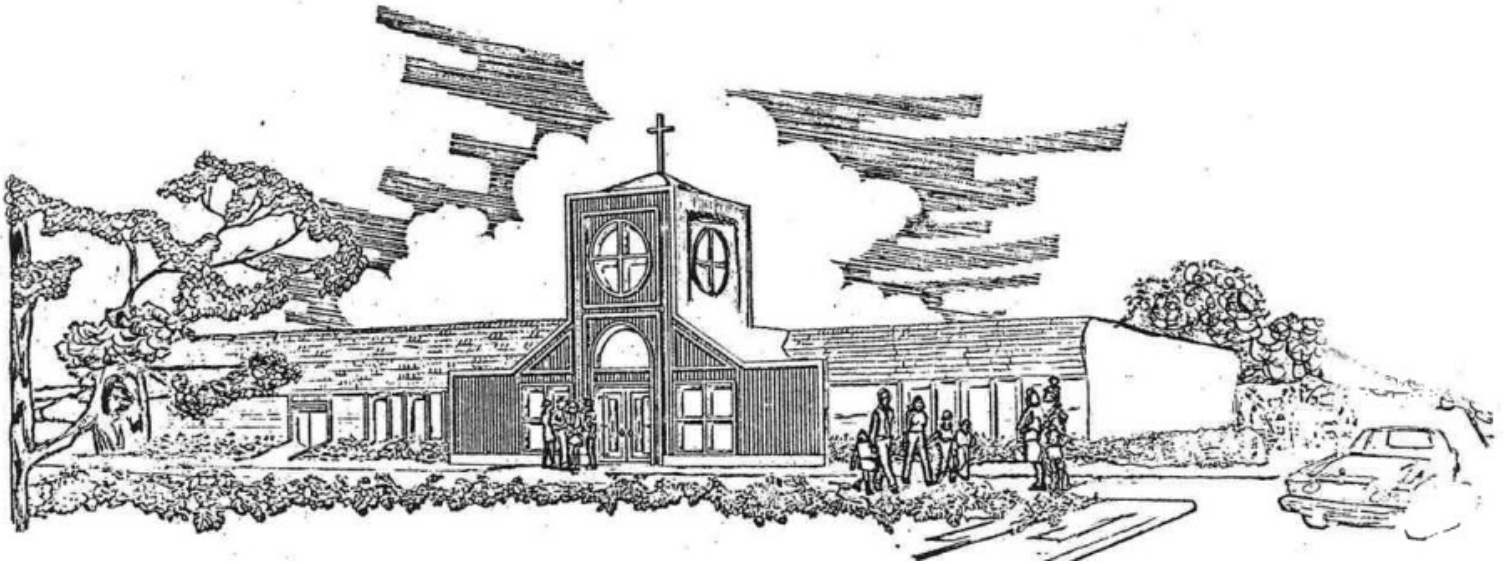
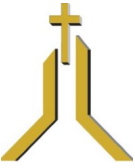


# Welcome

to

## St. Charles Garnier Parish

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### Sunday Bulletin

February 16, 2025

**GOSPEL OF LUKE— 6:17, 20-26**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next week's readings:  
First—1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13,-22-25++  
Second— 1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
Gospel—Luke 6:27-38

Pastor: Fr. Gerald  
Associate pastor: Fr. Ferdinand

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## SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

This Sunday, the Scriptures invite us to have a self-examination of conscience about our 'True Happiness'. According to the World's understanding, 'true happiness' is rooted in 'wealth, health, power, influence, prestige, privilege and status' and so on. Jesus today teaches that these are illusory/temporary/transitory. Therefore, Jesus is inviting us to 'Seek the Favor/Blessedness of God'. Worldly happiness had been coined by the Jewish culture with the above said terms and was passed on to modern culture. The readers of the Bible can easily identify such terms from Psalms, Proverbs and the Book of Revelation. There are about 37 such attributes in the New Testament and Jesus have said & explained 17 of them. The Gospel of Matthew quotes 8 of them in the Beatitudes and the Evangelist Luke has quoted 4 of them in his writings. (They are called Happiness Myths = Macarisms) Apostle Mathew being a Tax Collector and a well-educated Jewish person, he had eloquently and artistically framed them as the Character of Leadership (Christian Life).

Professor Dr. Harold Treffert from the Mental Health University of Wisconsin (USA) in an article titled, "American Fairy Tale" discusses 5 dangerous ideas that people have about 'Happiness'. 1.Happiness in things. How many unwanted things do we all have in our closet? We accumulate/hoard them and never use them. 2.Happiness in Productivity. We wish to earn more and more but are never satisfied. We become greedy or jealous of others. 3.We wish to be Fashionable thinking that we are never going to age. We wish to be abreast of our time, circumstance and the available fashion of the time. 4. Mental Health is Happiness if we have only a few problems/challenges either health, wealth and relationship. 5.Happiness in Communicating with 'Electronic Gadgets, TV, Satellite, Computer, iPhone' and so on. We live in a Digital & Electronic Age. Therefore, he concluded the world, and its people are still searching for Happiness from material possessions & securities.

The Scriptures explain today that 'True happiness' should be found in the 'Almighty Power of God'. (Enjoy the Favour of God = Blessedness) Our happiness should come from our love for God and our Trust in His Divine Promises. Psalm 1 explains that 'True happiness comes from Keeping God's Law. Such people are said to be planted near the running streams of God, always producing good fruits and they are never tired of doing good.

Paul in Corinthians (15:12-15) advises that 'Everlasting Life in Christ' leads to Happiness. The Prophet Jeremiah (17:5-8) was powerful to affirm that 'True Happiness is to be found in our Faith, which is placing our Trust in Our God. Jesus in the gospel talks about Blessedness/Happiness in a paradoxical way. Blessedness in poverty (anawim of God=total submission/surrender to God) Hungering for the right things/honorable things and not to get away from righteousness. Finally humbling ourselves in our grief and pain and especially in our persecution. Poverty leads to dependency and Scriptures call us today to remain with God, having everything but feeling as if you have nothing, because everything comes from His Loving Hands. In our powerlessness and Hopelessness, His Blessedness will be a Great Beacon of Light!

All the best.

In the Service of the Word!

Gabriel

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## MESSAGE FROM FR. GERALD

Dear Parishioners,

Grace to you all, I wanted to let you know that I safely returned home to Uganda. I appreciate your prayers and support during my time away.

Currently, I am undergoing some medical treatment here. However, the response to the treatment is not progressing as we had hoped, which may delay my return a little bit. I ask for your continued prayers during this time, as I keep all of you in mine.

I am happy to hear that everything is moving smoothly in my absence, Thanks to the hard work of Fr. Ferdinand. He is truly a capable and dedicated man, and I am confident that under his guidance, all matters at the parish are being well taken care of.

Sending you all my blessings,

Fr G.

## 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, Feb 15	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Daily Morning Mass Sunday Mass Bottle Drive—before and after masses
Sunday, Feb 16	8:30 am 10:30 am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass K of C Meeting Sunday Mass Bottle Drive—before and after masses
<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Morning Mass—Rosary after Mass
Saturday		Confessions after Mass or by appointment (please call the office)
Monday, Feb 17	1:00—4:00 pm	Office closed Card Social Group
Tuesday, Feb 18	9:30 am 7:00 pm	CWL—General Meeting RCIA
Wednesday, Feb 19	9:30 am 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Catholic Mom's Connect CANCELLED—Catechism—1st Communion Catechism—Confirmation
Thursday, Feb 20	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Bible Study Baptismal Prep. Course

## PHOTO BOOKLET UPDATE

For your information, IPC Photo Services has not set up the April appointment slots yet.

They have been notified that parishioners are waiting to make appointments.

As soon as the Directory Committee is notified that the appointment slots are open, a notice will appear in the bulletin. Thank you for your patience.

Directory Committee Co-chairs:

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Sr. Phyllis [rose2175@gmail.com](mailto:rose2175@gmail.com)

## CWL COOKIE FUNDRAISER



The CWL Cookie Fundraiser for Immaculata High School Mission Program was a great success thanks to the tremendous support of all parishioners who baked and purchased cookies. Many thanks to several of our CWL members who came out on Saturday morning to package, label and set up the display tables for the sale.

A big thank you to the Immaculata students who came out to help sell the cookies on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

The winners of the draw are:

Rosary—Marg Duff

Chocolate Basket—Shannon Dueck

Valentine Collector Plate—Emily Buhman

With your help we raised approximately 24,029.00!

We are extremely grateful.

May God bless each of you for your generosity.

## CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP

### Gr. 7-12 Youth Group News

Just a reminder that there is no Youth Group this weekend. Happy Family Day!

### Night Hike

If the weather is favourable, we will be doing our night hike at Myra Canyon Regional Park on Sunday, Feb. 23. Please check our website on Feb. 26 to see if this event is a go or not. If it is not, we will make plans for something else that night.

For more information or to RSVP for any of our events and download our Youth Group registration form, go to: [www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca](http://www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca)

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Feb 17	8:30 am	Int. Joseph Lawrance
Tue	Feb 18	8:30 am	† Michele D. Green
Wed	Feb 19	8:30 am	† Aggie Turner
Thu	Feb 20	8:30 am	Int. Amanda & Carmen
Fri	Feb 21	8:30 am	Int. Pat Sheehy
Sat	Feb 22	8:30 am 5:00 pm	† Aggie Turner
Sun	Feb 23	8:30 am	† Anna Mayhew
		10:30 am	† Piasentin Family
		7:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

**FUNDRAISER**

# Bottle Drive

to Help Support the youth & young adults World Youth Day pilgrimage to Italy.

**Collection Date:**  
**Sundays before and after masses:**  
**8:30 am**  
**10:30 am**

**Drop-off Location:**  
**SCG Parish parking lot**  
**3645 Benvoulin Rd.**

Pick-up available.  
Please give us a call:  
**250-681-0091**

Thank you for supporting us with your donation! ❤️

## K OF C



**Pancake Breakfast**

### Sunday, February 23

You are invited to the Best Breakfast in town!

after 8:30 am & 10:30 am Masses

If you could please buy your tickets before Mass to have a better number of people.

Tickets are \$ 11.00 per person and \$ 30.00 per family!

Breakfast is served by the Knights of Columbus!