



Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

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

839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna BC V1Y 5X4

Phone: 250-762-3910 | Email: icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org

Website: <https://www.icckelowna.ca/>

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
1st Tuesday @ 9:45 am

Cottonwoods
3rd Tuesday @ 10:30 am

Summerwood Retirement Resort
2nd Tuesday @ 10:00 am

The Dorchester
Last Tuesday @ 10:00 am

What do Catholics actually believe?

Not sure what Catholics believe—or know someone who has questions? Come and discover what the Catholic faith teaches through our RCIA Program!

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey for adults who are not baptized and would like to learn more

about becoming Catholic. It is also open to those who are missing one or more sacraments, such as Confirmation.

Together, we will learn about the Catholic faith, pray, ask questions, and grow in our understanding. The journey includes videos, prayer, and special rites celebrated at Mass.

Classes are Tuesdays from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in ICC Hall, beginning in September.

Start date to be announced. **Pre-registration is required.**

For more information, please see Fr Maurice or contact Leanne (RCIA coordinator)
250-762-3910 ext. 4 or leanne.icckelowna@gmail.com



Immaculate Conception Church

FINANCIAL GOALS

Sunday Collections

THIS WEEK CA\$8,429 of CA\$9,544

88% of goal

YEAR TO DATE CA\$334,663 of CA\$524,920

95% of YTD goal • 64% of yearly

▼ CA\$18,465 behind

Pilgrimage of Faith

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

26% of goal

▼ CA\$22,908 behind

Updated August 30th, 2026 • Pilgrimage July 31, 2026



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.

✝ 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.

Mass Intentions R. REPOSE · I. INTENTION

SEPTEMBER 5 – SEPTEMBER 11

Sat. Sep 5	9:00 am 5:00 pm	I. Martin & Eileen Collins I. Andrea Collins
Sun. Sep 6	9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	All Parishioners Intentions All Parishioners Intentions R. Nicholas Witzke
Mon. Sep 7	9:00 am	I. Gabriel Geismayr
Tues. Sep 8	8:00 am	I. Lunelli Grandchildren
Wed. Sep 9	8:00 am 5:00 pm	R. Alfred Geismayr R. Mitch Van Aller
Thurs. Sep 10	8:00 am	I. Tim & Patricia Phelan & Family
Fri. Sep 11	8:00 am	I. Francesca Lee

SEPTEMBER 12 – SEPTEMBER 18

Sat. Sep 12	9:00 am 5:00 pm	I. Marlene Hughes R. Leoncio Gulle, Sr.
Sun. Sep 13	9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	All Parishioners Intentions All Parishioners Intentions 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 5:00 pm	I. Christine Hoffman R. John & Maria Cabral
Thurs. Sep 17	8:00 am	R. Don Froh
Fri. Sep 18	8:00 am	R. Frederick Murphy

Please Pray For The Sick And Injured

Chiamaka Aghaizu	Maggie Johnstone
Ken & Lynda Antao	Samuel Jovez
Sister Barbara	Theresa Kaller
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
Ginoefa Diakow	Newcomb
Rachel Donegan.	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-	Filomena Rotundo
Stephensen	Maritess Steiman
Braulio Gonzales	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
	Gilbert Goodman



To add or remove a name from the parish prayer list, kindly contact the **Parish Office**.

250-762-3910 | icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org

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 / cmparkerfamily@gmail.com



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.*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH Ministries & Organizations

All numbers are area code 250 unless otherwise indicated.

PARISH OFFICE

Parish Priest	762-3910
Fr. Maurice Okolie	
Permanent Deacon	rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org
Dcn. Rod Attwell	
Parish Secretary	762-3910 ext 0
Andrea Mitton	
Parish Fax	763-7450
Maintenance	762-3910 ext 0
Douglas Rasmussen	
RCIA	762-3910 ext 4
Leanne Hopegood	leanne.icckelowna@gmail.com
Youth / Religious Ed.	762-3910 ext 3
David Ziebart	david.icckelowna@gmail.com

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Charismatic Prayer Group	215-7100
Piera	
Clubhouse Daycare	860-4393
Creighton Model Fertility Care	469-2541
CWL	300-7773
Monaco Parker	
CWL Hospitality	cmparkerfamily@gmail.com
Monaco Parker	
Diocese of Nelson Admin Office	448-2725
Hospital Chaplaincy	878-1502
Immaculata High School	762-2730
Robert Plaxton, Principal	
Kelowna Right to Life	870-4103
Marlon Bartram	
Knights of Columbus	pandosy2558@gmail.com
Tony Ibrahim	
Loaves & Fishes	868-8933
Militia Immaculatae	575-3553
Eileen Collins	
Music Ministry	762-3910
call the Parish Office	
Okanagan Pregnancy Care Centre	763-2112
Rachel's Vineyard	762-2273
rvokanagan@gmail.com	
Reach Out Youth Counselling	763-7892
Seton House of Prayer	764-4333
St. Joseph Elementary	763-3371
Maddy Pedrette, Principal	
St. Vincent de Paul Society	826-5562
Meg	icc.ssvp@gmail.com

Parish Office • 250-762-3910



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Immaculate Conception Church

St. Vincent's Corner

Jesus calls us to serve in many ways and places in the gospels. Serving our neighbours in need is just one way we can answer that call.

Do you feel a nudge to find out more — how we assist, what we do? Please consider contacting us and finding out more.

OUR NEXT MEETING

**Monday, September 14
at 6 pm**

The Blue Room • All are welcome

If you want to ask questions, I will be at the breakfast this weekend. Look for a bright blue shirt, or call me at 250 899 8992.



icc.ssvp@gmail.com

Thank you again for your generosity.



Knights of Columbus Corner

**Knights Breakfast: after the 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Masses this Sunday**

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



YOUNG FAMILY NEWS

First Communion or Confirmation coming up?

Registration is open for the **2026/27 Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)** — for children and teens in public school or homeschooled.

- 1 Download a package at icckelowna.ca (Children tab) or pick one up at the church entrance.
- 2 Return it to the parish office, or to the Sunday collection in an envelope marked *PREP Registration*.

Immaculate Conception Church, Kelowna

SPACE IS LIMITED — SIGN UP SOON.

David Z · 250-762-3910 ext. 3 · catechism.icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org

Deadline Sept. 9

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

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.

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

Harvest Baking

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.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED



800th Year Jubilee Celebration of St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi Parish – Revelstoke

Sunday October 4, 2026

To: Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, and Faithful of the Diocese of Nelson

St Francis of Assisi Parish, Revelstoke cordially invites you to join us for the 800th Year Jubilee Celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron of our parish on Sunday, October 4, 2026.

- 3:00 pm** - Blessing of pets at the Church parking lot
- 4:55 pm** - Procession from the Parish Hall to the Church
- 5:00 pm** - Jubilee Mass celebrated by Bishop Gregory and priests of the Diocese
- 6:15 pm** - Jubilee Dinner, free of charge, however pre-registration is required. As well in honour of St Francis of Assisi, we will have a donation box for the Revelstoke Humane Society, which helps lost and abandoned animals (cats and dogs) in the city. Donations are optional and not required.

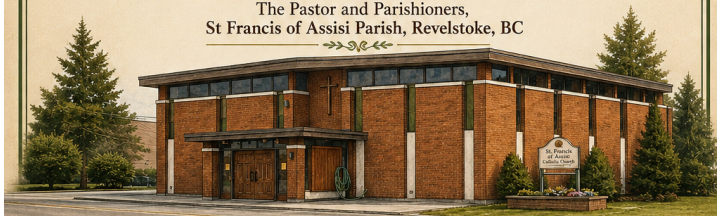
If you are joining, please register before Sunday, September 27 through one of these two options:

Email the parish at revelstoke@nelsondiocese.org

OR

Call Flora Bariuad, Parish Secretary at 250-837-2071

The Pastor and Parishioners,
St Francis of Assisi Parish, Revelstoke, BC



● 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



Chez Vincent Thrift Store

1829 HARVEY AVE

WE NEED YOU!

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.com

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

† 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!



Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office FIRST when enquiring about your child's baptism. At least one Parent and all Godparents must have received all sacraments of initiation (Baptism Eucharist and Confirmation), and be actively practicing Catholics.



We ask that you call or email the office at least **6 WEEKS** prior to your requested date to ensure time for your preparation.

● IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH • COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

Dinner & Dance

Two evenings of great food and great music. Live music by Vic's Dance Band.

NEXT UP

FRIDAY

September 11

2026 • This month

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.



Sacrament of Marriage

As a Catholic, the most important part of preparing for the sacrament of marriage is asking Jesus to be at the center of the marriage.

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

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
rachelvineyardkelowna.com



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 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm at

Our lady of Lourdes Parish
in West Kelowna.

For more information, please contact

Maria: (778) 214-2705

† ADORATION CHAPEL

28th Anniversary

Mass and Potluck

DATE Tuesday, September 8th, 2026

TIME Mass @ 5:30pm, with Potluck to Follow

PLACE Immaculate Conception Church and Hall



The Most Reverend Bishop Gregory Bittman will Celebrate the Mass

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

COME AND SEE

Secular Order of Disalced Carmelites



O C D S

The members of the Secular Order of Disalced Carmelites, under the protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in the biblical tradition of the prophet Elijah and inspired by the teachings of St. Teresa of Jesus and St. John of the Cross, seek to deepen their Christian commitment received in baptism.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Loretta 250-448-5633 Doug 613-363-8246

People of Faith Prayer Group

Come! Now is the time to worship! 🙏

 **Date:** Tuesday Sept 8

 **Time:** 6:30–8:00 p.m. – it is ok to come late and leave early

 **Location:** St. Pius X Church - side entrance

 Questions? Contact Piera at 250-215-7100



DIOCESE OF NELSON

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

HOURS IN NEED OF A PERMANENT ADORER

- ♦ Wednesdays: 8 pm
- ♦ Mondays: 8 am (starting September 14)

adorationkelowna@gmail.com

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

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 13* to register as
Early Bird pricing ends Sept 15*

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

To find the readings of the day go to the Canadian
Conference of Catholic Bishops website:

<https://www.cccb.ca/>

**For News and Announcements from
the Diocese of Nelson visit:**

<https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/news>

Chez Vincent

Thrift Store · Kelowna · Opening Soon

STARTING
Thursday
Sept. 10

DROP-OFF HOURS

Thu · Fri · Sat | 10 am – 2 pm

WHERE

1829 Harvey Ave

As we prepare to open Chez Vincent Thrift Store in Kelowna, we are building the inventory that will fill our shelves. We are looking for clean, gently used, good-quality items that are ready to be enjoyed by a new owner — and starting from empty shelves, we need a little bit of everything. Every item donated helps support the work and mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in our community.

Donations we are looking for

Clothing & Accessories — Fall & Winter

Women's and men's clothing · Footwear · Handbags and purses · Belts and scarves · Winter coats, boots, hats and gloves · Jewelry, stands and boxes

Housewares & Kitchen

Dishes, glassware and mugs · Pots, pans and bakeware · Cutlery and kitchen utensils · Small appliances — kettles, coffee makers, toasters · Serving dishes and decorative kitchen items

Linens

Towels · Blankets and throws · Comforters and quilts · Sheets and pillowcases · Tablecloths and other household linens · Pillows

Books, Games & Miscellaneous

Books and novels, special interest (no course books) · Puzzles and board games with all pieces · Computer games · Craft and hobby supplies — yarn, sewing, scrapbooking · Office supplies · Greeting cards and party supplies · Pet supplies · Electronics — speakers, Bluetooth items, headphones, monitors · Tools · Fishing and camping supplies (in season) · Musical instruments, music memorabilia, band t-shirts

Home Décor & Household

Pictures, artwork and frames · Lamps in working condition · Vases, baskets and decorative items · Velvet non-slip hangers · Seasonal and holiday décor (Halloween and Christmas) · Small household furnishings · Indoor house plants and plant pots · Antiques and collectables · Fans and heaters · Flat-screen TVs · Hair accessories, curling irons, blow dryers · New, unopened beauty products · New, unopened toiletries — shampoo, toothbrushes and paste, lotions, perfumes · Backpacks, computer bags and suitcases

What does “donation ready” mean?

Before you pack a box, ask yourself three quick questions. If the answer is yes, we would be happy to receive it.

“Would I feel comfortable giving this to a friend or family member?”

“Would I purchase this item from a thrift store?”

“Are all cords in good shape and in working order?”

Please ensure donations are

- Clean and freshly laundered, where appropriate
- Free from stains, tears, excessive wear, pet hair and strong odours
- Complete, with no missing or broken pieces, and in good working condition
- Safe and suitable for resale, and in season where possible

What we cannot accept

- Items that are broken, heavily worn, stained, soiled or mouldy
- Anything otherwise unsuitable for resale
- Cribs, strollers, car seats and bike helmets (strict safety regulations)

Disposing of unusable donations costs the Society money and takes resources away from our mission.

Good to know

Children's items

As a general rule the store will not carry a children's clothing section, though we will have books and games for kids. Children's items are still very welcome — we use them for our Christmas shopping inventory and our annual sale at Spring Break / Easter.

Also gratefully accepted

Gift cards, non-perishable food items and cash donations, all of which support ongoing Society of St. Vincent de Paul programs in our community.

A few items we need for in-store use

Colour printer · Clothing steamer · Reusable shopping bags · Plain packing paper · Tissue paper · Bubble wrap · Step stool · Tools

Thank you for helping us give good things a second life.

We are all very excited to see this project come to life and can't wait to open our doors at Chez Vincent Kelowna.