

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

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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.



May 17, 2026 – Monthly Newsletter

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

YEAR A

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

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

That everyone might have food.
 "Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food."

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!!

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday May 28 @ 9:30 am
Thursday June 11 @ 9:30 am

All are invited!



May
Month of Mary,
Our Blessed Mother

A LIVING ROSARY will be prayed in Honour of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Sunday, May 31st following the 5 pm mass @ ICC. Please bring a candle for a short, outdoor procession around the church following the ROSARY.

ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD

On June 13, 2026 for the Feast of Saint Anthony, Father Maurice will be blessing homemade bread after morning Mass and we will distribute it to the homeless in Kelowna. This practise dates back 800 years and has resulted in many miracles. The loaves can be of any type but must be home baked and should be the size of large buns for individual consumption. Please bring the bread with you to morning Mass.



Funeral Service – CORTENS, Brian

A Funeral Mass for Brian Cortens will be celebrated at ICC on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 12:00 PM.

We invite the parish community to pray for the repose of his soul and for the comfort of his family.

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>

Parish Coffee Socials

Sundays after the 9 am mass, there will be coffee in the hall. Coffee Socials are sponsored by the following ICC Ministries as follows:

- Week 1 – Knights of Columbus, *Breakfast*
- Week 2 – *available*
- Week 3 – St. Vincent de Paul
- Week 4 – Kelowna Right to Life Society
- Week 5 – Parish Council

All are welcome!



Join us in
Celebrating

Our Lady of Lourdes Church's 45th Anniversary

and

Fr. Cerlouie's 15th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

Friday May 22nd | Mass 5pm

Catered Dinner 6pm (in the Parish Centre)

Tickets: \$35 each. Available at Loaves and Fishes



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED:

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

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

STEWARDSHIP/WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Parish Budget	\$	9,544.00	
Weekly 2026 POF Required	\$	1,300.00	
Weekly Stewardship Required	\$		10,844.00

Sunday Collections – 05/10/26	\$	7,345.45
2026 POF Received – (Apr. 30)	\$	10,227.25

YTD Offerings Shortfall **\$ – 16,541.91**
 YTD POF Shortfall **\$ – 17,072.75**

Total YTD Deficit \$ –33,614.66

Thank you for your generous financial support.
 Your contributions are essential to helping our parish meet its weekly budget and continue serving our community.
 May God bless you!

MASS INTENTIONS Repose – R. Intention – I.

Sat.	16-May	9:00 AM	I.	Martin & Eileen Collins
		5:00 PM	R.	Kazimiera Sobon
Sun.	17-May	9:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		11:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		5:00 PM	R.	Adelard & Yvonne Pelletier
Mon.	18-May	9:00 AM	R.	George Davis
Tues.	19-May	8:00 AM	R.	Marielle Frances Attwell
Wed.	20-May	8:00 AM	I.	Past & Present Bishops of RCDN
		5:00 PM	R.	Philip Bilny
Thurs.	21-May	8:00 PM	R.	Beatrice Walman
Fri.	22-May	8:00 AM	R.	Wladyslaw Matonog
Sat.	23-May	9:00 AM	R.	Marielle Attwell
		5:00 PM	I.	St. Vincent de Paul Families
Sun.	24-May	9:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		11:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		5:00 PM	R.	Cassin Cullen
Mon.	25-May	8:00 AM	I.	Ken & Lynda Antao
Tues.	26-May	8:00 AM	R.	Melandro Ogoy
Wed.	27-May	8:00 AM	R.	Ruth Mitton
		5:00 PM	I.	Estera Kwapinski-Bilny
Thurs.	28-May	8:00 PM	I.	Andrew Gorges & Olivia Tucker
Fri.	29-May	8:00 AM	R.	Don Froh



Knights of Columbus Corner



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BURSARIES

- Available for Grade 12 students pursuing post secondary education.
- Available from your ICC Fr. Pandosy Council 2558 - \$750.00 (Awarded to one student).
- Available from our State Council - \$1,000.00 (Awarded to one student)

Contact pandosy2558@gmail.com
 for full details on how to apply.
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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.

STEWARDSHIP FOR ICC

WAYS TO DONATE:

- QR Code.
- Regular offerings/collection envelopes.
- Pre-Authorized giving (PAG).
- 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.

- Mail your Offerings

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



ANNIVERSARY DINNER / DANCE

Join Bill & Paulet for our annual Anniversary Dinner & Dance as we honour all couples celebrating wedding anniversaries this year.

Whether you're marking a milestone or simply looking for a great night out... come and enjoy a wonderful meal, lively music, and time with our parish community. Adults 19+ are welcome.

Friday July 24th

Doors open @ 6:00/refreshments

Dinner @ 6:30 🎵 Dancing to follow!

Live music by Vic Dance Band 🎸 🎹 🎺 🎻 🎷 🎸

Tickets are \$45 /person & available through Loaves & Fishes!

Event tickets must be presented at main door for entry.

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 MAY 1, 2026

- ✝ Saint Rita
- ✝ <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582317/>
- ✝ The Ascension | Sacred Art
- ✝ <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1530580/>
- ✝ Saint Rita of Cascia: The True Story
- ✝ <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582318/>



Children's Liturgy

Every 2nd Sunday during the 9am Mass

The next Children's Liturgy will be May 24th

If you have any questions, please contact Leanne at 250-762-3910 ext 4, or email leanne.icckelowna@gmail.com



ST. VINCENT'S CORNER:

Come and join us this Sunday for coffee at 10:00 am
We will enjoy sharing with you the joys of our vocation as Vincentians and remember you can always donate online at icc.ssvp@gmail.com or scan our QR code!



Thank you for your generous support!

Every Woman: Our Stories as Women of Faith

A Women's Spiritual Retreat

All women are welcome! Join us for a day of spiritual reflection, connection, and discovery. Explore the feminine genius and the unique ways women live their faith. Come as you are—bring a friend or meet someone new!

Date: Saturday, May 30, 2026 | Time: 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Seton House of Prayer

Tickets: \$25.00 (includes lunch)

Available at St. Pius X Parish office

For more information contact Mary Anna 250-712-9936

YOUTH HIKE!!

We are inviting all Youth from Grades 4 to 12 to join us for a short hike on **Sunday, May 24, 2026** from 2-4pm at the Kalamo Regional Park in West Kelowna. We will meet at the entrance at 959 Sunnyside Road and will take the Sunnyside and Waterfront Trails then turn back to the Sunnyside Entrance.

The Youth will be walking in pairs, just like Jesus' disciples did on the road to Emmaus, with games and activities along the way. This is a wonderful chance for them to slow down, bond with their fellow Youth, and appreciate the beauty of God's creation.

A short Faith Formation will follow after the hike and snacks will be provided.

Please RSVP by emailing lolparishyouthministry@gmail.com by Friday, May 22, 2026.

OKANAGAN CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMP 2026

Camp Winfield, Lake Country from September 11-13, 2026!

This year's camp features BBQs and breakfast, pool and waterslide, campfire and social, teen, tween, and young adult programming, Saturday Night Mass, and a talent show.

Our Keynote Speaker is Deacon Rod Attwell, with special guests Al Barrow (Youth Ministry) and Fr. Kenneth LeBlanc of the Legionaries of Christ.

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Registration is open May 15 – June 30:

Early Bird (May 15-31): \$300/family

Regular Rate: \$325/family

Non-Camping Day Rate: \$200/family or \$100/day

Young Adult Rate: \$50/weekend or \$25/day (free if volunteering)

Register online at www.okanagancatholic.ca Connect with us on

Facebook: facebook.com/okanagancatholicfamilycamp

DIOCESE OF NELSON PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

839 Sutherland Avenue



Thank you to all our Adorers. By God's grace and through Mary's intercession, every hour in our Adoration Chapel is currently filled – a true blessing. To keep the Chapel strong, we still welcome substitute Adorers and those willing to commit to a backup hour. May God bless our Adoration Chapel.

Email: adorationkelowna@gmail.com

Contact: Luke Mitton

Text/Telephone: 778-214-0680

✨ Come, Now is the Time to Worship! ✨

Anytime is the right time to worship, and we'd love for you to join us! 🙏❤️

📅 Thu, May 21 | 🕒 6:30-8:00 p.m.

📍 St. Charles Garnier Church

⚠️ Please note the day and location change!

Come to worship 🙏 Come to pray 🙏 Come to praise 🎵 Just come. 🙏

🙏 The People of Faith Prayer Group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month through the end of June. 🌿

📞 For more information, contact Piera at 250-215-7100.

Catholic Women's League

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BURSARY

The ICC CWL is pleased once again, to support our community with a \$500 Bursary! Applicants must be:

- 21 years old or younger.
- a baptized Roman Catholic.
- a practicing Parishioner of ICC.
- planning to attend a post-secondary institution as a first-year full-time student.
- Applicants must submit the Bursary Application, Cover Letter, Pastor's Form and Transcript by May 31, 2026.

Application packages are available to pick up at the ICC Office, Tuesday-Friday between 8:30am and 12:30pm.

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Renew your membership or become a new member!
Ladies 16 and older are welcome to join!

*Coffee Socials have temporarily been postponed
-please check back for upcoming dates.*

Questions/e-transfer info? Contact Monaco Parker:
250-300-7773/cmparkerfamily@gmail.com

ST. PIUS X CWL PRESENTS BADLANDS PASSION PLAY TOUR DRUMHELLER, ALBERTA

Departure: July 17, 2026

Return: July 19, 2026

Departing from: St. Pius X Church

Join us for a meaningful and memorable journey to experience the renowned Badlands Passion Play in the beautiful Drumheller Badlands.

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Comfortable coach transportation (3 days)
- 2 nights accommodation at the Glenmore Inn, Calgary
- 2 breakfasts
- Admission to the Badlands Passion Play
- Scenic coach travel between Calgary and Drumheller (2 trips)

All are welcome!

Call Wells Gray Tours at 250-374-0831
or Call Trish Mazzei at 236-795-7474

Limited space available – reserve early!

*If you would like to contribute towards ICC's
Sanctuary floral displays please see a Sacristan or please
put your donation in the donations box marked "Flowers"
near the Sacristy (left of the sanctuary/altar).*

Thank you for your kind support.



Grief to Grace is a program rooted in our Catholic faith. Designed to express the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, it is an integrated healing process of the body, mind, and spirit using the principles of trauma-informed care. It helps those who have endured abuse to find healing for neglect, abandonment, physical, emotional, sexual, clerical, and spiritual abuse, whether in childhood, adolescence, or as an adult.

The next retreat in Canada is **September 22 - 27, 2026 in Kelowna.**

For more information please email griegtograncelowna@gmail.com
or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

The deadline for the intake process is **June 15.**

To view the retreat website visit <https://www.griegtograncelowna.org/>



Come and celebrate with us the
SILVER JUBILEE for
Rev. Fr. Paul John Irumba
July 7, 2001 - July 7, 2026

Sacred Heart Parish, Golden, BC cordially invites you to celebrate the Priestly Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Paul John Irumba Abwooli to take place Tuesday July 7, 2026 @ 4:00 PM

The program will start with Holy Mass, followed by a catered dinner in the Parish Hall.

Your attendance will be greatly appreciated and valued.

There are two dinner choices:

- 1) Grill Chicken Breast with Roasted Potatoes or
- 2) Vegetarian Lasagna

Sides: Roasted Vegetables, Salad & Buns. Dessert – Cake.

(Allergy or gluten free options available)

Cost is \$30 per person.

Please RSVP by **June 15, 2026** to: Email: golden@nelsondiocese.org
Phone: 250 344 6328

Checks payable to Sacred Heart Parish
808 11th St., South P.O. Box 289 Golden B.C V0A-1H0

or etransfer.shpgolden@nelsondiocese.org



**SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES
(OCDS)**

Come and See!!

The members of the Secular Order of Discalced 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 call Loretta at 250-448-5633
or Doug at 613-363-8246