

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 2026, Monthly Newsletter

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena</i> 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!

Harvest Festival!!!

As we prepare for ICC's inaugural Harvest Festival this September, we're refreshing the Evangelical Gardens so they can shine for the celebration. You can help glorify the Lord and support this parish project by donating flowers or even a bag of soil for our new plantings.

Hardy flower suggestions: petunias (trailing and upright—especially yellow and purple), geraniums (reds and whites), marigolds, potato vines, coleus, osteospermum.

Please bring donated plants to the garden area behind the church on Saturday, May 2 and Saturday, May 9.

Thank you for helping our parish grounds bloom with beauty and welcome.

I AM THE POTTER...YOU ARE THE CLAY

Clay pots wanted! All sizes, in any condition - broken, cracked... as long as it's CLAY
Please bring to the garden area behind the church by the buckets of rocks. Thank you!



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!

Children's Liturgy

Every 2nd Sunday during the 9am Mass

The next Children's Liturgy will be May 10th
If you have any questions, please contact Leanne at
250-762-3910 ext 4, or email
leanne.icckelowna@gmail.com

The Young Adults Group Update

Please note that the Young Adults gatherings after the 9 AM Mass Sundays have come to a close. We are grateful for the fellowship shared and for all who took part in this ministry.



Funeral Service – BEAUREGARD, David Alfred Joseph
A Funeral Service for David Beauregard will be celebrated at ICC on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 11:00 AM. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

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

STEWARDSHIP/WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Parish Budget	\$	9,544.00
Weekly 2026 POF Required	\$	1,300.00
Weekly Stewardship Required	\$	10,844.00
Sunday Collections – 04/26/26	\$	7,984.90
2026 POF Received – (Mar. 31)	\$	7,079.75
YTD Offerings Shortfall	\$	-17,972.62
YTD POF Shortfall	\$	-17,620.25

Total YTD Deficit \$ **-35,592.87**

*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!*

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

Thank you to all of our families who have made a gift to this year's **Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal**. Our parish has currently raised **\$7,079.75** of our Parish Goal, **\$71,500.00**.

Gifts can be made via e-transfer to: etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org or online via Canada Helps Canada Helps:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360> or by completing a pledge card and returning it along with a cheque/cash to the parish by collection, in person or by mail.

For more information on how to give contact the Pilgrimage of Faith office at the Pastoral Centre at 250-448-2725 ext. 240 or email appeals@nelsondiocese.org or logon to the Nelson Diocese website <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/> and click on the 'Donate Now' button. Thank You!

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.

☀️ He Is Risen! Alleluia! ☀️

Come and rejoice in the Risen Lord!

✨ Lift your heart in joyful praise

🙏 Spend time in prayer before the Lord

🎵 Be renewed through worship and community

Whether you are seeking peace, encouragement, or simply time in God's presence, all are welcome.

📍 Location: St. Pius X Parish (side entrance)

📅 Date: Tues, May 5

🕒 Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

For more information about the People of Faith Prayer Group, please call or text Piera at 250-215-7100.

Our parish has a Formed subscription!

Sign-up information is in the church entrance!



To find this week's featured content, visit

<https://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed>

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or scan the QR Code to download the Formed app to your phone or device!

WEEK OF MAY 03, 2026

✚ **The Boy From Milan: Stories of Carlo Acutis**
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3583599/>

✚ **St. Philip the Apostle | Catholic Saints**
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2978856/>

✚ **Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer**
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3764391/>



ST. VINCENT'S CORNER:



Welcome to May. As we are all busy planting our gardens and enjoying warm days, let us think about how we can share. perhaps plant a few extra carrots or onions, or an extra tomato plant dedicated to donating its fruit to our pantry or potatoes.

We deliver year-round and what a gift we bring when there is fresh produce and we tell the family it is a gift from a parishioner. We are so grateful for your continued support

...and remember you can always donate online at icc.ssvp@gmail.com or scan our QR-code!



Thank you for your generous support!

CATHOLIC MOUNTAIN STAR

The Catholic Mountain Star is now accepting any news, photos and articles for publication for the coming summer issue: **Deadline May 8, 2026**. Please send photos, news and articles to: Catholicmountainstar@nelsondiocese.org

2nd Collection – The Pope's Pastoral Works May 09/10, 2026

On the weekend of May 10, our parish joins Catholics across the country in supporting the **Pope's Pastoral Works** collection. These gifts enable the Holy Father to respond quickly when people are struck by natural disasters, conflict, or urgent humanitarian need. Your generosity becomes a sign of the Church's compassion for those who are suffering. Thank you for your kind and generous support.



**MSGR. DESMOND'S
60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

Celebration!

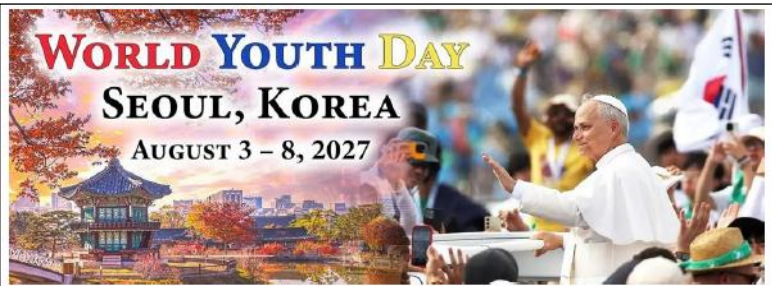
MONSIGNOR JERRY'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026.

Mass of Thanksgiving at 10 AM at
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 635 Tranquille Road
followed by a ticketed luncheon at Colombo Lodge
814 Lorne Street

May 16th, 2026 | Tickets: \$45.00 per person

Registration deadline: May 5

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/8JqPtt47hM42amKBA>



Young Adults of the Diocese of Nelson

World Youth Day 2027 is from

July 27th, 2027 - August 11th, 2027 in Seoul, Korea

**Dates include both Days in the Diocese and WYD*

Join Pope Leo XIV and hundreds of thousands of young Catholics
(18 - 35 years old) from around the world for the World Youth Day
Pilgrimage!

*Participants will grow in their faith and their
appreciation for the power and presence
of Jesus in the Church today.*

Interested? Save your spot!

E-transfer \$500 to

etransfer.DPC@nelsondiocese.org

before May 10, 2026

Add "WYD 2027 deposit" + "your full name" + "your parish" in the e-transfer message

Priest Chaplain: Fr. Ferdinand Bayarong

For more information, please contact:

Deacon Rod Attwell

rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org

**"Take courage!
I have overcome
the world."
(John 16:33)**



PROTECTION AT CONCEPTION!

This Year's theme for the 2026
National March for LIFE in Canada

"Follow Me!" -Matthew 4:19

Theme for the 2026 National March for Life.

These are the words that changed history...

"Follow me; I will make you fishers of men..."

Campaign Life invites every Canadian to get involved.

Not just a slogan, an invitation to walk the path of discipleship, and
leave our comfort zone and stand for LIFE.

Annual Mass for Life

Thursday, May 7, 2026 | 7:00 pm

Immaculate Conception Church

839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

Coffee and refreshments and a short video
in the Parish Hall following Mass.



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

For News and Announcements from the Diocese of Nelson visit:

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

To find the readings of the day go to the Canadian Conference of
Catholic Bishops website: <https://www.cccb.ca/>

Knights of Columbus

Father Delestre Council #6233 Bursary

The Fr. Delestre Council of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to
announce that it will again be offering bursaries to students who are
graduating from high school this year and who are planning to attend an
accredited post-secondary school in BC. One-time bursaries are also
available for students already in post-secondary programs who are
continuing their studies in accredited post-secondary education in BC. To
request an application, please contact Paul Gabias, paul.gabias@ubc.ca.

All applications must be received on or before **May 15th** to be considered.



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

OUR PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED!

If your family had a photo taken for the directory and
were not able to pick it up from the church, please
come to the parish office during business hours to pick
up your copy. Unfortunately, we do not have extra
directories available at this time for those who did not
have their photo taken.



Catholic Women's League

OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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



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 griefftoGracekelowna@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.griefftoGracecanada.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

Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program



The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program is underway. The 2026 program is now receiving applications. We are privileged to offer fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia.

These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province of British Columbia.

Applications are accepted from January 1, 2026, until **June 30, 2026**, with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference may be found on our web site (kofcbc.org) or at the Knights of Columbus table in the church entrance.

Requests for application should be addressed to:

Jim Williams
State Bursary Chairman
2195 Neptune Road
North Saanich, BC, V8L 5J4

OR E-mail: jimw.kofc@gmail.com

Deadline for requests for application is **June 1, 2026**.

We would like to congratulate the many recipients once again over the past years and look forward to the opportunity to assist many more young people in the advancement of their education.

DIOCESE OF NELSON PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL 839 Sutherland Avenue



The adoration chapel is still verifying the schedule. We request that all scheduled Adorers verify their scheduled hours and information with the contact information above; also indicate yes/no if you would like to have your email added to the spare list.



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

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!



May

Month of Mary,

Our Blessed Mother



Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

KELOWNA, BC

Has abortion left you feeling empty and alone? This retreat is for any woman, man, couple or family member who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from an abortion Experience, this retreat is for you.

For more information call Vicki: 250-762-2273

or e-mail: rvokanagan@gmail.com

www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com

Facebook: Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

Confidentiality assured

PARISH/MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS
CONTACT INFORMATION
 (AREA 250 UNLESS INDICATED)

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Parish Fax		763-7450
Maintenance	Douglas Rasmussen	762-3910 ext 0
RCIA	Leanne Hopegood.....	762-3910 ext 4
		leanne.icckelowna@gmail.com
Youth / Religious Ed.....	David Ziebart.....	762-3910 ext 3
		david.icckelowna@gmail.com
CWL.....	Monaco Parker	300-7773
CWL Hospitality Chairperson	Monaco Parker	cmparkerfamily@gmail.com
Charismatic Prayer Grp.....	Piera	215-7100
Clubhouse Daycare		860-4393
Creighton Model Fertility Care		469-2541
Diocese of Nelson Admin Office ...		448-2725
Hospital Chaplaincy.....		878-1502
IRHS- High School.....	Robert Plaxton, Principal ..	762-2730
Kelowna Right to Life	Marlon Bartram	870-4103
Knights of Columbus	Tony Ibrahim	pandosy2558@gmail.com
Loaves & Fishes		868-8933
Militia Immaculatae	Eileen Collins.....	575-3553
Music Ministry call Parish Office...		762-3910
Okanagan Pregnancy Care Centre .		763-2112
Rachel's Vineyard.....		762-2273
		rvokanagan@gmail.com
Reach Out Youth Counselling.....		763-7892
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....	Meg	826-5562
		icc.ssvp@gmail.com
St. Joseph Elementary.....	Maddy Pedrette, Principal.	763-3371
Seton House of Prayer		764-4333



**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



**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