



Immaculate Conception Church

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NELSON

Parish Priest: Fr. Paul John Irumba

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

Weekends & Stat Holidays – Offices are closed.

Please contact office to schedule an appointment.



December 17th, 2023 — 3rd Sunday of Advent

Parish Offices will be closed from December 25th until January 2nd.

NO BULLETIN WILL BE PRINTED DECEMBER 31ST.

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);

For Hospice/Hospital and care facility

Coordinators, call Fr Paul John Irumba @ 250-469-3716.

MASS INTENTIONS Repose – R. Intention – I.

Sat.	16-Dec	9:00 AM	R.	Lyalle Marshall
		5:00 PM	I.	St. Vincent de Paul Families
Sun.	17-Dec	9:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		11:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		5:00 PM	R.	Felicula & Alfonso Arevelo
Mon.	18-Dec	8:00 AM	R.	Michael J. Aprile
Tues.	19-Dec	8:00 AM	R.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed.	20-Dec	8:00 AM	R.	Alfred Geismayr
		5:00 PM	R.	Ben Selzler
Thurs.	21-Dec	8:00 AM	I.	Francesca Lee
Fri.	22-Dec	8:00 AM	I.	Vicki Deschner

Sat.	23-Dec	9:00 AM	I.	Jessie Kosell
		5:00 PM	R.	Arsenia Adrias
Sun.	24-Dec	9:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		11:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		4:00 PM		Intentions of Parishioners
		7:00 PM		Intentions of Parishioners
		(Midnight) 12:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
Mon.	25-Dec	9:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		11:00 AM		Intentions of Parishioners
		4:00 PM		Intentions of Parishioners
Tues.	26-Dec	9:00 AM	I.	ICC Priests
Wed.	27-Dec	8:00 AM	I.	Chrissy & Brady Loseth
		5:00 PM	I.	Donor's Intention
Thurs.	28-Dec	8:00 AM	R.	Heather Haba
Fri.	29-Dec	8:00 AM	I.	Evelyn Duffin

NORTH OKANAGAN DEANERY

2023 ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

<u>PARISH/SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
St. Pius X Parish	Dec. 18 (Mon)	5:30 pm
St. Joseph's School	Dec. 19 (Tues)	10:30-11:45 am 12:30-1:45 pm
St. Edwards Parish	Dec. 20 (Wed)	5:30 pm
St. Charles Garnier Parish	Dec. 20 (Wed)	5:30 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Dec. 21 (Thurs)	4:00 pm

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



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention

for the month of December:

For persons with disabilities.



“We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.”

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE ILL:

Bambina & Camillo Tinto, Mary Jane Martin, Anne Mould, John Cornelissen, Rose Harry, Adam Gorges, Joyce Tremmel, Florence Nagy, Sandra Park, 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, 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
the Parish Office 250-762-3910 or email icc.kelouna@nelsondiocese.org



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULES: 2023 - 2024

Because the last Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve fall on the same day this year, some have asked about their Mass obligations for those days. Catholics are obliged to attend Mass every Sunday, including the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and they are also obliged to go to Mass for the Solemnity of Christmas.

Those two obligations are distinct and have to be met separately. One Mass does not fulfil two obligations. Here is the schedule at ICC for those days:

Saturday, December 23rd	9:00 am Daily Mass
<i>Vigil for the 4th Sunday of Advent</i>	5:00 pm
Sunday, December 24th (4th Sunday of Advent)	9:00 am Daily Mass
	11:00 am Daily Mass
Christmas	
First Mass of Christmas	4:00 pm
Second Mass of Christmas	7:00 pm
Midnight Mass	12:00 am
Monday, December 25th – Christmas Day	
First Mass	9:00 am
Second Mass	11:00 am (livestreamed)
Third Mass	4:00 pm
Tuesday, December 26th – Boxing Day	9:00 am Daily Mass
Wednesday, December 27th	8:00 am Daily Mass
	5:00 pm
Thursday, December 28th	8:00 am Daily Mass
Friday, December 29th	8:00 am Daily Mass
Saturday, December 30th	9:00 am Daily Mass
<i>Vigil for the Feast of the Holy Family</i>	5:00 pm
Sunday, December 31st – Feast of the Holy Family	9:00 am Daily Mass
	11:00 am Daily Mass
<i>Vigil for The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God</i>	5:00 pm
New Year's Eve – Benediction	11:30–12:30 pm
Monday, January 1st – New Years Day	
<i>and The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation</i>	
First Mass	9:00 am (livestreamed)
Second Mass	11:00 am
Third Mass	5:00 pm

Merry Christmas, and a blessed, prosperous New Year, 2024!

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

It's time to Prepare for Christmas!

As we begin to do our shopping and cleaning of our own homes, let's not forget our parish home! We are looking for people who are willing to devote an hour or two to help clean up the church before Christmas. If you have some time to spare before Christmas, please contact Gabriele G. at 250-763-1181 –please leave a message.

Any and all help is appreciated!!

SUNDAY OFFERINGS – December 10, 2023

Regular Offerings	\$	7,774.57
Offerings to date	\$	402,991.65
Weekly Offerings required	\$	8,592.00
Offerings Required, to date	\$	446,784.00

Balance to Date \$ **– 43,792.35**



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Located off the back of
Immaculate Conception Church;
entrance is off west alley/driveway.



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

Scheduled Hours available are:

<u>SUN</u>	5 AM
<u>MON</u>	1 AM & 2 AM
<u>TUES</u>	7 AM
<u>WED</u>	2 AM, 3 AM & 2 PM
<u>THURS</u>	3 PM
<u>FRI</u>	12 AM
<u>SAT</u>	1 AM & 2 PM

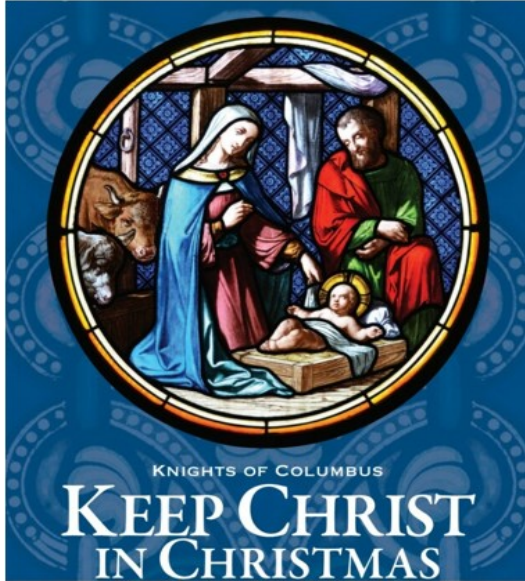
Spares are always needed. Shared times available!
For information phone Lorie: 250-448-5633



**ICC KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
UPCOMING EVENTS:**



STARTING SUNDAY DECEMBER 3RD...



**Wristbands
\$2.00/each**



**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.

Go to: www.kofc.org/joinus

Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

After joining, please check your INBOX for confirmation.



Kelowna Catholic Youth Group

If you are in grades 7-12 and want to deepen your faith with other Catholic teens, please join us!

Stay tuned for upcoming events!

For more information, go to

www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca

or email david.icckelowna@gmail.com or leanne@icckelowna.ca

Registration form and Sign Up REQUIRED.



CWL CORNER:

It is time to pay your 2024 membership dues (\$45). Please send your fees in with this year's member survey. Membership fees can be dropped off at the ICC Office, or dropped in the collection baskets during mass. Contact Christina if you didn't receive a survey: christina.icc.cwl@gmail.com

The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 Leadership Program. A year-long leadership certificate program to help Catholic women strengthen their leadership skills in an environment that integrates faith and spirituality. For more information visit cwlcanada.ca

PLEASE BE A PRAYER PARTNER!

Let's become more like our heavenly Father! He welcomes us with open arms. We can show a reflection of that love to those from our community who are on the RCIA journey. Please keep them in your prayers, that they continue to grow in the faith and in the love and knowledge of God.

We are thrilled to announce that, as of now, there are 15 adult and 6 teen candidates joining us in our RCIA and RCIC classes on Wednesdays in our parish! These individual candidates are either non-Catholics seeking full initiation into the Church (including Baptism), Baptized non-Catholics needing to be fully received into the Church, or baptized Catholics who need Holy Communion and/or Confirmation through the Rite of Christian Initiation.

Consider becoming a prayer partner by spiritually "adopting" one of the candidates or catechumens during their journey. Pray for them as an individual, as a couple, or as a family. They need our prayer support! If you would like to adopt a candidate, contact Leanne at the parish office.

"The harvest is plentiful" and for that we give thanks!



Are you *Called* to be a Permanent Deacon?

The deacon's ministry has three dimensions: *liturgy*, *word* and *service*. At the Mass, the deacon proclaims the Gospel, may be invited to preach the homily, and assists at the altar. In addition to his duties related to *service*, the deacon may also baptize, witness, and bless marriages, and preside at funeral liturgies outside of the Mass. Deacons may be married or single, they may have full-time careers or be retired.

If you are a Catholic male registered in a parish within the Diocese of Nelson, between the ages of 35 and 60, and would like to learn more about the Permanent Diaconate, please contact the Director of Permanent Diaconate, Father Cerlouie Jimenez: cerlouie.jimenez@nelsondiocese.org

Applications for the Fall 2024 class will be accepted until March 1, 2024.

With the Season of Advent well underway, we are pleased to inform you that the National Liturgy Office, the *Office national de liturgie*, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis have once again released the video series titled "Journey through Advent".

This year's presenters are the Most Rev. Jon Hansen, C.Ss.R., Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith, and the Most Rev Alain Faubert, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal. They will each present, in English and French respectively, a reflection on the Readings of Mass for each Sunday in Advent, one week at a time.

The links to the videos for the **Third Sunday of Advent** are:
in English:

<https://www.cccb.ca/oec/journey-through-advent/>

in French:

<https://www.cecc.ca/oec/cheminer-ensemble-durant-lavent/>

Should you have a question or require more information, please do not hesitate to contact Father Jean Vezina, General Secretary for the CCCB at bishops@ccb.ca.

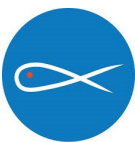
2022/23 MISSALS AVAILABLE Please *do not* remove the 2023/24 missals from the church pews. We have a few missals available for purchase from the ICC Office, or in the Church Sacristy. The cost is \$6 each.

Thank you!!

*Aid to the Church in Need (ACN Canada)
Religious Freedom in the World Report 2023.*

The Summary is available in PDF format ready to be downloaded at the following link;

<https://acninternational.org/religiousfreedomreport/>



ST. VINCENT'S CORNER

As we anticipate the coming of the Christ Child, we prepare our barren hearts to accept His great love, mercy and undeniable joy.

Thank you to all who have picked up an angel and given a donation. We are so grateful for our Christmas donations to assist as many people in our community as we can. There are so many people who are struggling to make ends meet in these difficult times.

We look forward to serving the clients of St. Vincent de Paul this weekend at our annual Christmas Party. We are making a list, and checking it twice to make sure that we have everything we need to provide a memorable meal, party, and gifts for those in the most need.

Thank you all for your assistance. We could not do our work without your help!

Remember you can always donate online through icc.ssvp@gmail.com
(no password required).

**UPCOMING DINNER/DANCES
@ ICC PARISH CENTRE**

NEW YEAR'S DINNER / DANCE
Sunday December 31st

Doors open @ 6:00/refreshments
Dinner @ 7:30 🍷 Dancing 8:45–1:00 am
Midnight snacks

Music by Vic Dance Band

Tickets are \$80 per person (non-refundable)
& available through Loaves & Fishes!

FORMED.org
THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

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

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

*If you enjoy this programming and content,
we are accepting donations for the 2023/24 subscription.*

Thank you for your generosity to keep this program available!

WEEK OF DECEMBER 10TH:

Agape/Love | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/agape-love-advent-word-studies-the-bible-project>

Mary of Nazareth
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/mary-of-nazareth>

O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About |
Brother Francis
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/o-holy-night-the-king-is-born-what-christmas-is-about>

People of Faith Prayer Group – Come Join us!

Where: St Pius X Parish
When: Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Come Lord Jesus come and be born a new in our hearts....
Prayer group will not be gathering for the rest of December....
But will resume in January 2024...

Prayers will continue...
Merry Christmas!!!

For more info please call Piera 250-215-7100.

OFFERINGS FOR ICC

****NEW** ICC QR CODES ARE HERE!!** You will notice that our pews now have a QR code attached (and posted here in our bulletin)! These have been used in other parishes with GREAT success to enhance donations and ease to parish giving. Here's the general process (each device is different...):



1. With the camera on your phone, place the QR code in the center.
2. A yellow "Square Link" box will appear, touch that.
3. It will take you to an ICC site where you can donate. When requested, use "Sunday Collection" as the
4. reason for the donation. Follow the prompts (it should be relatively simple) and pay with your credit card.
5. When complete, you will get a text or an email to confirm your donation.

NOTE: Because you have to include your name and address during the process, you **WILL** get a tax receipt for your donation.

NOTE: This is an encrypted system and has been used with success **AND** privacy in numerous places before (including churches).

OTHER WAYS TO DONATE:

Pre-Authorized debit forms are available by email or mail if you are interested in signing up for donations through the **SAG program**. Email or call the office 250-762-3910 for more information.

Another way you can donate is to use an **eTransfer** from your online banking. All you have to do is create a new "payee" (eg. ICC Parish) and use the email etransfer.icc@nelsondiocese.org. In the message box indicate that you want your donation to go to *Sunday Collection*.

Regular offering envelopes will **CONTINUE** to be collected at Offertory at each mass.

Extra envelopes will be available in the pews if you wish to use them, and still wish to donate with cheques or cash.

You can also mail your Offerings to:

Immaculate Conception Church
839 Sutherland Ave, Kelowna, BC V1Y 5X4

Please call or email our offices to register with our parish, or to arrange for weekly **ICC Offerings Envelopes**.

2024 envelopes are now ready for pick up in the Church Entrance —they are arranged alphabetically by last name.

Please do not use your 2024 envelopes until January 1st, and please do not take someone else's box of collection envelopes!

We thank you for your continued charity to help us create the programs and cover the costs needed to run our parish.

God Bless you all!



SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE AT ICC

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.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT ICC

Please contact the Parish Office **FIRST** when enquiring about your child's baptism. **At least one Parent and all Godparents must 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.

MADE FOR MORE

with CHRISTOPHER WEST & MIKE MANGIONE

Thursday, February 8 from 7:00 to 9:30 pm at Immaculata Regional High School

Ever wonder the "why" behind the "what" the Catholic Church teaches? Want to hear the Gospels in a whole new light? Join best selling author Christopher West and award-winning musician Mike Mangione as they present *Made For More: Visions of The Promised Land*. MADE FOR MORE is an inspired blend of teaching, live music, and art that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal.

Tickets are \$35 and are available at the parish office, Loaves and Fishes or online at <https://www.icckelowna.ca/made-for-more>

Please see the bulletin insert for more information, or contact David Ziebart at david@icckelowna.ca.

Parish/Organization TELEPHONE NUMBERS

(Area 250 Unless Indicated)

Parish Priest.....	Fr. Paul John Irumba.....	762-3910
Permanent Deacon Deacon.....	Rod Attwell ... rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org	
Parish Secretary/Office Manager.....	Andrea Mitton	762-3910 ext 0
Parish Fax.....		763-7450
Maintenance	Douglas Rasmussen	762-3910 ext 0
Parish Center Kitchen	N/A.....	762-3910 ext 8
Youth / Religious Ed.	David Ziebart	762-3910 ext 3
RCIA.....	Leanne Hopegood	762-3910 ext 4
CWL.....	Monaco Parker.....	300-7773
CWL Hospitality Chairperson	Isabell Kabatoff.....	868-0048
Charismatic Prayer Grp.....	Piera	215-7100
Clubhouse Daycare		860-4393
Creighton Model Fertility Care.....		469-2541
Diocese of Nelson Admin. Office		448-2725
Hospital Chaplaincy.....		878-1502
IRHS- High School.....	Robert Plaxton, Principal	762-2730
Kelowna Right to Life	Marlon Bartram	870-4103
Knights of Columbus	Tony Serka.....	Pandosy2558@gmail.com
Latin Mass Society.....		info@latinmasskelowna.com
Militia Immaculatae	Eileen Collins	575-3553
Music Ministry call Parish Office		762-3910
Okanagan Pregnancy Care Centre.....		763-2112
Rachel's Vineyard.....		762-2273
		info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com
Reach Out Youth Counselling		763-7892
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....		826-5562
St. Joseph Elementary.....	Maddy Pedrette, Principal	763-3371
Seton House of Prayer		764-4333

REFUGEE FAMILY SUPPORT: Can you assist our refugee families by donating some of the following items?

- Maternity clothes (L)
- Winter clothing —winter boots, especially winter jackets
- Clothing for: 12-mo old boy, 2-yr old boy, 6-yr old girl
- Full-sized baby crib.

The ongoing *URGENT NEED* for *AID*

UKRAINE includes:

FIRST AID SUPPLIES. Also, suitcases, floor mats & sleeping bags for soldiers.

Pray for peace!!

God bless your continued support!

Stuff the AMBULANCE BUS for UKRAINE with First Aid Supplies!



Bring your donations & ease the suffering!

A collection of suitcases will be available in the front entrance of the church.



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



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

Jean Jacques is a student at our school in Haiti. We're so pleased to help students and their families like Jean Jacques through the Christmas Break with a family meal kit.

Thank you for making this possible!

Special donors are matching donations through December, increasing the impact of our gift and yours.

If you'd like to make your own gift for the family meal kits, contributions can be dropped off at the ICC office or in the Sunday collection basket, clearly marked "Haiti in My Heart", e-transferred directly to info@haitiinmyheart.ca or made online with a debit or credit card here:

<https://www.haitiinmyheart.ca/meals-for-minds-home>.

