settle refugee families.

Members of this group include the Central Okanagan United Church and Winfield United Church and community volunteers.

Other groups involved in sponsoring refugees are the Lutheran Anglican Refugee Committee, the Kelowna Gospel Fellowship, the Islamic Centre of Kelowna (Kelowna Masjid), the Mission Creek Alliance Church, *St. Charles Garnier Church*, *St. Pius X Church*, and the West Kelowna Initiative for Refugee Settlement.

Central Okanagan United Church
721 Bernard Ave
Kelowna, BC
Canada V1Y 6P6
250-762-3311

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!!**

KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please join us for annual Walk for Life in Mission Creek Park on Saturday, September 23rd from noon - 2 pm.

*Free BBQ lunch for the first 75 people.
Fun and games for the kids.
Fellowship with pro-life community members.
Short walk along the Greenway.*

Come and celebrate LIFE with us!

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Join us on Sunday, October 1st for the annual LIFE CHAIN!

Over 300 locations across Canada will be holding Life Chains this year, and together we will be heard.

Please meet at Gagnon and Harvey Avenue behind the Dairy Queen (Harvey & Gordon) at 1:45 pm.

See you there!

Rachel's Corner

"Before I did not understand how affected I was, but now I can see how much it had changed me in a bad way. I was able to get it all out without hurting anyone and with people who had been there too. This has been a very important experience in my life, and I will never forget it." -Testimonial

If you are not sure how what you are feeling is related to your abortion experience, join the men and women on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Let them tell you how much it affected them and how much it helped to lay that burden down. Don't miss this opportunity.

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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
www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com
f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna
250-762-2273



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](https://www.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 10TH

- Fun with Exalting the Holy Cross | Catholic All Year w/ Kendra Tierney
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/fun-with-exalting-the-holy-cross-catholic-all-year-w-kendra-tierney>
- Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows by Kimberly Hahn
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/drawing-strength-from-our-lady-of-sorrows-by-kimberly-hahn>
- Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/our-lady-of-sorrows-and-the-power-of-prayer>

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

Moved with Love

"Children are God's love-gift, they are heavens generous reward". Psalms 127:3



Save the Date

Annual Benefit Banquet

Thursday Sept 21, 2023
6:00 to 9:00 pm
Evangel Church
3261 Gordon Ave, Kelowna
Ticket \$25 or Table of 8 for \$200

To Purchase Tickets please call:
250.763.2112



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



NEWS ABOUT OUR SCHOOL IN HAITI!

The 2022-2023 school report for our school in Haiti, Institute Mixte Remax, is in!

The 2022-2023 school year had a delayed start, with most schools not opening until November, or even January 2023. The assassination of the President in August 2023, and subsequent increased gang violence and control of the capital city, Port au Prince, shut down Haiti for several months (schools, businesses, medical facilities, government offices).

Despite these difficult circumstances, which continue as the gangs now control 80% of Port au Prince, our school had a modified program Nov-Dec of last year, and operated fully January-July 2023. The school's retention rate remained high at 95%!

In June, our kindergarten students had their graduation celebration with our school administrators, their teachers, and their families.

In July, our grade 9 students wrote their government exams to advance to High School, including our sponsored student Lovenie Baptiste, who passed her exams! These are hours long exams, occurring over a period of 3 days. Nine out of 10 of the school's Grade 9 students passed these intense government exams!

The HIMH newsletter with more good news and updates on our school can be found here: <https://www.haitiinmyheart.ca/>, print copies are at the back of the church, and it is on display in the foyer of the church hall.

Our school is anticipated to open this September and we'll receive profiles of our sponsored students in the coming months. Stay tuned!