

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.



August 30th 2026

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WEEKEND AND 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: 9AM, 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 of the month @ 9:45 am
Summerwood Retirement Resort – 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am
Cottonwoods – 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 10:30 am
The Dorchester – Last Tuesday of the month @ 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.

Weekly classes in the ICC Hall begin September 8th, 2026. 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Registration is required.

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

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of August:

For evangelization in the city.

"Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community."

KELOWNA AND AREA HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick/pastoral emergencies or for 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!!

Immaculate Conception Church FINANCIAL GOALS

Sunday Collections

THIS WEEK ✓ GOAL MET CA\$11,977 of CA\$9,544

125% of goal

YEAR TO DATE CA\$326,234 of CA\$524,920

95% of YTD goal · 62% of yearly

▼ CA\$17,350 behind

Pilgrimage of Faith

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

26% of goal

▼ CA\$22,908 behind

Updated August 23rd, 2026 · Pilgrimage July 31, 2026

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*.

Deadline Sept. 9

SPACE IS LIMITED — SIGN UP SOON.

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

Immaculate Conception Church,
Kelowna

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

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-Stephensen	Filomena Rotundo
Braulio Gonzales	Maritess Steiman
Adam Gorges	Trudy Szulkies
Rose Harry	Ashton Therrien
Irene Heisler	Bambina Tinto
Neil Herzog	Joyce Tremmel
Marlene Hughes	Roy Velmonte
Cyslin Isaacs	Cherie Lynn Walsh
Rhonda Jennens	Jesse Wilson
	Helen Zentner



To add or remove a name from the parish prayer list, kindly contact the **Parish Office**.
250-762-3910 | icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org



St. Vincent's Corner:

School Bells will soon be ringing children back to school. We often receive calls asking for extra snacks for children's lunches. Thank you for the recent gift of Sun-Rype fruit strips! Thank you to our Knight's for the Mary's pantry collection throughout September. Thank you each of you for your ongoing generosity.

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This weekend SSVP volunteers will be in the Church lobby with their Poor Boxes!

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icc.ssvp@gmail.com Thank you again for your generosity.



Mass Intentions

R. REPOSE · I. INTENTION

AUGUST 29 – SEPTEMBER 4

Sat. Aug 29	9:00 am	I.	Maureen Pestell
	5:00 pm	I.	The Mittons
Sun. Aug 30	9:00 am		All Parishioners Intentions
	11:00 am		All Parishioners Intentions
	5:00 pm	I.	Raynn Samuelson
Mon. Aug 31	8:00 am	I.	Robert Mischelle
Tues. Sep 1	8:00 am	I.	Katjana Kai
Wed. Sep 2	8:00 am	R.	Frederico Ogoy
	5:00 pm	I.	Thalheimer Family
Thurs. Sep 3	8:00 am	I.	Michael & Marley Geismayr
Fri. Sep 4	8:00 am	I.	Olive Woodward
	4:00 pm	I.	Knights of Columbus

SEPTEMBER 5 – SEPTEMBER 11

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



Knights of Columbus Corner

Knights Breakfast: after the 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses next 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

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

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

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

**Saturday
September 26, 2026**

10-5pm

839 Sutherland Ave.
Kelowna

STEWARDSHIP FOR ICC

WAYS TO DONATE:

- **e-Transfer:** etransfer.icc@nelsondiocese.org
In the message box indicate that you want your donation to go to Sunday Collection, or a Special Collection.
- Regular offerings/collection envelopes.
- Pre-Authorized giving (PAG).
- Mail your Offerings
- QR Code.

Please call or email our offices to register with our parish, to arrange for weekly ICC Offerings Envelopes, or for PAG information,
250-762-3910 | icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH · COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

Dinner & Dance

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

FRIDAY

September 11

2026

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.

Our parish has a Formed subscription!
Sign-up information is in the church entrance!



FORMED

To find this week's featured content, visit
<https://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed>
or scan the QR Code to download the Formed app to your phone or device!

WEEK OF AUGUST 30TH, 2026

- ✚ Cabrini
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/4152642/>
- ✚ Mother Teresa: No Greater Love
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2544644/>
- ✚ Mother Teresa
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/601167/>



SOCIETY OF
ST VINCENT DE PAUL

CHEZ VINCENT THRIFT STORE

WE NEED YOU!!!!!!

Dear Friends,

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

chezvincentkelowna@gmail.com

PS Donation drop off dates coming soon



ADORATION CHAPEL

28th Anniversary

Mass and Potluck

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 · Mass @ 5:30pm
Immaculate Conception Church and Hall

Diocese of Nelson Perpetual Adoration Chapel

839 Sutherland Avenue

Hours in Need:

Monday: 8am (starting September 14th)

Email: adorationkelowna@gmail.com

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



People of Faith Prayer Group

All are welcome to join us for praise, prayer and worship. 🙏

📅 Dates: The 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month (Sep 8 & 22, Oct 13 & 27, Nov 10 & 24, Dec 8)

🕒 Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

📍 Location: St. Pius X Church - side entrance

📞 Questions? Contact Piera at 250-215-7100



Media Release

Statement issued by the Military Ordinary of Canada on Spiritual Reflections in Military Settings

18 August 2026, Ottawa—The Most Rev. Scott McCaig, C.C., Bishop of the Military Ordinariate of Canada, [has released a statement](#) on the Canadian Armed Forces' (CAF) [Military Personnel Instructions on Spiritual Reflections in Military Settings](#), which was issued on 29 July 2026.

In his statement, Bishop McCaig objects to the new policy, which requires CAF members, including chaplains, to deliver spiritual reflections without words, actions, or symbols specific to a particular faith or spiritual tradition. Under the new policy, “CAF members...shall uphold the principle of state religious and spiritual neutrality by not using words, actions, or symbols that are specific to a particular [spiritual or faith tradition] on the part of the Government of Canada.”

Bishop McCaig states that, for many people, “meaning, purpose, and spiritual wellbeing” cannot be separated from God. He argues that the new policy requires precisely such a separation and therefore conflicts with the Charter’s protection of the fundamental freedoms of conscience and religion.

The CCCB stands in solidarity with Bishop McCaig as he raises these concerns on behalf of the Catholic faithful entrusted to his pastoral care. The Conference is studying the new policy and will continue to follow its implementation, particularly with regard to its implications for freedom of conscience and religion and for the place of religious expression within the Canadian Armed Forces. At this early stage, the CCCB encourages the faithful and all people of goodwill to become informed about these developments and to pray for the CAF, its members, chaplains, and families, as well as for Bishop McCaig in his pastoral ministry to Canada’s Catholic military community.

[The full statement by the Military Ordinariate is available here.](#)

The Military Ordinariate exists to care for the pastoral needs of men and women in the armed forces, including their families. It is staffed by military chaplains and has a residential bishop who serves as its head and is called a “Military Ordinary.” A Military Ordinariate is not limited by geography; it attaches to persons (or is “personal”) in that it exists wherever men and women in the armed forces of a particular nation are deployed. The norms which govern a Military Ordinariate are set out in the Apostolic Constitution of Pope John Paul II, [Spirituali Militum Curae](#).

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Media requests:

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Director of Communications

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About the CCCB

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is the national assembly of the Catholic Bishops in Canada who currently hold office. It was founded in 1943 and officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948.



AVAILABLE BY DONATION

Four-Tier Display Case

61" W x 36" D x 47" H

If you or your business could use it,
please contact the ICC office.

As wildfires continue to affect communities across British Columbia, let us pray:

For families forced to leave their homes, for firefighters and first responders, for those providing shelter and support, and for all creation impacted by these fires, that God may grant them protection, strength, and hope.

May the Lord hear
our prayer.

Amen.

For those in the fire's path

Firefighters, families, and the land itself
— hold them in prayer this week.



● PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers for Melinda

From St. Pius X Parish, who left on August 26 for six weeks in Uganda and Congo. There she will serve as a flight nurse medic for people suffering from Ebola. May God bless her mission of self-sacrifice.



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.*

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

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



EXCITING NEWS ♦ NEW DROP-OFF HOURS

Chez Vincent Store will be accepting donations

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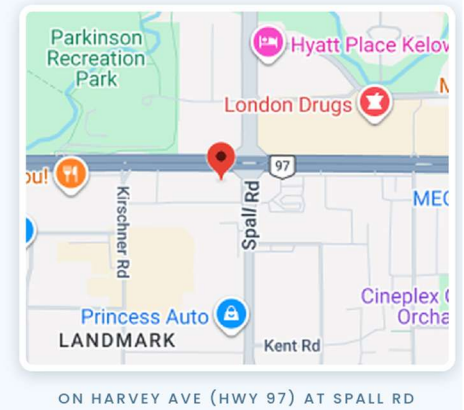
FRI

SAT

10 am – 2 pm
EVERY WEEK

STARTING SEPTEMBER 10TH

Drop-offs can be made at the store during these times.



1829 Harvey Avenue KELOWNA, BC

CHEZ VINCENT UPDATE

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We are excited to introduce our new store manager, **Maggie**. Maggie comes to us with a background in thrift store management. We are looking forward to learning more about how to really run a business.

We are in the midst of construction renovations so please continue to hold on to those precious donations for a few more weeks. We will have dates soon and exact location.

As we prepare to open **Chez Vincent Thrift Store in Kelowna**, we are beginning to build the inventory that will fill our shelves and help make our new store a success.

We are looking for clean, gently used, good-quality items that are ready to be enjoyed by a new owner. Every item donated to Chez Vincent 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 & Men's
- Footwear
- Handbags & purses
- Belts, 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 kitchen appliances, kettles, coffee makers, toasters, etc.
- Serving dishes and decorative kitchen items

Home Décor & Other

- 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
- Plant pots
- Antiques & Collectables
- Fans, heaters
- Flat Screen TV's
- Hair accessories, curling irons, blow dryers, etc.
- New unopened beauty products
- New unopened toiletries, shampoos, toothbrushes and paste, lotions, perfumes. etc.
- Backpacks, computer bags, suitcases

Linens

- Towels
- Blankets and throws
- Comforters and quilts
- Sheets, pillow cases
- Tablecloths and other household linens
- Pillows

Books, Games & Miscellaneous

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

What Does “Donation Ready” Mean?

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

"Would I purchase this item from a thrift store?"

"Are All cords in good shape? Good working order?"

If the answer is yes, we would be happy to receive it!

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, In good working condition
- Safe and suitable for resale, In season where possible

Please do not donate items that are broken, heavily worn, stained, soiled, mouldy or otherwise unsuitable for resale. Disposing of unusable donations creates an additional cost for the Society and takes resources away from our mission.

As we are starting an entirely new thrift store from empty shelves, we need a little bit of everything!

This is a wonderful time to look through your closets, cupboards, bookshelves and storage areas for quality items you no longer use. Your donations will help us create a welcoming, affordable community thrift store while supporting the important work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

As a general rule, we will not have a children's section in the store (clothing). We will have a section of books and games for kids. If you would like to donate children's items, we will love to have them to include in our Christmas shopping inventory and for an annual sale at Spring break/Easter.

Please note: due to strict regulations regarding children's items, we can not accept cribs, strollers, car seats or bike helmets.

Donations of gift cards, non perishable food items and cash are also gratefully accepted to support ongoing SSVP programs.

There are a few items we need for instore use:

Colour printer, Clothing steamer, Small microwave, Small fridge, Water cooler

Small table and chairs, Reusable shopping bags, Plain packing paper, tissue paper, bubble wrap

Step stool, Tools

We are all very excited to see this project come to life and can't wait to open our doors. Thank you for helping us give good things a second life and for supporting the launch of Chez Vincent Kelowna.