

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.



March 29 2026, Newsletter – *PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD*

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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

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 March:

For disarmament and peace:

"Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence."

Parish Coffee Socials

Sundays **after the 9 am mass** there will be coffee in the hall. Coffee Socials will be sponsored by the following 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!

Journey Through Lent Video Series

We are pleased to inform you that the Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord series titled "Journey through Lent" is now available on the CCCB website:

in English: <https://www.cccb.ca/lent/>

in French: <https://www.cecc.ca/careme/>

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday April 9 @ 9:30 am

Thursday May 28 @ 9:30 am

Thursday June 11 @ 9:30 am

2026 Diocese of Nelson Annual Chrism Mass & Dinner

Tickets are still available for the Diocese of Nelson's Annual Chrism Mass Dinner on Monday, March 30 at 5:00 PM prior to the 7:00 PM Chrism Mass –doors open at 4:15.

Following the Chrism Mass, all are warmly invited to a reception in the Hall.

For those unable to attend the Chrism Mass in person at 7:00 PM, please join us via livestream using the following link:

<https://youtube.com/live/iXnUzNqzUmI?feature=share>

A convenient shortcut has been added to the homepage of our website.

USHERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK/EASTER

If you're attending the following Mass times, please consider volunteering as an Usher:

Holy Thursday, April 2 – 7:00 PM | *1 volunteer needed*

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil, April 4 – 8:00 PM | *2 volunteers needed*

Easter Sunday, April 5 – 4:00 PM: *3 volunteers needed*

There is a sign-up sheet is on the Usher's Counter in the church entrance.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND April 03, 2026

On Good Friday, our parish joins Catholics around the world in supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection. Your gift helps preserve the sacred places of Christ's Passion, supports Christian families in the Holy Land, and provides education, housing, and humanitarian aid.

Thank you for your prayerful generosity on this solemn day.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY (April 02)

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm
 Procession of the Blessed Sacrament & Reposition
 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm (Please bring your own candle)

GOOD FRIDAY (April 03)

Holy Rosary - 9:30 am
 Stations of the Cross - 10:00 am
 Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 pm
 Divine Mercy Novena immediately following the Service
 of the Lord's Passion
 Procession of the Crucifix - 4:30 pm
 (Please bring your own candles)

HOLY SATURDAY (April 04)

Rosary - 8:30 am
 No 9am Mass
 11-12:00pm RCIA Rehearsal
 Sacrament of Confession - 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 Blessing of Easter Food - 1:00 pm
 Divine Mercy Novena, 3:00 pm
 Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm (Please bring your own candles)
**** No 5:00 pm Mass on Holy Saturday ****

EASTER SUNDAY (April 05)

Rosary - 8:30 am
 Holy Mass - 9:00 am
 Holy Mass - 11:00 am
 Divine Mercy Novena, 3:00 pm
 Holy Mass - 4:00 pm
**** No 5:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday ****

STEWARDSHIP/WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Parish Budget	\$	9,544.00	
Weekly 2026 POF Required	\$	1,300.00	
Weekly Stewardship Required			\$ 10,844.00
Sunday Collections - 03/22/26	\$	8,722.83	
2026 POF Received - (Feb. 28)	\$	1,156.50	
YTD Offerings Shortfall	\$ -	13,841.31	
YTD POF Shortfall	\$ -	15,743.50	

Total YTD Deficit \$ - 29,584.81

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 debit (SAG).
- 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

Children's Liturgy Every 2nd Sunday during the 9am Mass

The next Children's Liturgy will be **March 29th**.
 April: 12th and 26th

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

MASS INTENTIONS Repose - R. Intention - I.

Sat.	28-Mar	9:00 AM	I.	Terry Ryznar
		5:00 PM	R.	Benjamin Travis Legault
Sun.	29-Mar	9:00 AM		Intention of Parishioners
		11:00 AM		Intention of Parishioners
		5:00 PM	I.	Arthur & Gudrun Cobham (Anniversary)
Mon.	30-Mar	8:00 AM	R.	Deceased Members of the Lunell Family
Tues.	31-Mar	8:00 AM	I.	Stan Bernacki
Wed.	01-Apr	8:00 AM	R.	Teresa Chiarello
		5:00 PM	R.	Stainslaw Nazarek
Thurs.	02-Apr			No 8:00 AM Mass
		8:00 PM		Holy Thursday
Fri.	03-Apr			No 8:00 AM Mass
		3:00 PM		Good Friday Service
		4:00 PM		Divine Mercy Novena
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Sat.	04-Apr	3:00 PM		Divine Mercy Novena
		8:00 PM		Easter Vigil
Sun.	05-Apr	9:00 AM		Easter Sunday Mass
		11:00 AM		Easter Sunday Mass
		3:00 PM		Divine Mercy Novena
		4:00 PM		Easter Sunday Mass
Mon.	06-Apr	9:00 AM	I.	Desmond Plaxton
		3:00 PM		Divine Mercy Novena
		4:00 PM	R.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tues.	07-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Michael & Marley Geismayr
		3:00 PM		Divine Mercy Novena
		4:00 PM	I.	Matteo Marin-Rasmussen
Wed.	08-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Maleszewski & Swierczynski Families
		3:00 PM		Divine Mercy Novena
		4:00 PM	R.	Marianna Bilnik
Thurs.	09-Apr	8:00 PM	I.	Jackie Ainsworth
		3:00 PM		Divine Mercy Novena
		4:00 PM	I.	Anna Mitton
Fri.	10-Apr	8:00 AM	I.	Geismayr Family
		3:00 PM		Divine Mercy Novena
		4:00 PM	I.	Joseph Marin-Rasmussen

GR. 8-12 KELOWNA CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP NEWS



No Youth Group next Sunday (April 5)
 ...because it's Easter! 🌻✝️

Enjoy celebrating with your family, eating way too much chocolate and rejoicing in the Resurrection!
 We'll be back and ready to roll on **Sunday, April 12**. We can't wait to see you there!

✔️ **New to Youth Group? Click the link below to register.**

👉 www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED:

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

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

ST. VINCENT'S CORNER:




As we enter into Holy Week let us reflect on our neighbors in need, not just financial but also spiritual, isolation, mental health, etc.

Poor boxes will be available following Mass this weekend, or you can donate anytime online at ssvp.icc@gmail.com
Or scan our QR-code!



Thank you for your generous support!

BICYCLES NEEDED

St. Vincent de Paul has 2 boys ages 11 and 14, newly arrived from Syria who need bicycles to get to school, activities, etc. If you have bikes that you're willing to donate, please call either Elaine 250 899 8992 or Meg 250 808 0981 



Knights of Columbus Corner



APRIL PARISH BREAKFAST

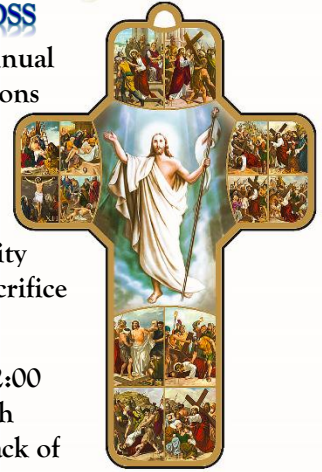
There will be no Monthly Parish Breakfast on Sunday, April 5, as we joyfully celebrate Easter. We look forward to serving you breakfast May 3rd!

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LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to attend the 5th Annual Knights of Columbus outdoor Stations of the Cross procession.

Bring your family and friends and join your neighbours and fellow brothers and sisters in an opportunity to reflect on Jesus' death and the sacrifice He made for us.



Join us April 03 -Good Friday at 12:00 (noon) at Immaculata Regional High School at the tennis courts at the back of the school (1493 KLO Road, Kelowna). There's lots of parking, but unfortunately, no washroom facilities available.

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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.

DIOCESE OF NELSON PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

839 Sutherland Avenue

The Adoration Chapel has new contact information!!

Email: adorationkelowna@gmail.com

Contact: Luke Mitton

Text/Telephone: 778-214-0680



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 and also indicate yes/no if you would like to have your email added to the spare list.

Current available permanent hours: Monday: 1am & 2am

Adoration Chapel will be closed from the Mass of the Lord's Supper until the Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm, Saturday April 04, 2026

YOUNG ADULT LENTEN RETREAT

Sunday March 29 after 11 am mass

St. Pius X Church, 1077 Fuller Ave.

Prayer, Discussion, and Adoration. Lunch is provided.

Register at: <https://forms.gle/d6rMNCucgZuS2GsZ9>

THE PEOPLE OF FAITH PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 7 at 6:30 at St. Pius X Church. For more information, please contact Piera at 250-215-7100.

ICC SPRING/EASTER DINNER & DANCE

*Celebrate the joy of Easter with our parish Easter Dinner & Dance!
Adults 19+ are invited for a delicious meal, great music, and a wonderful night with our community.*

Enjoy a delicious meal, a lively dance floor, and the chance to connect with familiar faces... –and maybe meet a few new ones!

Friday April 10th

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.

IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL – GRAD FUNDRAISER APRIL 10 AT 6PM:

Please consider supporting our graduating class through this important fundraiser by either purchasing tickets for the show (<https://cur8.com/projects/40082>) or participating in our on-line prize opportunity: 50/50 Draw and WestJet Raffle – Win a trip for two anywhere WestJet flies (available at https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/immaculata_westjet).

You can also access through our QR Codes:



Raffle box - 50/50 and WestJet



Grad Show Tickets



If the death of a loved one has left you searching for God in your grief, we are here to help.

Grieving with Great Hope is a 5-week Christ-centered grief support program rooted in the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church. Through prayer, Scripture, reflection, and fellowship, you will be gently guided toward Christ's consolation and hope. There is no cost to attend. All materials, including a participant booklet and journal, are provided.

Spring 2026 Session

Thursdays, 1:00–3:00 PM

April 23 – May 21

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall (Bedford Room)

Registration is required by **April 13, 2026**

To learn more or to register, please contact:

ICC Parish Office: 250-762-3910 or,

Email Tania Tavares: taniastemarietavares@gmail.com

STEUBENVILLE NW YOUTH CONFERENCE

Spokane, Washington ~ July 8-12, 2026

If you are a Catholic student currently in grade 8 to 12 and are from one of the Catholic parishes in Kelowna, W. Kelowna or Lake Country, we invite you to apply for this sacrament-soaked weekend! This youth conference is filled with talks, small group discussions, lively worship music, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass to help us see the importance of our relationship with the Lord.

Trip cost: \$705.00 (additional funding may be available - please contact your parish office.) Cost includes bus ride from ICC Kelowna, four nights' accommodation, all conference activities, 11 meals, travel medical insurance, conference t-shirt and entry into Silverwood Theme Park. Space is limited!

Complete all three application steps by **April 10:**

- 1) INTERESTED? Email David Z FIRST at snw.kelowna@gmail.com with 'I'm Interested' in the subject line so that he can watch for the following:
- 2) Parish commitment form signed by teen's parish priest
- 3) School-based character reference

If interest exceeds the number of available spots for this trip, preference will be given to older teens and those who are actively involved in their parish.

For more information about the conference and for trip application forms, go to www.kelownacatholicityouthgroup.ca

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 MARCH 29, 2026

- Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/802166/>
- The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2652753/>
- Understanding Palm Sunday
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/798146/>



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.

Register now for our upcoming spring retreat.

For more information call Vicki: 250-762-2273

or e-mail: rvokanagan@gmail.com

www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com

Facebook: Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

Confidentiality assured

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!

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.

The next Coffee Social will be Tuesday April 14th.

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

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

📅 April 24 & 25

📍 Immaculate Conception Church, Kelowna

✝️ *One in Christ, United in Mission*

🎤 **Keynote Speaker: Fr. Larry Richards**

Author of *Be A Man: Becoming the Man God Created You to Be*

🕒 **Early Bird Registration – Before April 15:**

- Regular: \$65
- University Student: \$15

🌐 **Register or learn more:**

Visit www.heroicmen.ca and scroll down to the Kelowna Conference or scan the QR Code.



👉 **Sponsored by:**

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- Loaves & Fishes

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/>



The annual Black Tie Gala in support of the Catholic education will take place on April, 11, 2026.

Theme: *James Bond, Agent 007*

Date: April 11, 2026

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, West Kelowna

Tickets: \$75; e-transfer payments may be sent to ololschool@cisnd.ca

Dust off the tuxedo and dress to the 9's! Enjoy an elegant evening featuring fine food, live music, and James Bond—themed trivia.



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.

Priest Chaplain: Fr. Ferdinand Bayarong

For more information, please contact:
Deacon Rod Attwell
rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org

To secure a spot a deposit is required by Wednesday, April 22, 2026

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



KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE SOCIETY

The Kelowna Right to Life Society presents an evening with The Honourable Stockwell Day on **Thursday, April 30th** at the ICC Parish Hall, 839 Sutherland Ave, Kelowna. Doors will open at 6:00 pm with dinner scheduled for 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$40.00 ea or purchase a table of 8 for \$280.00.

Stockwell Day was elected as leader of the official opposition in 2000 and served in that capacity for two years. He has always been an advocate for the unborn and was strongly endorsed by Campaign Life Coalition in his bid to become leader of the Canadian Alliance Party.

Please join us at our annual fundraising banquet for what is sure to be a memorable and important presentation, in support of your local pro-life organization! Tickets available at www.prolifekelowna.ca or in person at Immaculate Conception Church Office, Loaves and Fishes Book Store, 591 Laurence Avenue in Kelowna. Call 250 870-4103 or kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com for more information.