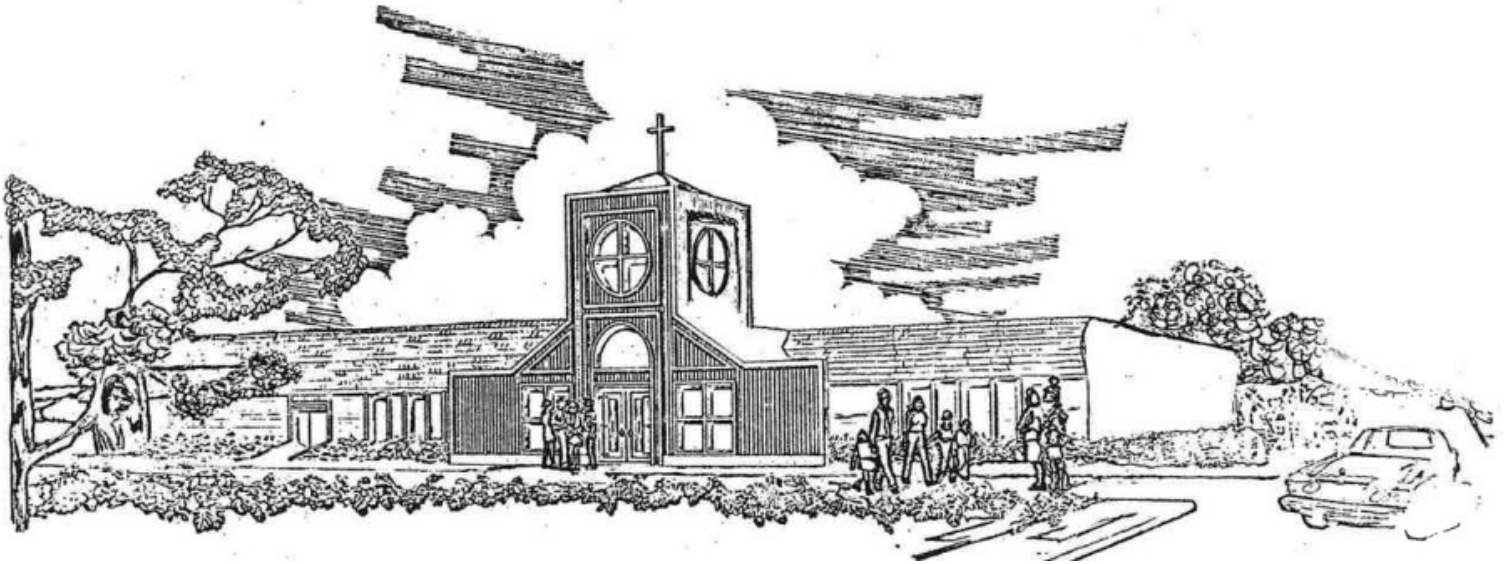
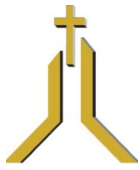


Welcome

to

St. Charles Garnier Parish

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Sunday Bulletin

March 9, 2025

GOSPEL OF LUKE 4:1-13

First Sunday of Lent

Next week's readings:

First—Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Second— Philipians 3:17—4:1

Gospel—Luke 9:28b-36

Pastor: Fr. Gerald

Associate pastor: Fr. Ferdinand

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

"Challenges shape us" is the theme of this Sunday. Challenge is a compelling personal demand that impels the individual for his / her soul search (self-identification & reflection) as to who we are? Who am I? It calls for a special initiative to identify one's stand in truth. What is the uphill task in this situation / circumstance. For example, 1. Maneuvering a boat on a turbulent body of water / a flight / aircraft under the turbulent weather condition / storm or lightning. 2. Climbing a high mountain / overcoming an obstacle (break of marriage, giving up one's religious life for another style of life because of its demands) 3. Despite the challenges, keeping oneself steady and focused on the goal for a greater good is the recommendation of the Scripture this week.

Challenges shape our lives. We should not run away from challenges. We need to face them like valiants with courage and fortitude. We need to be focused on our goal (end result) and keep on pressing forward to achieve & succeed. Let's not look backward, rather we need to move forward with hope and optimism. St. Paul puts it in a better way... 'Keep on pressing forward'. One of the best ways to achieve success in life is to live in the limelight of the Divine and depend on His Providence to guide towards the success of that endeavour. Wait patiently on the Divine to lead to that victory. There's no need to grumble and criticize, because our challenges come from our allurements/enticements (spring from our impulses/desires)

Israel had its challenges in the desert. They constantly complained about the frugal food, the scarcity of water and their lack of scanty, daily comfort in the desert. The modern world complains on a daily basis on all the matters of human life, poor health care, stock market fluctuations, unpredictable road conditions, layoffs from employment, sudden outbreak of unnamed virus, causing great concern for human existence, religious people found with double life and the so-called credible people found to be in jeopardy & etc. Jesus himself was challenged with the Glorious Messiahship, but he declined / rejected and conquered his temptations. His entire life pattern tells us that 'the Way of the Cross is the Way to Victory' i.e. struggle for an honourable existence / righteous life.

How do we handle our self-gratification? It seems to be a mind-boggling question in the modern world. Waterfront palaces, houses in the best of the cities, best of the modern-style boats, brand new vehicles and wealthy friends or celebrities in our neighbourhoods seem to be an ideal way of life for moderners.

But Jesus recommends another kind of lifestyle for his believers. He himself rejected the glorious messiahship in order to become all things for all people, like a servant, he stooped down to wash the feet of His Disciples. In a way, he divested his glory and became a poor & penniless preacher. He conquered his temptations and showed us the way of living right. How do we handle certain things related to our pleasure, power, privilege and prestige, seems to be a good thought for all of us on this 1st Sunday of Lent. May the good Lord open our hearts for a real soul search on this wonderful occasion of lent.

All the best.

In the Service of the Word!

Gabriel



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.

For information phone Lorie: 250-448-5633

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Mar 10	8:30 am	† Carol Coveny Int. Bodhi (Baby) & Family
Tue	Mar 11	8:30 am	Int. Joseph Lawrance
Wed	Mar 12	8:30 am	Int. Tim Slivinski
Thu	Mar 13	8:30 am	† Russ Radi
Fri	Mar 14	8:30 am	Int. Jim Coveny & Fam Int. Sebastian
Sat	Mar 15	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Int. Joseph Lawrance † Gay De Montrevil
Sun	Mar 16	8:30 am	† Ken Hanak
		10:30 am	Int. Bishop Gregory
		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, March 8	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Daily Morning Mass Sunday Mass
Sunday, March 9	8:30 am 10:30 am 7:00 pm	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass— Children's liturgy 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, March 10	9:30 am	1:00—4:00 pm—Card Social
Tuesday, March 11	9:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	CWL—General Meeting Baptism Prep. Course RCIA
Wednesday, March 12	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	SSVP Meeting Catholic Mom's Connect Catechism—1st Communion—Parent Meeting Soups & Stations Catechism—Confirmation
Thursday, March 13	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Bible Study—Church Hall K of C—General Meeting

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](tel:250-808-6403).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday @ 6:30 pm
- **SOUP & STATIONS:** (Family Stations of the Cross) Every Wednesday during Lent @ 5:30pm (except for April 9 & 16)
- **WYD FUNDRAISING:** Continue to support bottle drive and purchase tickets for fundraising dinner.

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)			9755		
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	5,288	4,412	2,934	3,737	
E-transfers received				3,252	
Monthly total to date	5,288	9,700	22,389	29,378	88

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



INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

2024 Income Tax Receipts were emailed to active email addresses in our system, parishioners with no email address, a copy of your tax receipt is available for pick up in the foyer.
If you have any questions regarding your receipt from the parish, please call Carmen at the Parish Office: 250 860-6776.
Tax receipts from Our Pilgrimage of Faith and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul were mailed.

PARISH PHOTO BOOKLET

Appointments for April are ready for sign-up.
Go to <https://www.ipcphoto.ca/>

- Click on Appointments. Password is myphoto
- Click on parish name
- Review the instructions
- On drop-down list, enter number of people who will be present at the appointment.
- Click on a date from Monday, April 21 to Saturday, April 26. Choose carefully. Change is difficult for administrators.
- Click a time slot that's open. Please choose evening slots if possible; seniors need driving daylight.
- Fill in name, phone and email
- Click Finalize

In case of illness or other emergency, contact either Administrator: Frances Lemire (lemirefrancesl@gmail.com) or Sr. Phyllis (rose2175@gmail.com) to cancel or change.

RACHEL'S CORNER

“As a man, I was all dry inside, I knew what I had done but I didn't feel much of anything as I didn't truly understand what I had done to my child as well as to my family. Now I am filled with love for my daughter. I feel like I have been renewed inside, strengthened and empowered by God, through God and for God. The man He always wanted me to be.” Testimonial
Join the men and women on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. They want to help you be free of the burden you are carrying inside. Why not give it a chance?

info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com

www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com

 Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

250-762-2273

CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP

Gr. 7-12 Youth Group News

STUEBENVILLE NW YOUTH CONFERENCE

Spokane, Washington – July 9-13, 2024

If you are a Catholic student currently in grade 8 to 12 and are from one of the Catholic parishes in Kelowna, W. Kelowna or Lake Country, we invite you to apply for this sacrament-soaked weekend! This youth conference is filled with talks, small group discussions, lively worship music, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass to help us see the importance of our relationship with the Lord.

Trip cost: \$695.00 (additional funding may be available - please contact your parish office.) Cost includes bus ride from ICC Kelowna, four nights' accommodation, all conference activities, 11 meals, travel medical insurance and entry into Silverwood Theme Park. Space is limited!

Complete these three application steps by April 4:

1. INTERESTED? Email David Z FIRST at: snw.kelowna@gmail.com with 'I'm Interested' in the subject line so that he can watch for the following:
2. Parish Commitment Form signed by teen's parish priest.
3. School-Based Character Reference

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

www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

First Sunday of Lent video of the series titled “Journey through Lent” is now available on the CCCB website:

in English: <https://www.cccb.ca/len/>

in French: <https://www.cecc.ca/careme/>

CWL

CWL members & ALL ladies of the parish are invited to attend the March General Meeting on Tuesday, March 11th at 9:30 am in the church hall.

Father Ferdinand will speak on preparing for Lent and Carol Jones will speak on the youth group trip to Italy.

Father Wayne Pfliger's 50 Anniversary of Ordination

Join in the celebration of Fr. Wayne Pfliger's 50 Anniversary of Ordination on May 9, 2025 at Immaculate Conception Parish.

Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. with dinner to follow in the parish hall at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$35/person and are available at the office, all Kelowna parishes and Loaves and Fishes.

ICC DINNER/DANCES

Upcoming Dinner/Dances @ ICC Parish Centre, 839 Sutherland Ave.

Spring/Easter Dinner/Dance, Friday April 25th 2025

Doors open @ 6:00 (refreshments) | Dinner @ 6:30 | Dancing from 7:30

Music by Vic's Dance Band

Tickets are \$40 per person and are available at Loaves & Fishes — 591 Lawrence Ave | 250-868-8933

 Living with Christ



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

CONTACT US

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Pastor's direct line: 778-478-6288
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 7:00 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: foreec10@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/Liturgy	JoAnn Young	250-317-8965
Liturgy/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	

250-860-6776 -Ext: 202 or formation.scg.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org

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.