

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

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Mondays, Weekends & Stat Holidays – offices are closed. Please contact office to schedule an appointment.



(WEEKLY NEWSLETTER)

November 30, 2025 – 1st Sunday of Advent, 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

MASSSES 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED:

Filomena Rotundo, Ashton Therrien, Bishop Gregory Bittman, Irene Heisler, Lawson, Teresa Kovacs, Elizabeth Downey, Maggie Johnstone, Samuel Jovez, Rick Prost, Sheila Lowe, Fr. Jim Ratcliffe, Teresa McGauley, Chiamaka Aghaizu, Josephine Bruch, Mary Van Verdegem, Diane Lynott, Hazel Csordas, Rihnon Coatsworth, Helen Zentner, Theresa Kaller, Kathleen Mayhew, Jesse Wilson, Bambina Tinto, Anne Mould, Rose Harry, Adam Gorges, Joyce Tremmel, Sandra Park, Loretta Bouchard, Linda Kirkpatrick, Juliana Lavell, Maritess Steiman, Rhonda Jennens, Roy Velmonte, Justina Mikosa, Mildred Reyes, Kathe Gonzaga Carpena, Michelle Miller, Victor Kovac, Phillip Dos Santos, Marlene Hughes, Dorota Nowak, Chineze Fajardo, Rosario, Luisito & Crispin Clemente, Nancy Brisson, Ginoefa Diakow, Rick 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 & Gudrun Cobham, Marcus Cresswell, Ray Pauluk, Desjardines Families, Rachel Donegan.

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

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Monday, Dec. 8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH'S FEAST DAY!!

Join us for Mass at 5:00 PM, followed by a potluck in the Parish Hall.
Please bring a dish to serve 8.

Drop off food in the Hall kitchen before Mass:

- Hot dishes: ovens available, or crockpots can be plugged in.
- Cold items: fridges available.

Your presence is a beautiful gift to Mary. All are welcome!



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!!

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

For Christians in areas of conflict:

"Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope."

2025/26 ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday December 4 @ 9:30 am

Thursday January 29 @ 9:30 am

Wednesday February 18 (Ash Wednesday) @ 9:30 am

Thursday April 9 @ 9:30 am

Thursday May 28 @ 9:30 am

Thursday June 11 @ 9:30 am

NIGERIAN IGBO MASS

Fr. Maurice Okolie and Fr. Obi will be celebrating a Nigerian Igbo Mass here at ICC on **Sunday, December 7th** at 3:00 pm, followed by fellowship and a reception in the GOLD Room in the Parish Hall.

POLISH MASS & CONFESSIONS

Fr. Marian Korzeniowski will be visiting Immaculate Conception Church in December to celebrate mass and hear confession for our Polish Community (in Polish).

SCHEDULE:

Reconciliation:

Saturday December 13th, 1:00–3:00 pm

Mass:

Sunday December 14th at 3:00 pm.

GET WELL CARDS FOR BISHOP GREGORY

While Bishop Gregory continues his medical care in Vancouver, let us surround him with our prayers and encouragement. Parishioners are welcome to bring 'get well' cards to the parish office—we will see that they reach him.

**NORTH OKANAGAN DEANERY
2025 ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULES**

Parish/School	Date	Time
LOLO School	Tues. Dec. 02	10:00 am
IMMAC High School	Wed. Dec. 03	10:30 am 1:00 pm
Corpus Christi Parish	Wed. Dec. 03	6:00 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Wed. Dec. 10	3:30 pm
St. Pius X Parish	Mon. Dec. 15	5:00 pm
St. Joseph's School	Tues. Dec. 16	10:30 am 12:30 pm
St. Francis of Assisi Parish	Tues. Dec. 16	5:30 pm
St. Charles Garnier Parish	Wed. Dec. 17	5:00 pm
Immaculate Conception Parish	Thurs. Dec. 18	3:00 pm
St. Edwards Parish	Fri. Dec. 19	4:30 pm

2025 Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedules

Wednesday Dec. 24	8:00 am	Daily Mass
Christmas Eve	4:00 pm	First Mass of Christmas
	7:00 pm	Second Mass of Christmas
	12:00 am	Midnight Mass
Thursday Dec. 25	9:00 am	Christmas Day Mass
Christmas Day	11:00 am	Christmas Day Mass
	4:00 pm	Christmas Day Mass
Friday Dec. 26	9:00 am	Daily Mass
Saturday Dec. 27	9:00 am	Daily Mass
	5:00 pm	for Sunday Mass
Sunday Dec. 28	9:00 am	Daily Mass
	11:00 am	Daily Mass
	5:00 pm	Daily Mass
Monday Dec. 29	8:00 am	Daily Mass
Tuesday Dec. 30	8:00 am	Daily Mass
Wednesday Dec. 31	8:00 am	Daily Mass
New Years Eve	5:00 pm	Mass—Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
	11:30 pm	Holy hour/Benediction
Thursday Jan. 1	9:00 am	Mass—Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
New Year's Day	11:00 am	Mass—Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
	4:00 pm	Mass—Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

ST. VINCENT'S CORNER:



As we enter into the Advent season may Holy Silence enter into your deepest being and may God open our hearts to the Cries of the Poor amongst us: the lonely, the homeless, those struggling with health and each and everyone of us. AMEN!

And remember you can always donate at icc.ssvp@gmail.com or scan the QR code!



Gr. 8-12 Kelowna Catholic Youth Group News

Join us next Sunday, December 7, for our Christmas Wrap Up from **6:30-8:30 pm** at the ICC Parish Center! Doors open at **6:15 pm** for snacks and games!

New to Youth Group? You can register and sign up for events at: www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca

THANK YOU!

We would like to express our appreciation to our parish family for the Memorial Mass and Reception, the many sympathy cards, Mass cards, and other expressions of sympathy offered for the passing of our mother and grandmother. These acts of kindness and prayers have been a source of strength and consolation for our family. May God continue to bestow His blessing on each and every one of you!

Deacon Rod + Jennifer and family

BLESSING OF SACRAMENTAL ITEMS

On **Monday December 8th**, after the 8:00 am Mass there will be a Blessing of Sacramentals. You may bring your candles, oils, water, salt etc... to the baptistery *prior to Mass*.

Please keep all items you bring in 1 basket/container/bag and ensure that your bottles or containers are open – please take the caps off.

You may pick up your blessed sacramental on Monday December 8th, *after the blessing of items*.

STEWARDSHIP/WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday Collections – 11/23/25 \$ 10,592.08
Weekly Parish Budget \$ 7,968.00

YTD OFFERINGS TARGET, OVER/SHORT \$ 47,539.14

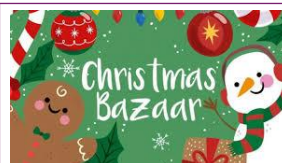
2025 POF Appeal, Over/Short \$ -42,868.15

YTD PARISH, OVER/SHORT \$ + 4,670.99

*Thank you for your generous financial support, which helps sustain our parish's ministries, expenses, and mission.
May God bless you!*

MASS INTENTIONS Repose – R. Intention – I.

Sat.	29-Nov	9:00 AM	R.	Elizabeth Gerber
		5:00 PM	R.	Armerinda Russo
Sun.	30-Nov	9:00 AM		Intention of Parishioners
		11:00 AM		Intention of Parishioners
		5:00 PM	R.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Mon.	01-Dec	8:00 AM	I.	Candace Sharko
Tues.	02-Dec	9:00 AM	I.	Arnie Kouwenhoven
Wed.	03-Dec	8:00 AM	I.	Diana Beamish
		5:00 PM	I.	Slava Vukoja & Vesna Maric
Thurs.	04-Dec	8:00 AM	I.	Herb Yang
Fri.	05-Dec	8:00 AM	R.	William G. Ferguson
		4:00 PM	R.	Anita Kuropatwa



★ ICC Mini Bazaar ★

Join us on **Sunday, December 7th** at the Immaculate Conception Hall for our Youth

Group's **Mini Christmas Bazaar**, happening from **10:00 am-1:00 pm** during the Parish Breakfast! Browse our **Bake Sale, Christmas Corner**, and **Treasures Boutique** for festive finds, homemade treats, and unique gifts.

All proceeds support our parish youth –thank you for helping them shine!

THANK YOU

A huge **thank you** to everyone who donated items for our Youth Group Blessing Bags! We were truly overwhelmed by your generosity and the *amazing* number of donations that came in. Because of you, we're able to share God's love in a real and tangible way with those experiencing homelessness.

The Knights of Columbus will be delivering these blessing bags over the next few weeks—thank you for helping make this outreach possible!



Youth Group Bottle Drive

Got empty beverage containers collecting at home? Expecting extra bottles this Christmas season? Using the Return-It App, please consider donating them to help our ICC teens get to the 2026 Steubenville Conference.

Return-It App makes donations easy, to get started:

1. Log-in to your account through the Return-It App (found on Google Play Store or the iOS App store) or visit <https://app.return-it.ca>.
Don't have an account? Sign up for a free Return-It account at <https://app.return-it.ca>
2. Donate to the Youth Group by clicking the QR Code at the bottom or by using the following link:
<https://app.return-it.ca/immaculateconceptionchurch>
You'll have the option to set auto-donations or a one-time donation.
3. Return all your empty beverage containers to a **Return-It Express location**, every container counts!



Celebrate With Us!!

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Knights of Columbus.

Come to this family event to celebrate Our Lady's Feast Day!!

Friday, December 12, 2025
Immaculate Conception Church
839 Sutherland Ave.



Mass will be celebrated at **5:30 pm** with dinner to follow in the ICC Parish Hall.

Tickets: available at all Kelowna Parishes, and Loaves and Fishes.

Pricing: Before December 1st: \$40.00
After December 1st: \$55.00
Children 10 and under are free.

Door Prizes!

Event tickets must be presented at main door for entry.



Knights of Columbus Corner



PARISH BREAKFAST!

Sunday, December 7th
 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Come enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast with your parish community! *All are welcome!*

Breakfast is by good-will donation.
We look forward to seeing you there!



The 64th Annual Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal is under way and will run until December 13th. Our Knights will be selling tickets after Sunday Mass and at our monthly Parish Breakfast.

64th ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL

[Click here](https://KofCCharity.ca) KofCCharity.ca

WIN \$100,000 in prizes including a 2025 Ford Maverick XLT AWD Grand Prize

PRIZES

1 st Prize 2025 Ford Maverick XLT AWD	4 th Prize \$ 5,000
2 nd Prize \$25,000	5 th to 14 th \$ 1,000 each! → Early Bird Draws
3 rd Prize \$10,000	

TICKETS
 1 for \$5
 10 for \$25
 50 for \$50

ICC CWL Corner

CWL Memberships are due - renew or become a new member!
Ladies 16 and older are welcome to join!

To renew, please drop off a cheque or cash in the amount of \$45.00 at the ICC Main office mailbox or in an envelope for the collection baskets when attending Mass. Please label the envelope "ICC CWL Membership". You can also give the gift of membership!

All memberships paid before the end of Dec. will be entered to win a prize!

The ICC CWL will continue to meet every second Tuesday of the month at 1pm in the Main Hall or Blue Room for a coffee social! Join us for a rosary and a short presentation with plenty of time to enjoy each other's company. Tea and coffee provided, snacks to share are always accepted! All ladies of the parish welcome, even non-members and kids.

CWL Coffee Socials - 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 1pm - Main Hall/Blue Room.

Christmas Tea will be on December 9th.

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

CATHOLIC MOUNTAIN STAR

The Catholic Mountain Star is now accepting any news, photos and articles for publication for the coming winter issue: Deadline January 20, 2026. Please send photos, news and articles to: Catholicmountainstar@nelsondiocese.org

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS - PREPARE THE WAY FOR JESUS.

The Office of Evangelization invites you to an evening to prepare our hearts and families this Advent to welcome Jesus in a special way this Christmas, Jubilee 2025.

2-hour session comprising of one Talk, Testimony, Music, Adoration and commissioning.

- 6:00pm: Talk on 'Rediscovering Jesus this Advent, His love and The Call to Discipleship'
- 6.45pm: Break
- 6.50pm: Testimony
- 7:00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Adoration, Quiet time to hear the call of Jesus, music)
- 7.40pm: Participants will be equipped, commissioned and sent out into the community as missionary disciples to share Christ's love in the world this Advent, Christmas and always, beginning with our family and in our workplaces.

Venue: Immaculate Conception Church
Date: December 5, 2025
Time: 6:00pm

Everyone is welcome. Free Admission.

for inquiries, contact: Fr. Obi at
demd.pastor@nelsondiocese.org or phone 250 448 2725.

Upcoming Dinner/Dances ICC Parish Centre

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER / DANCE

Wednesday December 31st

Doors open @ 6:00/refreshments

Dinner @ 7:30 🎵 Dancing 8:45-1:00 am

Midnight snacks

Live music by Vic Dance Band

Tickets are \$80 per person (non-refundable) prior to December 12th
\$90 (non-refundable) after December 12th
& available through Loaves & Fishes!

Event tickets must be presented at main door for entry.

Come, now is the time to worship!

Anytime is the right time to worship, and we'd love for you to join us on Tues., Dec. 2, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Pius X Parish (Fuller Road side-entrance).

Come to worship. Come to pray. Come to praise. Just come.
The People of Faith Prayer Group meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday of each month.

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



Bishop Emeritus Eugene Cooney will celebrate his 94th birthday on Wed. Dec. 10th. Cards may be mailed to him:

c/o Applewood Unit
Providence Care
149 Providence Blvd SE
Calgary, AB, T2X 0X2



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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 NOVEMBER 30, 2025

- Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent | Trailer
- Week One | Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns
- Week One | Encountering Emmanuel with Heather Khym



DIOCESE OF NELSON PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

839 Sutherland Avenue

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

Find a moment of peace with Jesus in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. He longs to be with you!

Scheduled Volunteer Hours available are:

SUN: 1 AM, 2 AM, 4 PM & 6 PM | MON: 1 AM & 2 AM | WED: 3 AM | FRI: 8 AM

Spares are always needed. Shared times available!

For information phone Lorie: 250-448-5633



Journey Through Advent Video Series

The CCCB is pleased to announce that the Journey through Advent video series, which includes reflections on the readings for each Sunday in Advent, will be available from today, Monday, 24 November 2025. It is a joint project between three CCCB offices (the Office national de liturgie, the National Liturgy Office, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis).

This year's spiritual reflections are delivered by the Most Reverend Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Moncton (in French), and the Most Reverend Wayne Lawrence Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton (in English); we are grateful to them.

The videos are available on the CCCB Website:

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

In French: <https://www.cecc.ca/evangelisation-catechese-et-education/ressources-video/cheminer-ensemble-durant-l'avent/>

The links to the videos, in English and French, will be released on the CCCB website and will be sent to you each Monday for the upcoming Sunday celebration. We invite you to post them on your diocesan/eparchial websites and share them broadly with pastors and those who work in diocesan and pastoral offices.

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>

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