

Welcome to *St. Charles Garnier Parish*



**“Blessed is anyone who will eat
bread in the kingdom of God”**

Luke 15:1

Scripture Message:

In the words of Pope Francis, "Mercy is the Essence of the Gospel" (Lk 6:36 Narrates: Be Compassionate as your Heavenly Father is Compassionate". St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit Congregation is of the opinion, in order to become part and parcel of the Gospel passage (Lk 15:1-3; 11-32), every believer should take an active part to play our role as a Father, Elder Brother & the Playboy (Prodigal Son) Let's identify who are we in the scene? (Am I the main Character (Father = God). Supporting figure (Pig Farm Owner, an Observer & Spectator) Younger Brother (Prodigal /Estranged Son) Self-righteous person (Elder brother). 'Who am I?' How do we express our hostility and indignation towards someone who we do not esteem or appreciate? (Probably with negative comments like that of the elder brother who called his estranged brother, 'this son of yours / son of a pitch / idiot') He was also venting his anger at his elderly father, 'all these days I have been working for you, but you have never even given me a pat in the back / appreciated / recognized my sincere work'. To make matters worse, he refused to be part of the Celebration, his elderly dad had arranged to welcome his younger son into their company once more.

"The younger son's coming home after a period of estrangement had given him clarity of thought and mind to recognize the warmth and the care of his home. During his time out, he had suffered intensely without food and comfort. He wanted to satisfy his hunger by having a share with the pigs. Probably suffering and challenges of life had taught him to esteem his home base. Though he was rich and prosperous, he squandered his wealth and property in loose living. He was not industrious but a spendthrift for most part. He had no place to call home either. He became a vagabond. In his misery, he realized, and he took a decision to return home seeking forgiveness from his elderly father and his elder brother. Probably his countenance was down, but with the hope of making peace, he might have mustered strength to return home with all the mixed emotions.

Now let's look at the elderly father's eagerness to see his estranged son's return. Like every parent who eagerly looks for their children's coming home, this elderly father was also looking for his son's return every day, scanning the road/pathways, leading to his property.

Sunday Bulletin *March 30, 2025*

Forth Sunday of Lent

Next week's readings:

1st – Isaiah
43:16-21

2nd – Philippians
3:8-14

Gospel – John
8:1-11

Weekend and Daily Mass Times:

Monday to Friday 8:30 am

Rosary after mass

Saturday 8:30 am Daily Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday Mass

Sunday 8:30 am | 10:30 am | 7:00 pm

Confessions Saturday after:
8:30 am Mass or by appointment

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Tuesday to Friday

Suddenly his eyes became bright when he saw someone marching with humbled countenance. The elderly Dad recognized that it was his Son. He never wasted a moment but took a quick walk towards the boy and embraced him with open arms. He never allowed the younger son to express his pain, anguish and contrition. This Dad overwhelmed the boy with love and affection. He was overjoyed to welcome him home unconditionally. Such is the love of the Father God towards the sinner's return.

Ignatius of Loyola teaches a great lesson... 'We are the Sons & Daughters of our Heavenly Father = God'. We wander away due to our preferences and when we have squandered all the graces and gifts that God has given us, we recognize our estrangements and feel ashamed, but muster strength and return to God's Presence. God our Heavenly Father without reminding us of our failures and weaknesses, welcomes and embraces unconditionally. He never harbors grudges. He is always outgoing to put his arms around us to welcome us into His company. May this season of lent motivate us like this younger son to 'come back home' to the loving embrace of God!

In the Service of the Word.

Gabriel

Mass Intentions

Monday	Mar 31	8:30 am	Int. Joanne Ducharme
Tuesday	Apr 1	8:30 am	All Souls of Purgatory
Wednesday	Apr 2	8:30 am	Int. Joseph Lawrance
Thursday	Apr 3	8:30 am	+ Aggie Turner
Friday	Apr 4	8:30 am	Int. Fr. Obi
Saturday	Apr 5	8:30 am	All Souls of Purgatory
		5:00 pm	
Sunday	Apr 6	8:30 am	+ Jan Janosik
		10:30 am	Int. Renee Burzuk
		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:

<https://springfieldfuneralhome.ca/mass/>

ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH

<http://stcharlesgarnier.ca>
 HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS IS BEING LIVE-STREAMED SUNDAY 8:30

ADORATION CHAPEL

Diocese of Nelson Perpetual Adoration Chapel 839 Sutherland Avenue
 Located off the back of Immaculate Conception Church; the entrance is off the west alley/driveway.

For information phone Lorie: 250-448-5633



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 30

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!



CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

APRIL 4-5, 2025

KELOWNA, BC

Immaculate Conception Church
839 Sutherland Avenue

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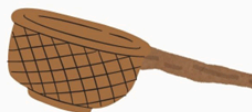
To be added to the schedule as a
reader or usher, please reach out to
Marlene Crane via phone or email.

250-861-4085

cranemarlene@gmail.com



• Readers



• Ushers

The son who
came back

The story of
the prodigal son is a very
well-known parable

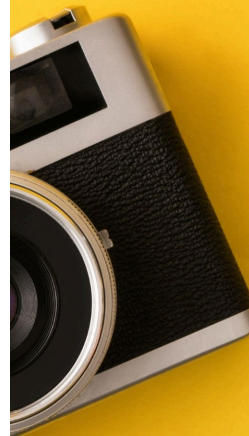
Choose words from the list below to complete the story

FATHER SAD PENNILESS FORTUNE
MONEY HOME SONS

A man had two _____. The younger son asked
his _____ for his share of the father's
_____. The son left _____ and his father
was very _____. The son spent all his
_____ enjoying himself and soon he was
_____ and hungry. 'What should I do?' he
asked himself.

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.
 - Click a time slot that's open.
 - Please choose evening slots if possible; seniors need driving daylight.
- Fill in your name, phone and email
- Click Finalize



In case of illness or other emergency, contact Sr. Phyllis
(rose2175@gmail.com) to cancel or change.

If you choose not to, or cannot have portraits taken by IPC, you
will not get a free photo booklet but can purchase one. (\$20
value).

You can submit a high-quality phone camera photo to S Phyllis
(email above). This may be helpful for family of parishioners in
care homes.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Ozanam Recovery House, a project of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, is a Kelowna-based recovery home for men struggling with addictions and/or mental health issues. Our mission is to promote recovery by providing a Home, Health and Hope. Since opening our doors in 2008, we have helped more than 750 men change their lives!

We are currently recruiting volunteers to support our operation in the following areas:

- Committee Members – We are welcoming people with skills in marketing, social media, fundraising and health/wellness to support our board committees. Time commitment is approximately 2-4 hours per month.

- Board of Directors – We are also accepting applications from people who can provide strong and capable leadership in all areas including finance, communications, public relations, facilities management, and administration. Time commitment is approximately 4-8 hours per month.

This is a great opportunity to gain valuable experience in a stable, well-run not-for-profit while making a difference in your community-.

To learn more or get involved, please contact Jamie Walters, General Manager at: manager@recoverykelowna.ca or call 250-762-4673 (HOPE). www.recoverykelowna.ca



Development and Peace

ShareLent Solidarity Sunday is coming up on April 6 St. Charles Garnier Development and Peace team will be handing out ShareLent envelopes at the weekend Masses on the week of April 5/6.

This an excellent opportunity to do the almsgiving part of Lent.

Please see the link below

https://devp.org/en/usaid-cuts-canada-must-mitigate/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter_march2025&utm_content=en

St. Charles Garnier Development and Peace team, Karen Krout and Caroline Halili.



Gr. 7-12 Kelowna Catholic Youth Group News

Join us Sunday, Mar. 30 and Sunday, Apr. 6 for the last two episodes of The Chosen (Season 4) from 6:15 to 8:30 pm at ICC's Parish Center (use EAST entrance) as we unpack this series together!

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

www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca

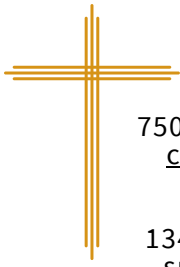


Prepare the way
Make Straight Crooked Paths

A Lenten Retreat
March 29 10-3:30
St. Joseph's Hall, Salmon Arm
Tickets-\$45
www.MountainViewTherapy.ca/events



Mountain View
THERAPY



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**50 Anniversary of Ordination
FATHER WAYNE PFLIGER'S**

Join in the celebration of Fr. Wayne Pfliger's 50th Anniversary of Ordination on Friday 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 Kelowna area parishes and from Loaves and Fishes.



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.

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 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!!



NORTH OKANAGAN DEANERY 2025 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULES		
Parish/School	Date	Time
St. Edwards Parish	Tues. April 01	5:00 pm
St. Joseph's School	Wed. April 02	10:30 am & 12:30 pm
St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Revelstoke)	Thurs. April 03	5:00 pm
St. Pius X Parish	Mon. April 07	5:30 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Tues. April 08	4:00 pm
St. Charles Garnier Parish	Wed. April 09	5:00 pm
Immaculate Conception Parish	Thurs. April 10	3:30 pm
LOLO School	Fri. April 11	10:30 am–11:30 am 12:45 pm–1:30 pm

Announcements

Parish Photo Booklet

- Signup information in the bulletin. Photographer here Apr 21-Apr 26. Book your Appt Soon!

Jubilee Year Bingo Challenge

- Bingo card for each household in the foyer

Soup & Stations

- (Family Stations of the Cross)
Every Wednesday during Lent @ 5:30 pm (except for April 9th & 16th)

Divine Mercy Novena

- Friday, April 18 - 2:30 pm
- Saturday, April 19 to April 26 - 3:00 pm
- Sunday, April 27 – Feast of Divine Mercy
 - 3:00 pm Novena and Adoration
 - 4:00 pm Mass (No 7:00 pm Mass)

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

- Wednesday, April 9th @ 5:00 pm

Journey Through Lent Weekly Video Series

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>



EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday
Saturday, April 12 | 5:00 pm
Sunday, April 13 | 8:30 am
10:30 am | 7:00 pm

Holy Thursday
April 17 | 6:30 pm

Good Friday
April 18 | 12:00 pm | 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday
April 19 | 6:30 pm

Easter
Sunday, April 20 | 8:30 am
10:30 am | 7:00 pm

Parish Schedule

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, March 29	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Daily Morning Mass Sunday Mass
Sunday, March 30	8:30 am 10:30 am 7:00 pm	Sunday Mass - K of C breakfast Sunday Mass - K of C breakfast Sunday Mass
Monday, March 31	1:00—4:00 pm	Card Social
Tuesday, April 1	9:30 am 6:30 pm	CWL - Exec. Meeting RCIA
Wednesday, April 2	9:30 am 4:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Catholic Mom's Connect Catechism—1st Communion Soup and Stations Catechism—Confirmation
Thursday, April 3	9:30 AM 5:30 PM	Bible Study—Church Hall Baptismal Preparation Course
Friday, April 4	6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross