

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.



(MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER)

December 07, 2025 – 2nd 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: 9 AM, 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

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."

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.

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.*

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!



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.



☀ ICC Mini Bazaar ☀

Join us this **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!

MASS INTENTIONS Repose – R. Intention – I.

Sat.	06-Dec	9:00 AM	I.	Berdena Derksen, Fraser Logan & Amy Logan
		5:00 PM	R.	Mara Mikulic
Sun.	07-Dec	9:00 AM		Intention of Parishioners
		11:00 AM		Intention of Parishioners
		5:00 PM	R.	Martin Sabljic
Mon.	08-Dec	8:00 AM	I.	Gabriel Geismayr
Tues.	09-Dec	9:00 AM	I.	Christina Marin & Douglas Rasmussen
Wed.	10-Dec	8:00 AM	R.	Michael Feric
		5:00 PM	R.	Sigfried Winzer
Thurs.	11-Dec	8:00 AM	I.	Anjana & Tince Tomy
Fri.	12-Dec	8:00 AM	I.	Tim & Patricia Phelan
		4:00 PM	R.	Anita Kuropatwa



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: \$55.00 /Adults
Children 10 and under are free.

Event tickets must be presented at main door for entry.

NORTH OKANAGAN DEANERY 2025 ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULES

Parish/School	Date	Time
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

STEWARDSHIP/WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday Collections – 11/30/25	\$ 7,288.18
Weekly Parish Budget	\$ 7,968.00

YTD OFFERINGS TARGET, OVER/SHORT \$ 47,539.17

2025 POF Appeal, Over/Short \$ -38,405.65

YTD PARISH, OVER/SHORT \$ +9,133.49

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

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





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!

BOB

*** NEW AWARD ***

Knights of Columbus 2024/25 STAR COUNCIL Award was Presented by District Deputy Arni Kouwenhoven to Fr. Pandosy Council 2558 and received by previous Grand Knight Tony Serka.



BOB

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](http://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	TICKETS
2 nd Prize \$25,000	1 for \$5
3 rd Prize \$10,000	10 for \$25
4 th Prize \$5,000	50 for \$50
5 th to 14 th \$1,000 each! → Early Bird Draws	

The Young Adults Group

meets on Sundays in the **Blue Room** (ICC Hall) after the 11 am mass. Come join them for snacks and fellowship.

All adults ages 18-35 are welcome.

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

Parish Coffee Socials

Sundays after the 9 am mass there will be coffee in the Blue Room. Coffee Socials will be sponsored by the following ministers 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

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.

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

2026 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



FORMED

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 07, 2025

- What Is the Immaculate Conception?
- Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message
- Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego | Catholic Saints



Thank You...

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the renewal of our parish FORMED subscription! Through your generosity, we received \$2,825.00 in donations—covering 96% of the renewal cost. What an incredible response!

Thank you for helping keep this wonderful resource available to our parish community. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

ST. VINCENT'S CORNER:



As we enter the second week of Advent, thank you to all who have taken an Angel Envelope and a gentle reminder that there are still many envelopes on the tree.

The angel envelopes ensure all our families have a Christmas gift especially the children
Donations are always accepted at icc.ssvp@gmail.com



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.



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!

PHOTO ORDERS

Due to the recent postal strike, some photo orders were couriered directly to the parish office. Please call the parish office at 250-762-3910 (ext. 0) to check whether your order arrived in that shipment.

Now that the strike has ended, the company is once again mailing completed orders directly to families. Thank you for your understanding as they work hard to ensure all photos arrive before Christmas.



ICC 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.

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ICC NEW YEAR'S DAY LUNCH / ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday January 1st

1:00pm – 4:00 pm

\$20 /person at the door!!



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/>

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

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.

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 | SAT: 1 AM

Spares are always needed. Shared times available!

For information phone Lorie: 250-448-5633



Feed a Family... Feel the Joy!

8th Annual Kelowna Christmas Turkey Drive

Immaculata Regional High School
1493 KLO Road



December 12th
6:30am - 10:00 am

Accepting both frozen turkeys and monetary donations for the direct purchase of turkeys.



SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

Please contact the Parish Office **FIRST** when enquiring about your child's baptism. *At least one Parent and all Godparents must have received all sacraments of initiation (Baptism Eucharist and Confirmation), and 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.

Proposed Restrictions on Religious Freedom – Bill C-9

The media release is available on the CCCB website.

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/proposed-restrictions-on-religious-freedom-bill-c-9/>

In French: <https://www.cccc.ca/communiqu-de-presse/restrictions-proposees-a-la-liberte-religieuse-projet-de-loi-c-9/>

The Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has sent an open letter to the Prime Minister, with other government officials in carbon copy.

The letter is available on the CCCB website.

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025-12-04-Letter-to-PM-Religious-Freedom-EN.pdf>

In French: <https://www.cccc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025-12-04-Letter-to-PM-Religious-Freedom-FR.pdf>

Rachel's Vineyard

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250-762-2273

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/>

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT LEAVING A LEGACY?

For more information or assistance contact the Diocesan Appeals Office at the Catholic Pastoral Centre.
Phone: 250-448-2725 ext. 240,
or email: plannedgiving@nelsondiocese.org

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 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

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	
Youth / Religious Ed.....	David Ziebart.....	762-3910 ext 3	
Young Adults.....			iccyoungadults839@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
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	

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson
Office of the Chancellor

December 2, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I'm happy to share with you that Bishop Gregory's recovery is going very well.

He has had his second procedure and is very much himself again. He will remain in Vancouver for a short time, but should soon return to Kelowna to complete his recovery.

He has requested two specific prayers to aid his return to Kelowna:

1. That his appetite returns so he is able to receive the nourishment he requires to regain his strength.
2. That he regains his strength quickly in order to return to all of you and the diocese.

He thanks all of you for your continued prayers, novenas, mass intentions and petitions to God, and asks that you please continue to pray for his full recovery. He continues to hold all of you in prayer and to ask God's blessing on you for all of your love and support.

Sincerely in Jesus Christ our Hope,



Very Rev. Cerlouie F. Jimenez, Chancellor

December 1, 2025

Dear St. Joseph School community and our brothers and sisters throughout the Nelson Diocese:

We write to share the funeral arrangements for Mrs. Serenella Braund, asking our community to join in prayer for her and for all who mourn her passing.

The funeral Mass will take place on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 2547 Hebert Road, West Kelowna, and will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person. Immediately following the Mass, a reception will be held at St. Joseph Catholic School, 839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna, BC, with the gathering continuing until 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in fellowship and remembrance.

Please also note that St. Joseph Catholic School (Kelowna) will be closed on December 8, 2025, as the staff and school community gather in faith to honour Serenella and entrust her to God's loving embrace.

As a Catholic school community, we unite in prayer for Mrs. Braund, trusting in Christ's promise of eternal life. We remember her presence and the many talents she shared so generously with her students and colleagues. In this time of grief, let us turn to Christ to be our source of strength and comfort.

In Christ,



Pamela Guilbault, Superintendent
Catholic Independent Schools of the Nelson Diocese