



Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NELSON • PARISH PRIEST: FR. MAURICE OKOLIE

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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.

✝ Weekend & Daily Mass Times

Weekdays Rosary 7:30 AM | Mass 8:00 AM

Wednesdays Rosary 4:30 PM | Mass 5:00 PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena to follow Mass

Saturdays Rosary 8:30 AM | Mass 9:00 AM, & 5:00 PM
(Vigil, for Sunday)

Sundays Rosary 8:30 AM | Mass 9 AM, 11 AM, & 5:00 PM

✝ **First Friday's** Benediction/Adoration 3:00 PM,
Mass 4:00 PM
**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	Summerwood Retirement Resort
1st Tuesday @ 9:45 am	2nd Tuesday @ 10:00 am
Cottonwoods	The Dorchester
3rd Tuesday @ 10:30 am	Last Tuesday @ 10:00 am



Immaculate Conception Church

FINANCIAL GOALS

Sunday Collections

THIS WEEK ✓ GOAL MET **CA\$11,295 of CA\$9,544**

118% of goal

YEAR TO DATE **CA\$345,958 of CA\$524,920**

95% of YTD goal · 66% of yearly

▼ CA\$16,720 behind

Pilgrimage of Faith

TOTAL RAISED **CA\$18,800 of CA\$71,500**

26% of goal

▼ CA\$22,908 behind

Updated September 6st, 2026 · Pilgrimage July 31, 2026

✝ Kelowna and Area Hospital Chaplaincy

For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

For pastoral emergencies or 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
SEPTEMBER

For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable
management of water, a vital resource, so that
everyone may have equal access to it.

● **Sunday September 13th, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Dear Parish Family,

On behalf of Fr. Paul John Irumba:

With a heart full of gratitude, I want to express my sincere thanks for the overwhelming kindness shown to me during the celebration of my Silver Jubilee of priestly ordination on July 7th. Your prayers, warm wishes, thoughtful gifts, and countless gestures of support have touched me deeply.

This milestone has reminded me once again of the beauty of our community and the grace of serving among people who live their faith with such generosity and love. Please know that I hold each of you in my prayers, asking the Lord to bless you abundantly for the goodness you have shared.

Thank you for walking with me in faith, for encouraging me in my vocation, and for making this Jubilee a moment of joy and renewal.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Father Paul John Irumba



Mass Intentions

R. REPOSE · I. INTENTION

SEPTEMBER 12 — SEPTEMBER 18

Sat. Sep 12	9:00 am	I. Marlene Hughes
	5:00 pm	R. Leoncio Gulle, Sr.
Sun. Sep 13	9:00 am	All Parishioners Intentions
	11:00 am	All Parishioners Intentions
	5:00 pm	R. Arlene Christie
Mon. Sep 14	8:00 am	I. Garry & Marcella Mayhew and Family
Tues. Sep 15	8:00 am	R. Kay marshall
Wed. Sep 16	8:00 am	I. Christine Hoffman
	5:00 pm	R. John & Maria Cabral
Thurs. Sep 17	8:00 am	R. Don Froh
Fri. Sep 18	8:00 am	R. Frederick Murphy

SEPTEMBER 19 — SEPTEMBER 25

Sat. Sep 19	9:00 am	I. Felicity Mayhew
	5:00 pm	I. St. Vincent de Paul Families
Sun. Sep 20	9:00 am	All Parishioners Intentions
	11:00 am	All Parishioners Intentions
	5:00 pm	I. Grace Gorges
Mon. Sep 21	8:00 am	I. Stephanie Stubbs
Tues. Sep 22	8:00 am	I. Marlene Hughes
Wed. Sep 23	8:00 am	R. Anna Wojciech
	5:00 pm	R. Maria & Manuel Teixeira
Thurs. Sep 24	8:00 am	R. Margaret Murphy
Fri. Sep 25	8:00 am	R. Gladys Davis

Please Pray For The Sick And Injured

Chiamaka Aghaizu	Samuel Jovez
Ken & Lynda Antao	Theresa Kaller
Sister Barbara	Anne Kennaley
Loreta Batandolo	Linda Kirkpatrick
Bishop Gregory Bittman	Victor Kovac
Loretta Bouchard	Teresa Kovacs
Nancy Brisson	Alicia L
Josephine Bruch	Juliana Lavell
Kathe Gonzaga Carpena	Lawson
Chaz	Rick Lock
Chloe	Sheila Lowe
Luisito & Crispin Clemente	Diane Lynott
Rihnon Coatsworth	Michael M
Arthur & Gudrun Cobham	Kathleen Mayhew
Marcus Cresswell	Teresa McGauley
Suzanne Crowe	Justina Mikosa
Hazel Csordas	Michelle Miller
Father Ron Dechant	Anne Mould
Desjardines Families	Jason & Mary Angela Newcomb
Ginoefa Diakow	Dorota Nowak
Phillip Dos Santos	Sandra Park
Elizabeth Downey	Ray Pauluk
Anne Engel	Helena Plaxton
Chinee Fajardo	Rick Prost
Mertis Filiatrault	Mildred Reyes
Catherine Fortunat	Rosario
Candace Gilmore-Stephensen	Filomena Rotundo
Braulio Gonzales	Maritess Steiman
Gill Goodman	Trudy Szulkies
Adam Gorges	Ashton Therrien
Rose Harry	Bambina Tinto
Irene Heisler	Joyce Tremmel
Neil Herzog	Roy Velmonte
Marlene Hughes	Cherie Lynn Walsh
Cyslin Isaacs	Jesse Wilson
Rhonda Jennens	Helen Zentner
Maggie Johnstone	

Life Chain 2026

KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE

Harvey & Gordon, Kelowna

Sunday October 4th, 1:45pm — 3:00pm

We need you to make the biggest life chain kelowna has ever seen.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Immaculate Conception Church

St. Vincent's Corner

The readings this week are about forgiveness. How many times, Oh My God, how many times are we asked to suspend judgement and bring your love to our neighbors in need.

We might not always agree with decisions made but rather than judging we try to bring, love, compassion and support to our families.

Thank you to all who make this possible and remember you can always donate at icc.ssvp@gmail.com

OUR NEXT MEETING

**Monday, September 14
at 6 pm**

The Blue Room · All are welcome



icc.ssvp@gmail.com

Scan to email us or to donate.

Catholic Women's League OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Renew your membership or become a
new member

Perks include: Monthly social gatherings, lots of prayers,
quarterly newsletter, friendship, community + more!

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Ladies 16 and older are eligible for full memberships. Kids of
all ages are always welcome with their mother/guardian &
are encouraged to participate!

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CWL on Summer break – Will resume **Sept. 8, 2026**
General Meeting **Sept. 15, 2026 at 6:30pm.**

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



Knights of Columbus Corner

Parish Food Drive

The Pandosy Council is hosting a
Food Drive in support of St.
Vincent de Paul from September
1–30.

Parishioners are invited to donate
non-perishable food items, which
can be dropped off in the foyer or
office.

**Thank you for your generosity
and support!**

Calling all men 18 and over to join the
Pandosy KofC Council

**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. Contact
pandosy2558@gmail.com

DIOCESE OF NELSON · 2026

The Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal

A Journey toward a mansion of many rooms.

Youth ministry · Vocations · Catholic education
Retired priests · Parish & school projects

"Give, and it will be given to you." LUKE 6.38

Pick up a brochure in the church lobby



Leave a Legacy of Faith

Have you considered leaving a gift to Immaculate Conception Parish in
your Will? It's a meaningful way to help our faith community flourish for
generations to come. Your gift can support a ministry close to your heart or
be directed wherever the parish's needs are greatest.

*To learn more, with no obligation, please contact the parish office.
A member of the Finance Committee would be pleased to speak with you
confidentially.*



DIOCESE OF NELSON

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

HOUR IN NEED OF A PERMANENT ADORER

Mondays, 8 am

CHAPEL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUNDRAISER

Donations made in addressed envelopes will be receipted for tax purposes and used for chapel improvements as funds are raised.

adorationkelowna@gmail.com

Luke Mitton ♦ Text / Telephone: 778-214-0680

COME JOIN US AT

Immaculate Conception Church

For The Harvest Festival

Music • Food • Family
Fun Activities Baked
Goods and Preserves

All proceeds raised go
toward the future Palliative
Care Facility

**Saturday
September
26, 2026**

10–3pm

839 Sutherland Ave.
Kelowna

Children's Parade Harvest Baking

Face painting from **10:00–11:15am** in front of the Clubhouse Daycare, on the south side of the church. The parade leaves from the same spot at **11:30am**. Walkers, wagons, strollers and such things are welcome.

Simple baked goods can be dropped off in the church hall on **Friday, September 25, 9:00am–3:00pm**. If that's not possible, we'll happily accept them Saturday morning.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances, all funds raised will be transferred to the Delta Hospice Society.



MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Public Outdoor Rosary Rally

in Honour of Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday, October 10

During October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, ICC invites all parishioners, families, and friends to join a public outdoor Rosary Rally honouring Our Lady of Fatima. Come walk, pray, and sing with us as we give joyful public witness to our faith.

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| 11:30 am | Gather in the ICC parking lot |
| 11:40 am | Procession to Rowcliffe Park |
| 12:00 pm | Pray the Rosary and sing hymns |
| 1:00 pm | Procession back to ICC |

Afterward, stay for a barbecue hamburger lunch in the parish hall, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Lunch is by donation.

Bring your rosary, and bring a friend!

● Catholic Mountain Star

FALL EDITION

We are now accepting submissions for the Fall CMS. The Fall 2026 CMS will feature Weddings and Anniversaries. The deadline for submissions is the 30th of September.

catholicmountainstar@nelsondiocese.org

Rachel's Corner

"Because I kept silent, my bones wasted away; I groaned all day long.... my strength withered as in dry summer heat. Then I declared my sin to you; my guilt I did not hide. I said, "I confess my transgression to the LORD," and you took away the guilt of my sin."

-Psalm 32:3-5

Have you been aching inside for a very long time with the pain that started the day the decision was made to stop the pregnancy?

Our Lord is inviting you to tell Him the story and allow Him to remove the guilt you are carrying that weighs you down.

Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD ABORTION HEALING

Call/text. **250-762-2273** or visit
rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

† AGES 18-35 · ALL ARE WELCOME

YOUNG ADULTS ARE BACK IN SESSION!

Kick off the year with us!



Friday, September 18 • 6:00 PM

Immaculate Conception Church Hall

 Praise & Worship

 Pizza

 Games

 Fellowship & New Friends

Come hang out, meet other young adults, grow in faith, and build a community centered on Christ, friendship, and fun.

Whether you're Catholic, returning to the faith, exploring, or just looking to connect, if you are a Young Adult between the ages of 18 to 35, we have a place for you! Bring your questions, your stories, your friends or just come as you are.

Let's kick off a new season of faith, friendship, and fun!

● IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH · COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

Dinner & Dance

An evening of great food and great music. Live music by Vic's Dance Band.

NEXT UP

FRIDAY

October 2

2026 · Thanksgiving

REFRESHMENTS

6:00 pm

DINNER

6:30 pm

DANCING

to follow

\$45 per person · Church Hall, 839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna BC

All proceeds support the Immaculate Conception Church community.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF THE NELSON DIOCESE SOCIETY

Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary Fund

Educational funding for lay women of the Nelson Diocese, established by the Sisters of Saint Ann, St. Joseph Province. Awarded funds are disbursed to the educational institution.

WHO MAY APPLY

- Active, involved parishioners of a Catholic church in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson.
- Women accepted into a course of study for ministry in the Catholic Church, or with financial need to enroll in a program leading to self-sufficiency for her and her family.

Forms in the church foyer or church office

Return by email to
CatholicFoundation@nelsondiocese.org

NELSON DIOCESE CATHOLIC RENEWAL SERVICE

Healing Mass at Immaculate Conception Church

The Nelson Diocese Catholic Renewal Service cordially invites you to attend the upcoming Healing Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, **Thursday, Sept. 17, 2026**. Praise and Worship will be at 6:30, with mass at 7:00 pm. Individual Prayer will be available after Mass.

This Week on Formed

Week of September 13, 2026

- The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori
- Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer

Our parish has a Formed subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Fall Pig Roast Dinner & Fundraiser



Saturday, October 3, 2026

Silent and Live Auction, 50/50 Draw,
Entertainment

Doors open at 6 P.M. · Dinner at 7 P.M.

Tickets \$50



RISE UP 2026

**Canada's Catholic Conference
for Young Adults (18-35 yrs)**

Venue: Hyatt Vancouver · Dec 29-Jan 1

Interested in attending and/or learning more about Rise Up 2026?

Please contact Rachel by Sunday Sept 13th to register as

Early Bird pricing ends Sept 15th

Text: (+1)250-870-8454 or Email : rplewes1@gmail.com



CHEZ VINCENT THRIFT STORE

WE NEED YOU!!!!!!

1829 Harvey Ave

Dear Parishioners,

As we move closer to our opening date, we are ready to accept names to volunteer.

We will need volunteers to sort donated items, receive donated items, be on the store floor to answer questions and keep things neat and tidy, customer service, cashiers, etc.

We will be open Tuesday through Saturday; shifts can be 2 hours or longer and we will work with your schedules.

Students we can sign your school reports.

Please contact

Elaine at 250 899 8992 (call or text) or email manager@chezvincentkelowna.ca

Donations can be dropped off beginning Thursday, September 10 and thereafter Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays between 10 am and 2 pm at 1829 Harvey in the back lane



Save the date SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH 9:00 to noon with light lunch to follow.

St. Rita's, Castlegar, will host a Development and Peace workshop. Come out and learn more about this year's campaign. The workshop will be facilitated by Raphael Feston, Development and Peace BC/Yukon Animator. For more information email Denise Laurie at pdlaurie@telus.net or phone 250-365-5655

Coming Up: *Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada*



Canadian Conference
of Catholic Bishops

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place next weekend. When you give, your offering begins in our parish but reaches far beyond it. It helps support the mission of our diocese and joins the gifts of Catholics across the

country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada.

Together, this support makes possible work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone - from providing catechetical resources for families, young people and parishes, to promoting respect for human life and the dignity of every human person, and accompanying migrants and refugees.

Your gift helps strengthen the Church here at home and supports its mission across Canada. Please give prayerfully and generously next weekend. To donate online, scan the QR code or visit cccb.ca/donate.



SUPPORT OUR YOUNG ADULTS!

Our Young Adults are raising funds to attend
Rise Up 2026 Vancouver (Canada's Largest Young Adult Conference).

On Friday Oct 2nd and Saturday October 3rd we will be accepting donations of **baked goods and homemade items** for our Oct 4th fundraiser, including:

- Homemade baking, preserves, jams, and other treats
- Small woodworking items such as birdhouses, bird feeders, wooden signs, coasters, ornaments, small décor pieces, candle holders, planters, and other handcrafted wood items
- Hand-knit or crocheted items such as scarves, mittens, hats, dishcloths, and small blankets
- Handmade artwork, decorations, and seasonal items
- Other handmade items

If you have something you would like to donate, we would be grateful for your support. Donated items can be dropped in the **Blue Room** (door is along Sutherland Ave) on:

Friday October 2nd 5 – 7 pm

Saturday October 3rd 3 – 7 pm

Thank you for supporting our young adults and for sharing your time and talents. God bless you for your generosity!

Questions? Contact Rachel:

250-870-8454 | rplewes1@gmail.com



Finding hope in the journey through grief.

Grieving with Great Hope is a Christ-centered grief support program rooted in the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church. Through prayer, Scripture, reflection, and fellowship, you will be gently guided toward Christ's consolation and hope.

There is no cost to attend. All materials, including a participant booklet and journal, are provided.

Two different groups available:

Morning Group

Thursdays, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Oct 15 – Dec 3

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall (Bedford Room)

Evening Group

Mondays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Oct 29 – Dec 7

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall (Bedford Room)

Please register by Oct 8, 2026

To learn more or to register, please contact:

ICC Parish Office: 250-762-3910 or,

Email Tania Tavares: tania@springfieldfuneralhome.com

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 8, 2026

Re: Welcome Back 2026 Message from the CISND Board of Directors Chair

Greetings,

On Behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to welcome everyone back to school. At CISND we are looking forward to another successful year. The schools have done very well in the last few years. It is important to the Board that you know that all your efforts are very much appreciated. We know how much work goes into the education of our children, and we know how important that is to you, the parents, and all the staff at CISND Schools.

The Board is committed to the continued growth in faith and the continued upkeep and improvement of the schools to provide a first-class Catholic learning environment for our children.

It is also the priority of the Board that we foster the spiritual and educational goals of our students. These are lofty goals, but we believe that they are possible, and together, we can help all the members of the CISND community in their journey of faith and knowledge.

Know that our prayers are with all of you as we journey together. God Bless.

Respectfully,



Arnie Kouwenhoven
CISND Chairperson, Board of Directors

September 8, 2026

Dear CISND Community,

As we begin a new school year, I warmly welcome our students, families, staff, pastors, and parish communities back to the Catholic Independent Schools of the Nelson Diocese.

From the Okanagan to the Kootenays, our schools share one mission, yet each has its own identity. The school takes its character from the people who live, work, and learn within its walls. Students, staff, families, and parishes shape what their school values, how it serves, and the traditions it carries forward. Together, these distinct communities form CISND.

There is much to anticipate this year. Our schools have planned experiences that will extend learning beyond daily lessons: onto playing fields and stages, into our parishes, and throughout the wider community. Students will encounter new ideas, discover what they can do, form friendships, and learn how their gifts can serve others. These opportunities, together with the work that takes place in our classrooms each day, are part of providing an excellent Catholic education.

The CISND faith theme, *Rooted in Faith*, reflects who we are as a Catholic school system. It connects our schools through a shared commitment to Christ, to one another, and to the children entrusted to our care.

Catholic education begins with the understanding that every child is created in the image and likeness of God. Each brings a story and gifts that are entirely their own. Our responsibility is to know each child and support their growth so that, through their experience in our schools, they know they are loved by God, valued, cared for, and welcomed into schools where they truly belong.

To our families: thank you for choosing Catholic education and entrusting your children to us. Your choice reflects confidence in our commitment to educate the whole child within the Catholic faith. To our staff: thank you for the care and commitment you bring to teaching and accompanying each student. To our students: you are the reason our schools exist. Your presence and gifts shape the communities to which you belong.

With gratitude for all who make our schools places of faith and belonging, I pray that Christ, in whom we are rooted, will guide and bless us throughout this school year.

Sincerely,



Pamela Guilbault
Superintendent of Schools
Catholic Independent Schools of the Nelson Diocese

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Dear Mom or Dad,

WHAT IS CHILDREN'S LITURGY?

Children's Liturgy gives young children an opportunity to hear the Sunday Scripture readings in language they can understand, talk about God's message, and pray together. Children leave the church with their leaders and return to their families later in the Mass.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Children ages 3-6. Children must be able to use the bathroom independently. If your child needs help, we ask that a parent accompany them.

IS REGISTRATION REQUIRED?

Yes. To help us keep your child safe, please register by scanning the QR code.



WHERE DO THE CHILDREN GO?

The Bedford Room in the Parish Center (white building next to the church)

WHO IS WITH THEM?

A minimum of two adult leaders. Every leader has completed a criminal record check and received safe environment clearance.

CAN PARENTS COME?

Yes. You are very welcome to accompany your child.

Would you like to help? If you are available to assist our Children's Liturgy leaders and would be willing to complete the safe environment clearance, we would be glad to hear from you!

Questions or Volunteer Inquiries

Leanne | leanne.icckelowna@gmail.com