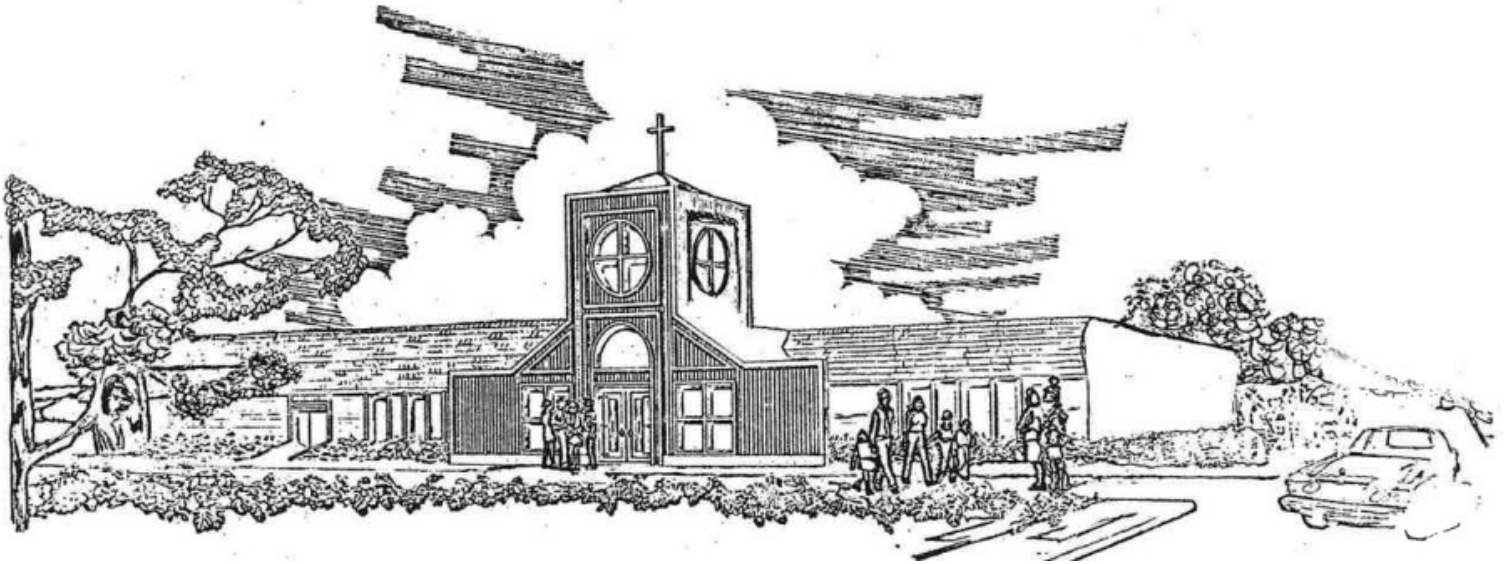
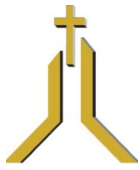


Welcome

to

St. Charles Garnier Parish

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



Sunday Bulletin

February 23, 2025

GOSPEL OF LUKE 6:27-38

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next week's readings:

First—Sirach 27:4-7

Second— 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel—Luke 6:39-45

Pastor: Fr. Gerald

Associate pastor: Fr. Ferdinand

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

"Love Your Enemies" (Lk 6:27-38) Followers of Jesus are encouraged and advised to practice this challenging mandate of Christ. Such people are said to have maintained a greater degree of Heroism. Probably the 32 Libyan Christian Martyrs are a wonderful example of Heroism in our modern times. The Ontario (Midland) Canadian Martyrs Church is, even today, a living example of such heroic endeavour in our modern history. Out of love for the Mohawk, First Nation people, the Missionaries of France offered their lives. Such people are hailed as 'Martyrs of Charity'. They are the Children of the Most High, who have expressed their love in action. They went beyond their call to make a difference and walked extra miles to show their common human bond. In fact these missionaries were shown not love, but hatred. They were beaten, maligned and tortured beyond their endurance... Yet they did not retaliate, but showed them the great Compassion of Christ.

St. Paul in 2nd Cor 4:7-11 wrote: "We have this great treasure in our clay vessels. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; we are in doubt, but not in despair, we are persecuted, but not abandoned or forsaken, we are struck down but not destroyed. All through our ordeal we carried the mark of Christ in our bodies". G.K Chesterton was of the opinion that 'Love of one's enemies' has been the Christian ideal from time immemorial, which has been tried, found challenging but was always rewarding. In the footsteps of Christ, if we try it would be rewarding, otherwise it would be cumbersome and demanding. Jesus said: "Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends". (Jn15:12-13) The Two Great Commandments (Mt 22:36-39) "You shall love your Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. (Deut 6:4) You shall love your neighbour as yourself". (Lev 19:18) Those who mistreat us are generally considered to be our enemies. 'Mistreat' would mean that, we are hurt by the behaviour of someone... may be a family member / associate / friend / neighbour / stranger (Their behaviour was hurtful / nasty /naive) People may have heard of the expression 'indian dogs'... which may mean second class citizen or outcast. When our dignity and honor is not respected, either because of our colour, dress, speech or mannerism, we call that behaviour 'discrimination'. Discrimination is a form of mistreatment, leading to showing partiality.

In the USA, during the 1600's the Black Americans who worked in the plantations of Philadelphia were

not allowed to speak to their fellow farm workers. They were treated so very badly and were called 'Black Animals /Blackies'. Even today, in some parts of the world, people do have hostile ideas and do not treat everyone equally. Partiality still exists.

G.K. Chesterton, the famous English Writer, tells us that 'Love of our enemies' is a challenging concept, which has become the ideal of the Church. Jesus taught us to Love our enemies, who mistreat us every day. Jesus showed us the way, by showing love, concern and empathy to those who are mistreated / discriminated against in our societies. He was criticized, nagged as a friend of sinners, beggars and prostitutes. But he never gave up. He lived out His Commitment to show what love is all about. Through His lovely example, he teaches even today to reach out to others with his nobility of heart: "Father forgive them for they know not what they are doing". (Lk 23:42) The Bible does not teach us to hate our enemies, rather it encourages us to step forward like the Good Samaritan by showing Compassion and Goodwill. God does not discriminate. Who are we to hold grudges /to show negativity to God's Children. Loving one's family and friends may be easier than loving strangers and those who mistreat us. It is difficult, but not impossible. Paul wrote: (Rm12:14) "Bless those who persecute you and never curse them". May the good Lord help us in this endeavour.

All the best. In the Service of the Word!
Gabriel

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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| Mon | Feb 24 | 8:30 am | Int. Andrea Welder |
| Tue | Feb 25 | 8:30 am | Int. Jocelyn Slivinski |
| Wed | Feb 26 | 9:00 am | Int. Dayton Ross |
| Thu | Feb 27 | 8:30 am | † Aggie Turner |
| Fri | Feb 28 | 8:30 am | † Karen Fernandez |
| Sat | Mar 1 | 8:30 am 5:00 pm | Int. Renee Burzuk † Stephanie Morris |
| Sun | Mar 2 | 8:30 am | † Michele Green |
| | | 10:30 am | † Deceased Cutillo Family |
| | | 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, Feb 22 | 8:30 am 5:00 pm | Daily Morning Mass Sunday Mass |
| Sunday, Feb 23 | 8:30 am 10:30 am 7:00 pm | Sunday Mass—K of C—Breakfast (after Mass) Sunday Mass—Family Mass—K of C—Breakfast (after Mass) Sunday Mass |
| Monday to Friday | 8:30 am | Morning Mass—Rosary after Mass |
| Saturday | | Confessions after Mass or by appointment (please call the office) |
| Monday, Feb 24 | 9:30 am | Funeral—Amadio Costa |
| Tuesday, Feb 25 | 1:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm | Card Social—Moved from Monday. Liturgy Meeting RCIA |
| Wednesday, Feb 26 | 9:00 am 9:30 am 4:30 pm 7:00 pm | SSVP Meeting Catholic Mom's Connect Catechism—1st Communion Catechism—Confirmation |

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!!

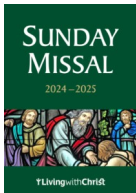
GRIEF TO GRACE



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.

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



GUIDE TO GIVING

| SCG—February 2025 | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | Total |
| Monthly Parish Collection Budget | 8,350 | 8,350 | 8,350 | 8,350 | 33,400 |
| Monthly automatic bank donations received (SAG) | | | | | |
| Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection | 5,288 | 4,412 | | | |
| E-transfers received | | | | | |
| Monthly total to date | 5,288 | 9,700 | | | |

E-transfers are accepted at St. Charles Garnier Parish
 Send your offering via e-transfer to:
etransfer.SC GK@nelsondiocese.org
 no password is required.
 Or by using the QR code



CWL



The CWL Cookie Fundraiser for Immaculata High School Mission Program's final count that was raised:

2,892.00

We are extremely grateful.
 May God bless each of you for your generosity.

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

THIS WEKEEND! 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!



ADORATION CHAPEL



Diocese of Nelson Perpetual Adoration Chapel
839 Sutherland Avenue

Located off the back of Immaculate Concep-
tion Church; entrance is off west alley/
driveway.

Our Lord Jesus is Inviting you to visit Him in the Per-
petual Adoration Chapel.

Scheduled Volunteer Hours available are:

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

For information phone Lorie: 250-448-5633

PEOPLE OF FAITH PRAYER GROUP

Meetings will be every other Tuesday for the foreseea-
ble future (6:00 to 7:30 p.m.) at St. Pius X Parish. The
upcoming dates are:

March 4

March 18

Please join us for praise, worship, prayer and fellow-
ship.

CISND

Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Diocese – Support Staff Hiring Fair

Looking for a meaningful career in a faith-filled envi-
ronment? Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Dio-
cese (CISND) is hosting a **Support Staff Hiring
Fair** on **Tuesday, February 25th, from 4:30 PM to 7:00
PM** at the **Catholic Pastoral Centre** (3665 Benvoulin
Road).

We are seeking passionate individuals for roles such
as **Educational Assistants, Early Childhood Educators
and Assistants, Custodians, Bookkeepers, Secretaries,
and other support staff positions.**

Interested candidates are encouraged to bring
their **cover letter and resume** and drop in anytime be-
tween **4:30 PM – 7:00 PM** to learn more about these
opportunities.

There is something special about CISND. Come see
what sets us apart!

We look forward to meeting you!

CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP

Gr. 7-12 Youth Group News

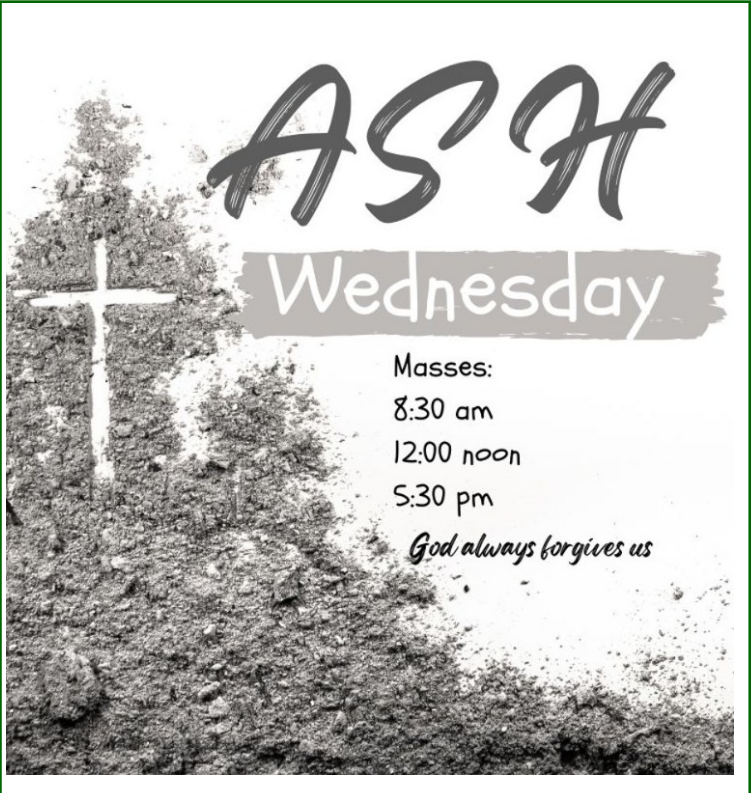


Join us Sunday, Mar. 2 and Sunday, Mar. 9 for The Cho-
sen (Season 4) from 6:15 to 8:30 pm at ICC's Parish
Center (use EAST entrance) as we unpack these epi-
sodes together!

Reminder: No Youth Group Mar. 16 and Mar. 23 (Enjoy
your spring break!)

For more information or to RSVP for any of our events
and download our Youth Group registration form, go
to:

www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca



ASH

Wednesday


Masses:
 8:30 am
 12:00 noon
 5:30 pm

God always forgives us

Shrove Tuesday

Catholic Women's League & Knights of Columbus
 Invites all Parishioners to a Pancake Dinner
 Tuesday, March 4
 5:00 pm in Church Hall
 Pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham
 yogurt, strawberries & blueberries
 and maple syrup
 Coffee, tea and juice

Please see sign up sheets in church foyer, so that we know how many parishioners will be attending.
 Thank you.




Roast Beef Dinner & Entertainment

March 29th, 2025
 At 6 PM
 ICC PARISH, Kelowna
 Tickets \$40 each

Tickets available @ Loaves & Fishes
 Kelowna Parishes & Pilgrims

*Benefit Fundraiser & Auction to follow
 for Youth Pilgrims of Hope
 Italy, July 23 - Aug 06, 2025*




PARISH MISSION



March 21-24

@ St. Charles Garnier Parish

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Gospel of Luke 6:27-38



Jesus said to His disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?" (Luke 6:27-32)

CONTACT US

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Email: scgpastor@shaw.ca
Associate Pastor: Fr. Ferdinand
Email: scgkelowna.associatepastor@nelsondiocese.org
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

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