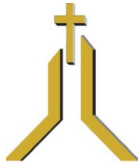


Welcome

to

St. Charles Garnier Parish

3645 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna, B.C. V1W 4M7 250.860.6776 Website: www.stcharlesgarnier.ca



Sunday Bulletin

January 5, 2025

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW—2:1-12

The Visit of the Wise Men

Next week's readings:

1st—Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

2nd—Acts 10:34-38

Gospel—Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Pastor: Fr. Gerald

Associate pastor: Fr. Ferdinand

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

Epiphany of the Lord Jesus!

The Feast of Epiphany winds up the Solemnity of the Christmas Season. Before we wrap up Christmas decorations, the Scriptures of this Sunday invites to savor the Christmas Spirit and ruminate on what God has done for us with the Birth of Christ. 'God Changed the World' then, and God is Changing the World even today inviting us to become 'Witnesses' in our human societies, workplaces and impact the World as the Magi were able to do, some two thousand years ago. They were the first Evangelists of the Good News of the Messiah! Their curiosity was so very great which motivated them to take up a difficult and challenging journey to explore what was happening then.

From the gospel of Mathew 2:1-12 We learn that these individuals were from Persia (East/ Mesopotamia) who were from the learned priestly (class) clan, very much acquainted with the movement of the Stars. They were of the opinion that each person born in the world is represented by a Star. Therefore, they created a phrase, "Follow your Star". They followed the Star of Bethlehem / Star of Jacob & Lion of Juda (Rev 5:5) and were pleased to behold the 'Messiah, the King of the Jews' (Mt 2:2) Their enthusiasm and curiosity was so very positive & uplifting to reflect upon even today.

How does the World receive the 'Epiphany / Revelation of Christ' in our modern-day context? seems to be very much relevant for our discussion this Sunday. The Magi was joyful and curious. They had an open heart & mind to explore the unknown. But the modern world with its hidden agenda seems to be skeptical like King Herod himself. Christ's Birth challenged Herod of the past. Christ's Birth Challenges the modern-day people and its rulers too. In our context, Our Christian Presence seems to be challenging the modern consumeristic culture. People wish to find a New Name for Christmas...as Happy Holidays. If we consider the Western World as the Christian World, the Christian culture is surely and steadily (eroding) giving way to the Secularistic outlook of Christmas.

In a way, Christian presence is perceived with hostilities. For some, Christian Presence & Faith is annoying. Christian Value Systems like Birth & Death have become topics for political dialogues & discussions. The Sacredness of the Institution of Marriage is criticized everywhere, and Human Body is reduced to be a garbage, losing its dignity and honor as the creation of God.

Our Christian Principles of 'tolerance & forgiveness' are viewed as stupidity in the Authoritarian World. Christian identity is viewed with a negative eye in our pragmatic culture. King Herod was shocked, challenged, felt threatened and annoyed by the News of the Birth of Christ. He was critical, skeptical and suspicious about the Birth of Christ (as a rival King) Herod reacted very negatively with suspicion. Modern world also reacts with the same attitude of Herod. Yet Christ brought the Message of Peace & Goodwill. Today, we as Christian people, are called upon by the Church, to become Goodwill Ambassadors of Peace & Solidarity in our troubled World! Let's become the Beacon of Light!

All the best!

In the Service of the Word!

Gabriel

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Jan 6	8:30 am	✠ Barbara Dumbovic
Tue	Jan 7	8:30 am	All Souls of Purgatory
Wed	Jan 8	8:30 am	Int. Joseph Lawrance Int. Victor Stocker
Thu	Jan 9	8:30 am	
Fri	Jan 10	8:30 am	
Sat	Jan 11	8:30 am 5:00 pm	
Sun	Jan 12	8:30 am	Int. Sedjro Family
		10:30 am	Int. Joseph Lawrance
		7:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

**Roman Catholic Diocese of
Nelson website:**

<https://www.nelsondiocese.org/>

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass & Devotions

Live stream click [here](#)

St. Charles Garnier Parish

<http://stcharlesgarnier.ca/>

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being

live-streamed Sunday 8:30

Livestream click [here](#)

DIOCESE OF NELSON—CCCB NEWS



News and Announcements from Diocese of Nelson please click [here](#).



For Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website click [here](#).

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

To order gifts, please call:

1-800-776-6855

or visit:

<https://chalice.ca/gift-catalogue/>



PARISH CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, Jan 4	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Daily Morning Mass Sunday Mass
Sunday, Jan 5	8:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass—Kids Liturgy
Monday to Friday	8:30 am	Morning Mass—Rosary after Mass
Saturday		Confessions after Mass or by appointment (please call the office)
Monday, Jan 6	1:00—4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Card Social Group K of C—District 9 Meeting
Tuesday, Jan 7	9:30 am 7:00 pm	CWL Executive Meeting RCIA
Wednesday, Jan 8	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Photographers SSVP Catholic Mom's Connect CANCELLED—Catechism—1st Communion CANCELLED—Catechism—Confirmation
Thursday, Jan 9	8:30 am 9:00 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	CISND Meeting CANCELLED—Bible Study Photographers K of C General Meeting
Friday, Jan 10	1:30 pm	Photographers

FREEDOM'S DOOR

The men of Freedom's Door extend to you an enormous THANK YOU for being so generous this Christmas! There were lovely gifts given to over 100 people, bringing joy and an understanding of the true meaning of the gift that Jesus brought to our world. The wise men brought gifts to the promised Saviour. In similar fashion you brought gifts to those in need of the Saviour. And that of course includes all of us. With much gratitude for thinking of us. Freedom's Door



RELICS



Our parish will welcome First Class Relics of:
 St. Jean de Brebeuf,
 St. Charles Garnier,
 St. Gabriel Lalemant &
 St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Wednesday, January 15th (7-9pm)
 Thursday, January 16th (9-11am)



GUIDE TO GIVING

SCG—December 2024						
December	1	8	15	22	29	Total
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	6,680	6,680	6,680	6,680	6,680	33,400
Monthly automatic bank donations received (SAG)			9,857			
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	5,432	15,344	5,870	6,226	5,114	
E-transfers received					11,247	
Monthly total to date	5,432	20,776	36,503	42,729	59,090	177%

Christmas Collection	17,472
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E-transfers are accepted at St. Charles Garnier Parish. Send your offering via e-transfer to:
etransfer.SCGK@nelsondiocese.org
 no password is required.

Or by using the QR code



DONATION ENVELOPES 2025

The 2025 offering envelopes are available for pick up at the church foyer.

If you are participating in the monthly SAG (preauthorized giving) envelopes are not printed, if you need please stop by the office.

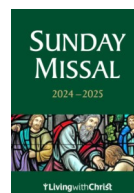
Special Collections not covered by your regular SAG donation.

Your envelope number changes each year.

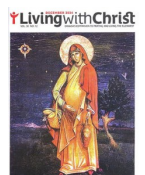
Using envelopes from other than the current year could result in confusion and not receiving proper tax credit for your donations.

*** If you would like your tax receipt for 2024 to be e-mailed, please contact the office @

scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org



Sunday Missals \$ 7.00 each
Monthly Missals \$ 3.75 each
 Available at the church office.





St. Charles Garnier Parish Photo Booklet

St. Charles Garnier Parish Photo Booklet Update

It is very important to **fill as many appointments as possible** in the January session. The Directory Committee will be available at the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses December 29 and January 5 at a table in the foyer with a person to help you sign up. (Sorry, no volunteer register for 5 and 7 pm Masses.)

Go to <https://ipcphoto.ca/appointments> (Password: **myphoto** (no spaces))

Click parish name. Read instructions. Register carefully, only once. Cancellation is not possible.

Carefully select an appointment date and time. Fill in number of people in the photo. Appointment opportunities for **April 21 through 26** will not be posted on the IPC website until the **January 9 through 18** session is completed.



Help in times of signup desperation: Sr. Phyllis at rose2175@gmail.com 250-872-0477

For those who find a QR Code helpful, this will bring up the IPC website. Follow instructions above.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:

While the photo shoot is in progress, we need people to act as a liaison between the clients and the photographer, to ensure that information is correct and that we keep to the time schedule. If you can give a few hours to help out, please contact Frances Lemire who can tell you what times are possible on the dates noted above. Contact Frances at lemirefrancesl@gmail.com

GRIEF TO GRACE

Through a 5-day program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness.

The next program in Canada is May 20- 25 in Kelowna.

For more information please email:

griegtograncelowna@gmail.com

or make a confidential call to [250-808-6403](tel:250-808-6403).



HOSPITAL VISITATION



If you have family member in the hospital and wish to have a visit/communion. Please phone/email the office to let us know. 250-860-6776

scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

Or call Ethel @ 250-860-2101

KELOWNA AND AREA HOSPITAL CHAPLENCY

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)

or email: chaplain@nelsondiocese.org

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick may be received more than once!!

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP



Office of the Bishop

2 January 2025

Dear Rev. Fathers, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and peace in the Lord!

As you know, in December I had major surgery at Vancouver General Hospital. I am very grateful for the surgeons and the surgical team that assisted them. They performed not one but two extensive surgeries, plus an interventional radiological treatment between the surgeries. The main neurosurgeon surgeon was very happy with the outcome, and equally me as well.

At this time, I still have many weeks of recovery ahead of me. The recovery is giving me time to reflect and appreciate all of the graces and blessing God has bestowed on me during this difficult time. I want to tell you how much I appreciate that you prayed for me. When hospitalized, during the blurry time between surgeries, praying was difficult if not impossible. This was one of the hardest things to deal with as prayer has been integral to my whole life.

When I reflect on this experience, I came to realize that when I couldn't pray, you prayed for me. Your prayer got me through this experience, comforted me and enabled me to endure all the tests and procedures. What a gift!

So, I have much to be thankful for this New Year. I am thankful to God, not only for the gift of my life, but most of all, for all of you and your prayers and support.

I ask that you continue to pray for me and for one another. I continue to hold all of you in prayer and ask God's blessing on you for your love and goodness. God bless.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus our Lord,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gregory J Bittman'.

✠ Gregory J Bittman
Bishop of Nelson

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ADORATION CHAPEL

Diocese of Nelson Perpetual Adoration Chapel
839 Sutherland Avenue

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 Volunteer Hours available are:

Sun: 7 am & 4 pm | Mon: 1 am & 2 am | Wed: 1 am, 2 am, 3 am & 2 pm | Thurs: 1 am | Fri: 12 am | Sat: 2 pm
Spares are always needed. Shared times available! For information phone:

Lorie: 250-448-5633

THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN

Matthew 2:1-12



CONTACT US

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Office Manager: Carmen
Office Phone: (250) 860-6776
Office e-mail: scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org
Office hours: 9:00 am—2:00 pm Tuesday to Friday

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Meet second Tuesday of the month @ 9:30 am
 Contact: Diane Cey 250-868-9636
 Membership inquiries: Betty Ann Richard bettyannrichard@gmail.com

FR. PANDOSY 4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY—Knights of Columbus

Meet third Sundays of the month at 2:00 pm
 Inquiries: Gino Servedio 250-764-3182

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS www.stcharleskoc.com

Meet second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.
 Grand Knight: Paul Schembri pjaas@gmail.com

St. Peregrine Prayer Circle (An Apostolate of The Little Flowers of Saint Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order).

If you have friends/family members with serious illnesses we will add them to our list and pray for them & their family daily. We meet once a month and pray together.

Contact: Christine Reeves, OFS. 250-575-2043 e-mail: sforeec10@gmail.com

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER -

"The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity"

Meeting the 3rd Sunday of the month @ 1:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes-Meeting Room. Contact Sandy: 250-212-3596.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 250-860-2536

Meet second and fourth Wednesdays at 9:00 am

St. Charles Garnier Parish—Hall

FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH—SSVP DONATIONS

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

If you wish to become involved contact the Parish Office 250-860-6776

Children's Liturgy	Allison Knittig	778-477-3790
Eucharistic Ministers	Dave Crane	250-861-4085
CMC/Children Choir	Abbey Ackerman	250-899-4384
CMC/Children Choir	Julia Orr	250-718-0060
Women's Ministry	Joelle Schmidt	250-470-8901
Altar Servers	Jonathan Rowe	778-478-1133
Music	JoAnn Young	250-317-8965
Readers	Marlene Crane	250-861-4085
Sacristans	Lindsay Rowe	779-214-0420
Safe Environment Coordinator	Keith Reeves keefreeves@outlook.com	
Ushers	Gino Servedio	250-764-3182
Pilgrimage of Faith	Rhonda Sali rhondasali@gmail.com	
Development and Peace	Karen Krout karenkrout@gmail.com	
Hospital Visitation	Ethel Robidoux	250-860-2101
Care-Home Visitation	Christine Schmidt	250-763-4798
Youth Ministry	www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca	
Religious Ed Coordinator	Amanda Tian Seng	

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

DIOCESE OF NELSON—CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTRE 250-448-2725
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL 250-763-3371
IMMACULATA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL 250-762-2730
CLUBHOUSE DAYCARE 250-860-4393
ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER 250-764-4333
FREEDOM'S DOOR . . info@freedomdoorkelowna.com 250-717-0472
GRIEF TO GRACE www.GriefftoGrace.org 250-870-8517
KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE . . kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com 250-870-4103
OZANAM HOUSE manager@ozanamhouse.com 250-762-4673
PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE 250-763-2112
RACHEL'S VINEYARD . . . info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com 250-762-2273
REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES 250-763-7892
reachoutokanagan@gmail.com
CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN www.canadianfoodforchildren.ca
CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE https://creightonmodel.com

Please remember:
OUR CHURCH IS A SCENT-FREE ZONE! Avoid wearing perfume, after-shave or heavily scented personal care products.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.



St. Charles Garnier Parish

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please complete this form and leave it in the collection basket, Parish Office or email to:

scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

New Parishioner: Information Change:

Name (s) : _____ & _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Last) (First) (Middle)

DOB (yyyy/mm/dd): _____ & _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

CHILDREN				
Name (s) (Last)	(First)	(Middle)	M/F	DOB (yyyy/mm/dd)

Would you like to be contacted by one of our parish groups?	
<input type="checkbox"/> CWL	<input type="checkbox"/> Music
<input type="checkbox"/> Knights of Columbus	<input type="checkbox"/> Reader
<input type="checkbox"/> St. Vincent de Paul	<input type="checkbox"/> Usher
<input type="checkbox"/> R.C.I.A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Altar Servers
<input type="checkbox"/> Sacristan (Set up for Mass)	

Would you like to pick up Sunday Offertory Envelopes from the ledge in the foyer next week? Yes No

The label will have your name on it, the number identifies you and a tax receipt will be sent to you at the address that you registered with.

You may also register on-line @ www.stcharlesgarnier.ca where you can sign up for the bulletin to be emailed to you each week.