

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.



December 14, 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Advent, YEAR A

WEEKEND AND DAILY MASS TIMES:

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| 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 to follow Mass</i> |
| 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



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE CHRISTMAS THROUGH NEW YEAR'S.

Our Main Parish Office will be CLOSED
from December 24th 2025 until
January 6th, 2026.

For emergencies, please email
icckelowna.pastor@nelsondiocese.org
or reach out to the Kelowna and Area
Hospital Chaplaincy phone.

There will be NO Newsletters/Bulletins
printed during these weeks.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!



2025 Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedules

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| Wednesday Dec. 24 | 8:00 am | Daily Mass |
| Christmas Eve | 4:00 pm | First Mass of Christmas **livestreamed |
| | 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 |

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."*

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE

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

2025/2026 SUNDAY MISSALS

We have a few extra Sunday Missals available in the
parish office for purchase, the cost is \$7.00 each.

Funeral Mass – NADELA, Evangeline Jayme

Funeral Mass, for Evangeline Nadela will be celebrated on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025, at 12:00 PM (PST), here at Immaculate Conception Church, 839 Sutherland Ave, Kelowna, BC with Fr. Maurice Okolie presiding, followed by a Reception in the Parish Hall.



Church Christmas Decorating

If you are available on **Monday, December 22** between **9:00 and 11:00 am**, please join us as we decorate the inside of the church for Christmas.



NORTH OKANAGAN DEANERY 2025 ADVENT CONFSESSION SCHEDULES

| Parish/School | Date | Time |
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| 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 |

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, Chine 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

MASS INTENTIONS Repose – R. Intention – I.

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| Sat. | 13-Dec | 9:00 AM | R. | Gerald Bruce Rushton |
| | | 5:00 PM | R. | Mijo Mikulik |
| Sun. | 14-Dec | 9:00 AM | | Intention of Parishioners |
| | | 11:00 AM | | Intention of Parishioners |
| | | 5:00 PM | I. | Tony Ibrahim |
| Mon. | 15-Dec | 8:00 AM | R. | Lyalie Marshall |
| Tues. | 16-Dec | 9:00 AM | I. | Paulet Isaacs |
| Wed. | 17-Dec | 8:00 AM | R. | Deceased Members of the Bruni Family |
| | | 5:00 PM | I. | Jessie Kosell |
| Thurs. | 18-Dec | 8:00 AM | I. | Loretta Sharko |
| Fri. | 19-Dec | 8:00 AM | R. | Iva Sabljic |

STEWARDSHIP/WEEKLY OFFERINGS

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| Sunday Collections – 12/07/25 | \$ 12,939.27 |
| IGBO Mass – 12/07/25 | \$ 253.00 |
| Weekly Parish Budget | \$ 7,968.00 |

YTD OFFERINGS TARGET, OVER/SHORT \$ 52,083.59
2025 POF Appeal, Over/Short \$ -27,894.35

YTD PARISH, OVER/SHORT \$ + 13,677.94

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

May God bless you!

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

Remaining 2025 date is December 14th

After the opening prayers of the Mass, Father will invite children between the ages of 4/5 (preschool) to age 8 to the front of the church and send us off for the Children's Liturgy of the Word in the Bedford Room of the parish hall. (Children who have received First Holy Communion should remain in the Church). Parents are also welcome to join with their younger kids.

2026 dates:

January: 4th and 18th | February: 1st and 15th
March: 1st, 15th and 29th | April: 12th and 26th

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

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



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

St. Edward's Parish in Lake Country is looking for a Building and Grounds Maintenance Contractor. Position is available as of December 30th. Any interested parties please call St. Edward's Parish @ 250-766-3146 for more details.



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Women's League, and to everyone who generously supported our Youth Group bazaar during the Parish Breakfast on December 7. It was a tremendous success, raising just under \$3,000. These funds will support youth initiatives such as faith studies, retreats, and the 2026 Steubenville Conference. May God bless you for your generosity!

~ David, Leanne, and the Kelowna Catholic Youth Group Core Team



Knights of Columbus Corner



Christmas Greeting from the Knights of Columbus

Wishing you and your family a blessed and joyful Christmas. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, may His light fill your hearts with peace, hope, and love.

From all of us in the Knights of Columbus Fr. Pandosy Council 2558, we thank you for your faith, service, and dedication throughout the year. May this holy season bring you renewed strength and many graces, and may the New Year be filled with God's blessings, good health, and happiness.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

ST. VINCENT'S CORNER:



The third week of Advent we light the beautiful pink candle as we pray for JOY: Joy in our hearts knowing we have brought Joy to others by our actions, thoughts, words of kindness and more.

We Vincentians pray that each of you will be filled with Joy as we near the miracle of Christmas.

Remember you can always donate to icc.ssvp@gmail.com



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

WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, 2025

- Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1218768/>
- 30 Minutes BC
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3406817/>
- Is Christmas Pagan? What Catholics Believe About Christmas
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3388337/>



2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2026 collection envelopes are ready for pick up in the foyer of the church. Please only pick up your envelope box. If you did not receive collection envelopes in the past and you wish to receive 2026 Offertory Envelopes, or you notice your box is missing, please contact the parish office.

PLEASE DO NOT use your 2026 envelope until the New Year as it may have a different number than your 2025 envelope.

USHERS NEEDED - CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS!!

We're in need of volunteers to assist as Ushers for our Christmas Mass times! We need volunteers for Christmas Eve at 4pm and midnight, and Christmas Day at 9am, 11am and 4pm. If you are planning to attend one of these Mass times and are able to help out, please sign up at the Ushers station in the church foyer, or call the office. Volunteers are also needed for our New Years Mass times.

ICC CWL Corner

**CWL Memberships are due - renew 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.

CWL Coffee Social - Jan. 13, 2026 - 1 pm Main Hall - Rosary to start and New Year presentation to follow with light refreshments. Please bring a snack to share. Kids are always welcome!

CWL General Meeting - Jan. 20, 2026 - 6:30 pm Main Hall -
Deadline for requests is: Jan. 13, 2026

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

DIOCESE OF VICTORIA PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSIONS STARTING JANUARY 2026:

"God calls us to touch the lives of our aging, lonely, ill, palliative and dying sisters and brothers with accompaniment, kindness and compassion as the hands and face of Christ. In these sessions, you learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ." - Most Reverend Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online this winter. The training is open to spouse caregivers, family members who care for their loved ones, clergy and religious, care aides and others in the health industry, and anyone who is personally drawn to learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ.

Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 - noon, **starting on January 24 and running until March 28, 2026** (with no session on March 7). Missed session can be made-up, and a Certificate of Completion is provided to those who complete all nine sessions. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smart phone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable Internet connection, and access to Zoom. **Please register through your parish by January 13, 2026.** For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca

DIOCESE OF NELSON PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL
839 Sutherland Avenue

The Adoration Chapel has new contact information!!

Email: adorationkelowna@gmail.com

Text/Telephone: 778-214-0680

Contact: Luke Mitton

We are verifying the Adoration Chapel schedule to ensure accuracy and setting up an online spare scheduling system using SignUp.com.

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.**

If you are not a scheduled Adorer and would like to be added to the spare system, please email adorationkelowna@gmail.com.



Current available permanent hours:

Sunday: 1am, 2am, 4pm, 6pm

Wednesday: 3am

Thursday: 3pm (until May)

Friday: 8am (support)



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-lavent/>

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.

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/>



Chalice Christmas Gift Catalogue

Chalice, a Catholic, Canadian charity, invites you to share the blessings of Christmas with children in the developing world. Our Christmas Gift Catalogue allows you to purchase a gift for someone in need in honour of a loved one. A beautiful handwritten card will be sent to the recipient, telling them of the gift that is given.

To order gifts, please call 1-800-776-6855 or visit <https://chalice.ca/gift-catalogue/>

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

SEOUL, KOREA

AUGUST 03 – 08, 2027

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

ICC NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER / DANCE

Sold Out!!

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.

2023

ICC NEW YEAR'S DAY LUNCH / ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday January 1st

1:00pm – 4:00 pm

\$20 /person at the door!!

Join Us!!