



# Immaculate Conception Church

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NELSON

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Weekends & Stat Holidays – Offices are closed.

*Please contact office to schedule an appointment.*

**November 26, 2023 — CHRIST THE KING  
34th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Thank you for  
taking a moment  
to silence your  
mobile  
devices  
during celebration*



### WEEKEND AND DAILY MASS TIMES:

**Sundays** Rosary 8:30 am  
Mass: 9 am, 11 am, & 5:00 pm

**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)

**First Friday's** Benediction/Adoration 3:00 pm, Mass 4:00 pm

**\*Monday of long weekends & Stat. Holidays:** Rosary @ 8:30, Mass @ 9:00

### 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 for an appointment: 250-762-3910  
Emergencies Only – 250-762-8445*

### KELOWNA AND AREA HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

For anointing of the sick/emergencies or for end-of-life blessings call 250-878-1502 (24/7);  
For Hospice/Hospital and care facility Coordinators, call Fr Paul John Irumba @ 250-469-3716.

### MASSES AT CARE HOMES

*Village at Mill Creek* – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 9:45 am  
*Cottonwoods* – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 10:30 am  
*The Dorchester* – Last Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am

### *Mark the Dates!!*

### NORTH OKANAGAN DEANERY 2023 ADVENT CONFESION SCHEDULE

PARISH/SCHOOL	DATE	TIME
Corpus Christi Parish	Dec. 6 (Wed)	6:00 pm
IMAC High School	Dec. 7 (Thurs)	10:00 am 2:30 pm
St. Francis of Assisi Parish	Dec. 13 (Wed)	6:00 pm
<b>Immaculate Conception Parish</b>	<b>Dec. 14 (Thurs)</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
LOL School	Dec. 15 (Fri)	10:45–11:45 am 12:45–1:45 pm
St. Pius X Parish	Dec. 18 (Mon)	5:30 pm
St. Joseph's School	Dec. 19 (Tues)	10:30–11:45 am 12:30–1:45 pm
St. Edwards Parish	Dec. 20 (Wed)	5:30 pm
St. Charles Garnier Parish	Dec. 20 (Wed)	5:30 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Dec. 21 (Thurs)	4:00 pm

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the month of November:

**For The Pope.**

*"We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission,  
may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him,  
with the help of the Holy Spirit."*

### **POLISH MASS:**

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

### **SCHEDULE:**

#### **Reconciliations:**

Friday December 15th, 4:00–7:00

Saturday December 16th, 12:30–3:00

**Mass** will be celebrated Sunday December 17th at 3:00 pm.



**Advent 2023  
Sunday December 3rd**

**PLEASE BE A PRAYER PARTNER!**

Let's become more like our heavenly Father! He welcomes us with open arms. We can show a reflection of that love to those from our community who are on the RCIA journey. Please keep them in your prayers, that they continue to grow in the faith and in the love and knowledge of God.

We are thrilled to announce that, as of now, there are 13 adult and 6 teen candidates joining us in our RCIA and RCIC classes on Wednesdays in our parish! These individual candidates are either non-Catholics seeking full initiation into the Church (including Baptism), Baptized non-Catholics needing to be fully received into the Church, or baptized Catholics who need Holy Communion and/or Confirmation through the Rite of Christian Initiation.

Consider becoming a prayer partner by spiritually "adopting" one of the candidates or catechumens during their journey. Pray for them as an individual, as a couple, or as a family. They need our prayer support! If you would like to adopt a candidate, contact Leanne at the parish office.

"The harvest is plentiful" and for that we give thanks!



**Kelowna Catholic Youth Group**

If you are in grades 7-12 and want to deepen your faith with other Catholic teens, please join us!

Upcoming events ...

- Altaration Series – Sunday Dec. 3, 6:15 - 8:15 pm

For more information, go to

[www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca](http://www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca)

or email [david.icckelowna@gmail.com](mailto:david.icckelowna@gmail.com) or [leanne@icckelowna.ca](mailto:leanne@icckelowna.ca)

**Registration form and Sign Up REQUIRED.**

**MADE FOR MORE**

with CHRISTOPHER WEST & MIKE MANGIONE

Thursday, February 8 from 7:00 to 9:30 pm at Immaculata Regional High School

Ever wonder the “why” behind the “what” the Catholic Church teaches? Want to hear the Gospels in a whole new light? Join best selling author Christopher West and award-winning musician Mike Mangione as they present *Made For More: Visions of The Promised Land*. MADE FOR MORE is an inspired blend of teaching, live music, and art that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal.

Tickets are \$35 and are available at the parish office, *Loaves and Fishes* or online at <https://www.icckelowna.ca/made-for-more>

Please see the bulletin insert for more information, or contact David Ziebart at [david@icckelowna.ca](mailto:david@icckelowna.ca).

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FEAST DAY!**



Come and celebrate ICC's feast day of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be Mass at 5:00 pm, followed by potluck supper in the parish hall.

PLEASE BRING YOUR FOOD ITEM TO THE HALL  
–AT THE BACK KITCHEN DOOR–  
BEFORE 5:00 PM MASS.

Your presence is the greatest gift to Mary in the celebration of her Immaculate Conception. Everyone is welcome!

**PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL**



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



Our Lord Jesus is inviting you to visit Him in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

Scheduled Hours available are:

<b><u>MON</u></b>	1 AM & 2 AM	<b><u>FRI</u></b>	12 AM
<b><u>TUES</u></b>	7 AM	<b><u>SAT</u></b>	1 AM & 2 PM
<b><u>WED</u></b>	2 AM, 3 AM & 2 PM	<b><u>SUN</u></b>	5 AM
<b><u>THURS</u></b>	3 PM		

*Spares are always needed. Shared times available!*

**For information phone Lorie: 250-448-5633**



**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE AT ICC**

As a Catholic, the most important part of preparing for the sacrament of marriage is asking Jesus to be at the center of the marriage.

In preparation of this special sacrament we ask that you contact the office **at least 6 months prior** to your requested wedding date.



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT ICC**

Please contact the Parish Office **FIRST** when enquiring about your child's baptism. **At least one Parent and all Godparents must be actively practicing Catholics.**

We ask that you call or email the office **at least 6 weeks prior** to your requested date to ensure time for your preparation.

**CATHOLIC MOMS CONNECT:**

Wednesdays, 9:30–11:00 am @ St. Charles Garnier Hall.  
Childcare provided. *Join us for prayer and fellowship.*  
Questions? Contact Abbey @ 250-899-4384

**MASS INTENTIONS Repose – R. Intention – I.**

Sat. 25-Nov 9:00 AM I. Ancog Family  
 5:00 PM I. Chris Newton  
 Sun. 26-Nov 9:00 AM Intentions of Parishioners  
 11:00 AM Intentions of Parishioners  
 5:00 PM I. Joe Bistricky  
 Mon. 27-Nov 8:00 AM R. Hubert Ducharme  
 Tues. 28-Nov 8:00 AM R. Peter Beyko  
 Wed. 29-Nov 8:00 AM R. Hubert Ducharme  
 5:00 PM R. John Fick  
 Thurs. 30-Nov 8:00 AM I. Michael & Marley  
 Fri. 01-Dec 8:00 AM I. Akurienne Family  
 4:00 PM R. Sonia Maskall

Sat. 02-Dec 9:00 AM R. Marcus Novel  
 5:00 PM I. Robert Geismayr & Family  
 Sun. 03-Dec 9:00 AM Intentions of Parishioners  
 11:00 AM Intentions of Parishioners  
 5:00 PM R. Margaret Mussio  
 Mon. 04-Dec 8:00 AM R. “Arman” Arsenio Emmanuel  
 O. Cabrera  
 Tues. 05-Dec 8:00 AM I. Marlene Hughes  
 Wed. 06-Dec 8:00 AM I. Bert Malfair  
 5:00 PM R. Ian Rintoul  
 Thurs. 07-Dec 8:00 AM R. Bess Schuurman  
 Fri. 08-Dec 8:00 AM **ICC Feast Day**  
**- Feast of Immaculate Mary**  
 5:00 PM R. “Arman” Arsenio Emmanuel  
 O. Cabrera

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE ILL:** Rose Harry, Adam Gorges, Joyce Tremmel, Florence Nagy, Sandra Park, Loretta Bouchard, Linda Kirkpatrick, Margaret Murphay, Monika Habart, Aggie Turner, Juliana Lavell, Maritess Steiman, Rhonda Jennens, Roy Velmonte, Jolana Dusik, Betty Yarrow, Justina Mikosa, Mildred Reyes, Kathe Gonzaga Carpena, Michelle Miller, Victor Kovac, Phillip Dos Santos, Marlene Hughes, Annie Baars, Russ Radi, Dorota Nowak, Chinee Fajardo, Rosario, Luisito & Crispin Clemente, Nancy Brisson, Paul Meyer, Ginoefa Diakow, Rick Lock, Cathie 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 Cobham, Marcus Cresswell, Ray Pauluk, Desjardines families, Rachel Donegan, & Ernie Poitras.



*If you have a loved one that you would like on the prayer list or if you know of someone who no longer needs to be on the list please contact the Parish Office 250-762-3910 or email [icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)*



**OFFERINGS FOR ICC**

**\*\*NEW\*\* ICC QR CODES ARE HERE!!** You will notice that our pews now have a QR code attached (and posted here in our bulletin)! These have been used in other parishes with GREAT success to enhance donations and ease to parish giving. Here’s the general process (each device is different...):



- 1) With the camera on your phone, place the QR code in the center.
- 2) A yellow “Square Link” box will appear, touch that.
- 3) It will take you to an ICC site that you can donate. When requested, use “Sunday Collection” as the reason for the donation. Follow the prompts (it should be relatively simple) and pay with your credit card.
- 4) When complete, you will get a text or an email to confirm your donation.
- 5) NOTE: *Because you have to include your name and address during the process, you WILL get a tax receipt for your donation.*
- 6) NOTE: *This is an encrypted system and has been used with success AND privacy in numerous places before (including churches).*

**OTHER WAYS TO DONATE:**

Pre-Authorized debit forms are available by email or mail if you are interested in signing up for donations through the **SAG program**. Email or call the office 250-762-3910 for more information.

Another way you can donate is to use an **eTransfer** from your online banking. All you have to do is create a new “payee” (eg. ICC Parish) and use the email [etransfer.icc@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.icc@nelsondiocese.org). In the message box indicate that you want your donation to go to *Sunday Collection*.

Regular offering envelopes will CONTINUE to be collected at Offertory at each mass.

Extra envelopes will be available in the pews if you wish to use them, and still wish to donate with cheques or cash.

You can also mail your Offerings to:  
 Immaculate Conception Church  
 839 Sutherland Ave, Kelowna, BC V1Y 5X4

Please call or email our offices to register with our parish, or to arrange for weekly **ICC Offerings Envelopes**; 2024 envelopes will be available soon!

We thank you for your continued charity to help us create the programs and cover the costs needed to run our parish. *God Bless you all!*

<b><u>SUNDAY OFFERINGS</u> – November 19, 2023</b>	
Regular Offerings	\$ 5,452.37
Offerings to date	\$ 369,273.04
Weekly Offerings required	\$ 8,592.00
Offerings Required, to date	\$ 421,008.00
<b>Balance to Date</b>	<b>\$ -51,734.96</b>

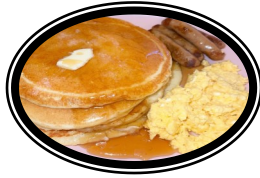


**ICC KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**PARISH BREAKFAST!!**

ICC Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to join us for pancake breakfast, **Sunday December 3rd.**

- Time:** 10:00 am to 1:00pm
- Where:** ICC Parish Hall
- Cost:** Free-will Donation
- Menu:** Pancakes, eggs, sausage, tea and coffee



The food will be blessed and the fellowship will be divine!!!!



**Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation  
62nd Annual Charity Appeal**

**WIN a 2023 Toyota Rav 4 + \$45,000 in Grand Prizes**  
Multiple \$1,000 Early Bird Draws!

**BUY TICKETS NOW**

Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation  
62nd Annual Charity Appeal  
Grand Prize Deadline December 16 at 3:00 pm  
**GRAND PRIZE DRAWS DECEMBER 16, 2023**

1st - 2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid • 2nd - \$30,000 • 3rd - \$10,000 • 4th - \$5,000

<b>EARLY BIRD</b> 2 x \$1,000 Cash Deadline November 6 at 8pm	<b>EARLY BIRD</b> 2 x \$1,000 Cash Deadline November 20 at 8pm	<b>EARLY BIRD</b> 2 x \$1,000 Cash Deadline December 2 at 8pm
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<https://www.kofccharity.ca/>



**Knights of Columbus - 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](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)

Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

After joining, please check your INBOX for confirmation.

**SCAMMERS ARE AT IT AGAIN!!**

Please do not respond to any text messages from "Rev. Paul John Irumba" or "Bishop Gregory" stating:

"Hello I need a favor from you please, get back to me as soon as possible Thanks Rev. Paul John Irumba..."

or

Hi, how are you ? I need you to get something done for me do you have a moment for a request ? Thank you and God Bless,"...

requesting the purchase of Apple gift cards for patients battling cancer in hospital...

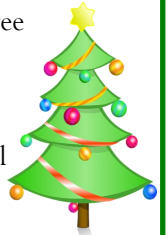
Diocesan Clergy will never text or call you to request gift cards, prepaid credit cards or electronic currency. Please do not reply or respond to these messages. If you are unsure if messages such as these are valid, please contact our parish office at 250-762-3910.

Your safety is important to us!



**ST. VINCENT'S CORNER**

We are very excited to have the Angel Tree up this weekend!! Every parishioner is invited to take an angel from the tree, place a donation in the envelope and return it to church. All of the funds will be used to provide a wonderful Christmas Party with food, gifts and gift cards (in lieu of hampers) for the clients of St. Vincent de Paul.



Our Christmas Party this year is on December 16th. We are looking forward to providing a special meal for our clients, complete with dessert and treats. As usual, Santa and his elves will make an appearance. There will be crafts and surprises for the children, along with "give aways", and door prizes. A favourite part of the festivities is joining in with the Christmas Caroling.

We appreciate all of the help that you can give us. Putting on such an event is a huge undertaking, but we are blessed with the generous support of our parishioners. Thank you!

Remember you can always donate online through [icc.ssvp@gmail.com](mailto:icc.ssvp@gmail.com) (no password required).

**UPCOMING DINNER/DANCES  
@ ICC PARISH CENTRE**

**Friday December 1st**

Doors open at 6:00 pm/Refreshments

Dinner at 6:30 pm 🎵 Dancing from 7:30 pm

Music by **Vic Dance Band**

Tickets are \$40 per person & available through Loaves & Fishes!

**NEW YEAR'S DINNER / DANCE**

**Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Doors open @ 6:00/refreshments

Dinner @ 7:30 🎵 Dancing 8:45-1:00 am

Midnight snacks

Music by **Vic Dance Band**

Tickets are \$80 per person (non-refundable) & available through Loaves & Fishes!

### FORMED EASY SIGN UP

To sign up for this FREE parish-sponsored resource, follow these easy steps ...

- Go to [formed.org](https://formed.org)
- Click on the 'sign up' icon
- Where it says "Find your Parish or Organization," enter ... 'Immaculate Conception Kelowna'
- Click on our parish name
- Enter your email address and create a password

*If you enjoy this programming and content,  
we are accepting donations for the 2023/24 subscription.*

*Thank you for your generosity to keep this program available!*

### WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26TH:

#### Sacred Art: Christ the King

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/sacred-art-jesus-christ-king-of-the-universe>

#### Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna | SEEK23

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/who-is-jesus-christ-w-sr-bethany-madonna-seek23>

#### Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/theseearch-ep5>

**REFUGEE FAMILY SUPPORT:** Can you assist our refugee families by donating some of the following items?

- Maternity clothes (L)
- Winter clothing –winter boots, especially winter jackets
- Clothing for: 12-mo old boy, 2-yr old boy, 6-yr old girl
- Full-sized baby crib.

The ongoing **URGENT NEED** for **AID UKRAINE** includes: **FIRST AID SUPPLIES**. Also, suitcases, floor mats & sleeping bags for soldiers.

Pray for peace!! God bless your continued support!

### PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2023 OFFERINGS

Our *Pilgrimage of Faith* offering goal for 2023 is \$67,150.00. To date we have raised \$35,184 which is 52% of our goal.

If you did not receive your Pilgrimage of Faith package in the mail, please contact the Parish Office and we will provide the necessary form to donate.

Are you on our list to receive an Income Tax receipt for the 2023 Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal? If not, *let us know!* We still have a shortfall and need your contribution... then you will be on the list!!

Pilgrimage of Faith – Support your Diocese support our parish ministries! *Thank you!*

### SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES (OCDS)



Carmelite Seculars, together with the Friars and Nuns, are sons and daughters of the Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and of St. Teresa of Jesus. As a result, they share the same charism with the religious, each according to their particular way of life. It is one family with the same spiritual possessions, the same call to holiness (*cf Eph 1.4; 1Pet 1:15*) and the same apostolic mission. Secular members contribute to the Order the benefits proper to their secular state of life (*Constitutions #1*).

For more information please contact  
**Laurent 1-778-212-1945 or Loretta 250-448-5633**

**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 Second Sunday of the month at St Charles Garnier Church.

For more information, contact Sandy Kavanagh  
(250) 212-3596

### *Have you thought about leaving a legacy?*

You can help ensure that the vitality of the Diocese of Nelson and its mission to spread the Gospel are sustained well into the future with a Legacy Gift. You may make a bequest through your will, a trust, retirement assets, privately held securities, real estate, a life insurance policy, shares or stocks.



Legacy Gifts provide future financial support to the Diocese and affirm the importance of faith in the life of the donor.

Donations can be made to the Catholic Foundation of the Nelson Diocese Society which provides vital support for evangelization, retired Priests, vocations, building preservation, the poor and Catholic education. Donations can also be made to your Parish.

For more information or assistance contact the Diocesan Appeals Office at the Catholic Pastoral Centre.

phone: 250-448-2725 ext. 240  
email: [plannedgiving@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:plannedgiving@nelsondiocese.org)

For News and Announcements from the Diocese of Nelson visit:  
<https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/news>



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

## Parish/Organization TELEPHONE NUMBERS

(Area 250 Unless Indicated)

Parish Priest.....	Fr. Paul John Iumba.....	762-3910
Permanent Deacon Deacon.....	Rod Attwell ... <a href="mailto:rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org">rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org</a>	
Parish Secretary/Office Manager.....	Andrea Mitton .....	762-3910 ext 0
Parish Fax.....		763-7450
Maintenance .....	Douglas Rasmussen .....	762-3910 ext 0
Parish Center Kitchen .....	N/A.....	762-3910 ext 8
Youth / Religious Ed. ....	David Ziebart .....	762-3910 ext 3
RCIA.....	Leanne Hopegood .....	762-3910 ext 4
CWL.....	Monaco Parker.....	300-7773
CWL Hospitality Chairperson .....	Isabell Kabatoff.....	868-0048
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 Serka.....	<a href="mailto:Pandosy2558@gmail.com">Pandosy2558@gmail.com</a>
Latin Mass Society.....		<a href="mailto:info@latinmasskelowna.com">info@latinmasskelowna.com</a>
Militia Immaculatae .....	Eileen Collins .....	575-3553
Music Ministry call Parish Office .....		762-3910
Okanagan Pregnancy Care Centre.....		763-2112
Rachel's Vineyard.....		762-2273
		<a href="mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com">info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com</a>
Reach Out Youth Counselling .....		763-7892
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....		826-5562
St. Joseph Elementary.....	Maddy Pedrette, Principal .....	763-3371
Seton House of Prayer .....		764-4333

**ALPHA** – Alpha is an 11-week course that creates a space, online or in person, where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about life, faith and Jesus... (hope, purpose, meaning and love).

Join us! Every Thursday Evening for a meal, a short video and a great discussion... course runs until December 14th.

5:30–7:30 pm

**St. Pius X Parish—1077 Fuller Ave**  
Call the office at 250-762-2587  
or Angelica, 250-317-7670 to register.

### Prayer Group – Come Join us!

**Where:** St Pius X Parish  
**When:** Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

We gather with Thanksgiving, to Praise and Worship our awesome God from whom all good things come.

There will also be sharing of God's Word, time for intercession, testimonies and individual prayer ministry, all in an atmosphere of trust, love and support.

For more info please call Piera 250-215-7100.

### *Aid to the Church in Need (ACN Canada)* *Religious Freedom in the World Report 2023.*

The Summary is available in PDF format ready to be downloaded at the following link;

<https://acninternational.org/religiousfreedomreport/>



### Are you *Called* to be a Permanent Deacon?

The deacon's ministry has three dimensions: *liturgy*, *word* and *service*. At the Mass, the deacon proclaims the Gospel, may be invited to preach the homily, and assists at the altar. In addition to his duties related to *service*, the deacon may also baptize, witness, and bless marriages, and preside at funeral liturgies outside of the Mass. Deacons may be married or single, they may have full-time careers or be retired.

If you are a Catholic male registered in a parish within the Diocese of Nelson, between the ages of 35 and 60, and would like to learn more about the Permanent Diaconate, please contact the Director of Permanent Diaconate, Father Cerlouie Jimenez: [cerlouie.jimenez@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:cerlouie.jimenez@nelsondiocese.org)

Applications for the Fall 2024 class will be accepted until March 1, 2024.

Catholic Moms Connect Presents:

## PEACE & PREPARATION *Womens Advent Retreat*

**WHERE:** SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER

**WHEN:** DECEMBER 8-9 2023

**COST:** OVERNIGHT \$120 / DAY RATE \$50

**INCLUDES:** ADORATION, PRAYER AND WORSHIP, OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATION AT SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER, BREAKFAST & LUNCH ON SATURDAY



### SPECTACULAR SPEAKERS:

**FR. SYLVESTER ,  
FR. GERALD**

**MARCIA LAWRENCE &  
ALANET MCKINNON**

**TO REGISTER:** SEND E-TRANSFER TO  
[DUCHARMEMDM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DUCHARMEMDM@GMAIL.COM),  
PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME &  
EMAIL ADDRESS IN THE NOTES.  
REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE  
EMAILED TO YOU  
QUESTIONS? TEXT MARY 778-581-9898