

Cathedral of Mary Immaculate



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Mr. Michael Carere
Principal

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm, & 7:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 1:00 pm

Sign-In via flocknote, email or call Parish office- Need to register every week

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By Appointment

Pastoral Staff

Most Rev. Bishop Gregory Bittman

Very Rev. Neil Lustado, Rector

Parish Office

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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First Sunday of Advent – 2020 November 29th

CATHEDRAL LITURGY SCHEDULE THIS WEEK
LIVE STREAMING MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL AT
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Monday, Nov. 30th - **St. Andrew** Mass for the repose of the soul of Rodi De Vuono

Tuesday, Dec. 1st - Mass for the repose of the souls of Iachetta Family

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd - Mass for the repose of the soul of Sonja Freno

Thursday Dec. 3rd - **St. Francis Xavier** Mass for the intentions of the Parishioners of CMI

Friday Dec. 4th - **St. John Damascene** Mass for the intentions of the Parishioners of CMI

Saturday Dec. 5th at **5:00 pm** - Mass for the repose of the souls of Frank & Virginia Maida

NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 6TH READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First reading – Isaiah 40.1-5,9-11

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 85.8ab+9,10-11,12-13 (R.7)

R. In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound forever.

Second reading – 2 Peter 3.8-14

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

Gospel – Mark 1.1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

Last Sunday, November 22nd ACRONYM : **HOME**

His (Jesus Christ)

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Office of the Bishop

New Directives as COVID-19 Worsens

23 November 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord!

As you have heard, new orders were recently issued from the Provincial Health Authorities that restrict our gathering as a Faith community to celebrate Mass in-person.

This is very discouraging since all of you have been so faithful in following our diocesan COVID protocols and precautions. Up to this point, we have not had an exposure or outbreak in any of our parishes, thanks be to God and to you. I couldn't be more grateful for you and for all you have done to keep our parishes safe.

Since the Eucharist is central to our Faith, it is important to note that Mass will continue to be celebrated and offered for you and your intentions. Please check your parish or the diocesan website for live-streamed Mass information. I have also given permission to have Holy Communion available for the faithful who attend Mass virtually. The procedure to receive Holy Communion in your car after Mass is as follows:

- Wait in your car in the parking lot. When the priest comes to your car, roll down your window, extend your hand to receive Holy Communion, remove your mask, and consume the Eucharist

Please note that our parishes remain open for prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament. Your parishes will also continue to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please continue to observe our COVID protocols and precautions.

Now is not the time to give in to our frustration and anger. It is important we acknowledge our feelings, but direct them to something positive, such as becoming more prayerful or patient or thankful. It might even mean writing the Provincial Health Officer or your elected officials to voice your concerns over Mass restrictions.

If one thing the pandemic has taught us, we need to continually work at being a people of Faith, Hope and Love.



Office of the Bishop

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Please pray that all of our sacrifices will bring down the numbers of those infected and prevent further spread of the virus, so that our churches can be open for Christmas celebrations, and we can celebrate our Saviour's birth, Christ Jesus our hope (1 Tim 1.1).

May Our Lady of Monte Berico continue to protect us and accompany us during this pandemic.

God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ our Lord,

✠ Gregory J Bittman
Bishop of Nelson

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. LUKE 2:4-5



Have a Blessed Advent!

IMPORTANT COVID-19 REMINDERS FROM FR. NEIL

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November 20, 2020

Dear Parishioners!

Praise God!

With the recent provincial health authorities and government official announcements and with Bishop Gregory Bittman's letter to us Priest we comply with these orders, effective today, November 20, 2020 until December 7, 2020:

1. All Masses Suspended (Weekdays & Weekends) - Livestreaming only
Weekdays -12noon
Weekend Saturday – 5 pm
2. Reconciliation/ Confession – By Appointment
3. Baptism are allowed with immediate family only
4. Weddings and funerals – maximum of 10 people including the priest
5. Jean will be working from home effective on Monday, Nov. 23 until December 7, 2020
6. Advent and Christmas Ignite your Parish package will be available for pick-up at the office.

Please continue to pray as one family for the end of this pandemic.
May the Lord Jesus Christ Our King bless you and protect you with the intercession of Our Blessed Immaculate Mary.



Very Reverend Fr. Neil Lustado
Rector
Cathedral of Mary Immaculate

Waiting in Joyful Hope

Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1,3-8

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Mark 13.33-37

The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new Church liturgical year, calling for vigilance yet brimming with hope. This season reminds us that we have to make preparations for the deeper meaning of Christmas. God's presence among His people in the person of Jesus Christ. His coming on Christmas Day fills us with hope, and gives us encouragement that amidst all life's depressing and difficult realities, broken families, growing poverty, disenchanted youth, random violence, proliferation of illegal drugs and most recent experience of covid19 which shows nothing changes at all, our future is secure because it is in God's hands.

The non-stop calling throughout the readings is the warning, ***Beware, keep alert: for you do not know when the time will come***, is a grim reminder that the day of reckoning lies ahead. The real challenge of Advent is to prepare yourself in body, in spirit and soul for that great encounter, by letting God's presence and power to get to work in our lives. For God's unfathomable love has been manifested in the unique gift of His Incarnate Son, Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us. He makes us aware that life is incomplete without God and we are useless without His presence for He alone can satisfy our deepest longings and fill us with inner peace and wholeness. God alone is our hope even within a broken world, a wounded humanity. It is a great time for soul searching and renewal, for asking pardon and forgiveness, and for begging Him to save us and stay with us.

We are invited to listen to the voice of God in countless ways He speaks to us every moment. There is no single minute when He does not knock at the door of your and my hearts. Thus, one way we can let Him in is by being a neighbour in our community and availing the opportunities to serve especially to the lowly and bring them the joys of Jesus Christ. Let us do the good now and what good we have to do for while. Advent is about waiting for God to come into our lives, it is good to remember that God has been waiting for us longer than we have been waiting for Him. Advent is here - let us wait in Joyful Hope! **“Restore is, O God: let your face shine, that we may be saved.” (Psalm 80) AMEN.**

- Fr. Neil-

A JOURNEY THROUGH
*Advent &
Christmas*



"Journey through Advent: Video Series for Advent 2020"

As the season of Advent is very close, this memo is to inform you of a wonderful new initiative we have begun at the Conference. Since social media are an increasingly important platform for formation and evangelization at all levels, we have produced a series of videos entitled *Journey through Advent*, which includes an introduction to the liturgical Season and reflections on the Gospel readings of each Sunday in Advent. It is the result of a joint project between the CCCB's *Office national de liturgie*, the National Liturgy Office, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis.

This short video series will be posted on the CCCB website and can be accessed through the rolling banner image at the top of the homepage entitled *Journey through Advent: Video Series for Advent 2020*. You are invited to post the links on your diocesan/eparchial website, as well as on your other social media platforms, and to share them broadly with pastors and pastoral teams who work in diocesan offices and parishes.

The links to the videos, in French and English, will be available on the CCCB website. Each Monday, the link for the upcoming Sunday celebration will be released.

[Click here to access the video series in English.](#)

[Click here to access the video series in French.](#)

We are very grateful to Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., and Bishop Pierre Goudreault for their generosity in preparing and recording these spiritual and pastoral reflections. We hope, especially in this time of COVID-19, that *Journey through Advent* will be a source of deep spiritual solace and insightful pastoral preparation for those who are looking for meaningful ways to welcome the Lord Jesus at Christmas.

For further information please contact Mrs. Margaret Shea-Lawrence, at m.shea-lawrence@cccb.ca.

PARISH ZOOM ADVENT RETREAT

Tuesday's at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday's 9:30 a.m.

Loree Renwick is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **PARISH ZOOM ADVENT RETREAT**

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83197467619?pwd=K0x4T3NCcIV1QXBG0XRGZnR5VXV3QT09>

Meeting ID: 831 9746 7619

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LIVE STREAMING MASSES IN NELSON DIOCESE

Weekdays:

NELSON: Cathedral of Mary Immaculate Parish at 12 Noon

Facebook Page: **Nelson Cathedral**

Website: www.catholiccathedralnelson.ca

Saturday:

NELSON: Cathedral of Mary Immaculate Parish at 5:00 PM

Facebook Page: **Nelson Cathedral**

Website: www.catholiccathedralnelson.ca

Sunday:

KELOWNA: Immaculate Conception Parish (9:00am, preceded by the Rosary at 8:30am)

Website: <http://www.springfieldfuneralhome.ca/mass>

OLIVER: Christ the King Parish at 9:00am

Facebook Page: **CTK Oliver BC**

PENTICTON: Catholic Parishes of Penticton at 9:00am

Website: <https://catholicpenticton.org>

It will give you three options to watch on: Facebook or Vimeo or YouTube

WEST KELOWNA: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at 11:00am

Facebook Page: **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish West Kelowna**

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/9kK7eC3RFdw>

Website: www.ololwestkelowna.com

Daily TV Mass - Daily Mass streamed on the internet <http://dailytvmass.com>

Papal Masses - <http://www.catholicctv.org/shows/papal-programming>

OUR PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL is still ongoing and in need of your donations to ensure we meet our goal this year. Please help us meet the needs of our Church and parish by donating to Our Pilgrimage of Faith. Remember that funds received over our diocesan goal will be returned directly to our parishes. Our program runs from **January 1st to Dec. 31st, 2020**. Donations to Pilgrimage of Faith can be mailed to the parish, dropped off in the collection basket at mass or put through the rectory mail slot.

Diocesan Goal \$ 20,550 and Parish Goal \$ 221,550. Pledged to date **\$ 19,264.24.**

Thank you for your support.

Catholic Mountain Star Article submission deadline for 2020 Christmas issue is on Wednesday, **December 2nd**. Please limit articles to 600 words (fit one page of 8 ½" x 11" paper) using size 11 font. News articles for parish or caption information limit to 1 or 2 sentences. **Please email all submissions to catholicmstar@gmail.com.**



The CWL Nelson Diocesan Bursary Applications are now available in the Parish Office. They will not be available this year at the back of the church because of the Covid-19 regulations. Please note that the bursary is open to everyone who meets the criteria and is a member of the Nelson Diocesan CWL, or whose mother/ grandmother is a CWL member in the Nelson Diocese. The bursary application must be received no later than December 31, 2020 by Fran Sutherland at her address: 2145 Bealby Point Road, Nelson, BC V1L 3E2. If you have any questions, please call Fran at 250-352-3350.

CWL MEMBERSHIP FEES are due

The membership fees are \$30.

Membership fees can be paid to Bonnie Bell, Anita Holliday or into collection basket at church.

If you are not able to drop off fees at church, the Parish Office is open Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please be sure to put CWL and you name on you envelope.

Any question please call Anita at 250-352-6792.



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Blessings,

Rick Rodman, Financial Secretary



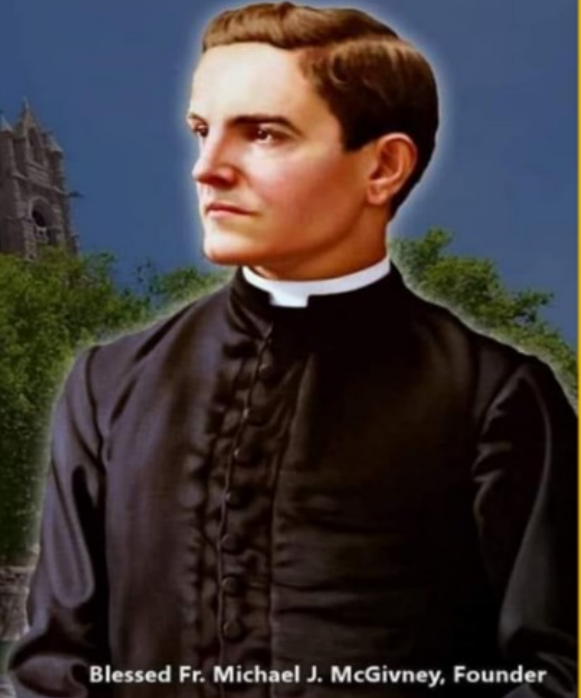
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