

Welcome to

St. Charles Garnier Parish

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Bulletin – April 6, 2025



Fifth Sunday of Lent

Gospel of John 8:1-11

Next week's readings:

1st – Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd – Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel – Luke 22:14-23:56

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass & Devotions

Livestream click [here](#)

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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being

live-streamed Sunday 8:30 am

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Mon	Apr 7	8:30 am	Int. Joseph Lawrance
Tue	Apr 8	8:30 am	Int. Nada Music
Wed	Apr 9	8:30 am	All Souls of Purgatory
Thu	Apr 10	8:30 am	Int. Fr. Gerald
Fri	Apr 11	8:30 am	Int. Carmen & Bill
Sat	Apr 12	8:30 am 5:00 pm	+ Tony Urbani
Sun	Apr 13	8:30 am	Int. Wally Buhman
		10:30 am	+ Linda Chouinard
		7:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

Scripture Message:

"Yahweh, God of the Hebrews, Bonded with them". (Is 43:16-21) Yahweh, the supreme God of the Hebrews, was responsible for their wellbeing. It was Yahweh who 'formed' them. He was the Creator, Provider, Deliverer & Redeemer (Savior). Even today, He continues to care for His people, with His Love & Protection. He is giving them a 'SpringTime' experience whenever they approach Him with their sincerity of life. The Psalm 126 that we reflect today is the continuation of Yahweh's continued care and intervention not only in the Hebrew's life, but also in all our human endeavors. 'His Closeness' always boosts our Springtime experience, because it is rejuvenating. As a parent holds the young child's hand, Yahweh holds to walk with us in every step of our ways. Even when we make a misstep, He brings us back to His Loving Embrace by showing us great Mercy & Compassion. He consoles us when we are down and uncourageous the bowed down with His Tenderness. He is a God who turns our Weeping / Mourning into Joy with His timely nearness and closeness with His Blessings!

Paul, the Evangelist applies the same principles to Christ, when he explained the 'Christian Relationship' in his letter to Philippians (3:8 -14) 'Christian Faith' is to be rooted and planted in Christ' (Eph 3:17-18) "May Christ dwell in your hearts through Faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love".

Office will be closed on Holy Week

Monday, April 14 to Tuesday, April 22

Carmen will be off from April 11 to May 6. Please let me know if you need anything before Wednesday April 9.

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He further explained that we need to develop a deep longing 'to know Christ' (as he had known Christ on the Road to Damascus), to know the power of His Resurrection, to experience Christ's Suffering in our daily life and activities and finally to be Found in His Love. All these features of our faith, help to get attached to Christ Jesus, and boost us to participate in the Christ Event (The Suffering, Death & Resurrection of Christ) the 'Pascha of the Lord Jesus!'. Such a longing and a realization will be able to help us 'Become a New Creation in Christ' (2 Cor 5:17) This is our Calling at this time of the year to 'Bond with Christ'.

Plato, the 4th Century Philosopher, evolved 'the concept of bonding of humans'. He argued that "Love Leads to an Effective Bonding of Humans". In conclusion he said that Love should be directed and expressed to achieve "Justice, Peace & Harmony", to promote happiness, joy and concord. St. Hildegard, a 12th century mystic, was able to guide us with the 'Human Bonding'. Human relationships begin with 'male & female romantic bindings', leading up to a deeper and lasting relationship. They give expression to 'New Life'. The fetus gets attached to the mother and the mother gets attached to the baby in time and space. The higher and deeper their relationship, that promotes a lasting love and affection between them. Modern Psychologists argue on 'Secure and Insecure Bonding'. Secure bonding leads to a lasting relationship and insecure bonding paves a way for disconnection which is uncomfortable that leads to death of a relationship.

Similarly, Christian experience of life is very much dominated by our 'Bonding with Christ'. If our relationship is 'deep, secure and abiding', we build up a lasting friendship with Christ and the Church. Otherwise, it is just a peripheral or ordinary relationship, and the believer would feel a disconnect at some point in life and end their relationship. Therefore, today's scriptures invite us to 'Strengthen our Relationship with Christ with a Deep and Abiding Bonding'. Paul was able to affirm (Phil 1:21) his faith & commitment: "For me to live is Christ, and die is gain. If I die, I die for the Lord. If I live, I live for the Lord. Whether I live or die, I am the Lord's". We are encouraged to develop and sustain this mindset of Christ, as we enter into the Holy Week Ceremonies. All the best.

In the Service of the Word!

Gabriel



Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said by Fr. Ferdinand daily in the parish from April 18th 2:30 pm and April 19th to 26th at 3:00 pm

April 27 3:00 pm-followed by Adoration

4:00 pm Mass

(there will be no 7:00 pm Mass on this day)

PHOTO BOOKLET

SPECIAL REQUEST

As part of the photo booklet, Father Gerald asked for **photos of the Mass communities** for the four Masses on the **weekend of June 7 and 8**. Two pictures for each Mass: one of the **adults**, one of the **children**.

Organizations within the parish could wear identifying clothing if they wish. Pictures could be outside or inside depending on weather.

We also need a photo of the Columbarium and Stations of the Cross for the booklet. A total of eight final photos. **This is not connected with the company that is taking individual photos.**

The parishioner who would have helped with this has medical issues. So...**we need a parish photographer** who could organize the eight photos that weekend and take the two additional photos.

Can you help? If so, please contact the Directory Committee through Sr. Phyllis rose2175@gmail.com

PARISH PHOTO BOOKLET

Please make your appointments as soon as possible.

- 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.**
- Click a time slot that's open. **Please choose evening slots if possible;** seniors may need driving daylight appointments.
- Fill in name, phone and email
- Click Finalize (You should get an email confirmation.)

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**.

You can choose to purchase photo portraits by the photographer if you wish, but **purchase is not necessary to receive one free photo booklet** when they are printed. For those who choose not to purchase photos from the company, booklets will be available for purchase for \$20 when they are printed.

However, instead **you can submit a high-quality phone camera photo** to Sr. Phyllis (email above) if you wish. It will help make the photo directory more complete. This might also be helpful for family members who are in care homes but consider themselves part of the parish.

Gr. 7-12 Kelowna Catholic Youth Group News

Join us next Sunday, Apr. 13 (Passion Sunday) for LifeTeen's Stations of the Cross from 6:15 to 8:30 pm at ICC's Parish Center (use EAST entrance)! This is a very meaningful way to head into Holy Week! Snacks are always great, and the company of other Catholic teens even better!

For more information or to RSVP for any of our events and download our Youth Group registration form, go to www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca

Family Mass

Once a month during the 10:30 Mass children grade 2 and older can sign up to do the jobs within the Mass. Ministries children can be a part of include: reading, greeting, bringing up the collection & joining the Children's Choir.

NEXT FAMILY MASS: Sunday, April 27th, 2025

To sign up for Family Mass, please contact Lindsay Rowe via email (lindsaynrowe@gmail.com)

To sign up for Children's Choir, please contact Abbey Ackerman via text (250-899-4384) or email (aerackerman@gmail.com)

Message from Bishop Bart

Thanks to everyone who took the time to come to the Parish Mission, who worked to make it a success and who welcomed me to Kelowna. It was nice to see all of you. My time at St. Charles Garnier Parish will always be a part of me. Thank you also for your generosity to the Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador. The money collected will be used for the support of our seminarian and for the upcoming workshop for priests and Parish Pastoral Councils that will bring renewal to our parishes. Fraternally in Christ,
Bishop Bart

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 Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday April 9 @ 5:00 pm

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

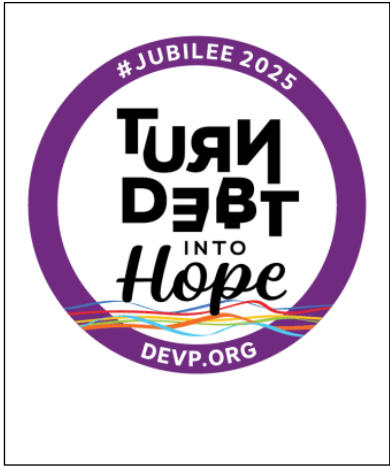
Kelowna and area chaplency

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!!

Are you called to be a Catechist?

Help the next generation embrace the depths of their faith! We need parishioners of our parish who feel called to this ministry to help us deliver the programs for First Communion & Confirmation in the 2025/2026 school year.

The commitment would range between 2-3 times a month. Please contact Amanda Tian Seng for more details (formation.scg.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)



Turn debt into hope

Share Lent 2025

Special collection April 6

Pope Francis has declared 2025 the Year of the Jubilee, calling on us to be "Pilgrims of Hope." Echoing the Jubilee campaign of 2000, he asks us to "forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them" (Spes non confundit, 16). We respond to his call by joining the Caritas Internationalis campaign Turn Debt into Hope to stop the debt crisis by cancelling or remedying unjust debts, and by preventing debt crises from happening again by addressing their root causes. See the campaign: <https://devp.org/en/campaign/turn-debt-into-hope/>

CONTACT US

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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
 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

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

Ministry Coordinators

If you wish to become involved contact the Parish Office

Children's Liturgy Allison Knittig	778-477-3790
Eucharistic Ministers Dave Crane	250-861-4085
CMC/Children Choir:	
Abbey Ackerman	250-899-4384
Julia Orr	250-718-0060
Women's Ministry Joelle Schmidt	250-470-8901
Altar Servers Jon 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 Peac Karen Krout	karenjkrou@gmail.com
Hospital Visitation Ethel Robidoux	250-860-2101
Care-Home Visitation Chriss Schmidt	250-763-4798
Youth Ministry:	
www.kelownacatholicityouthgroup.ca	
Religious Ed Coordinator Amanda Tian Seng	250-860-6776 -Ext: 202 or
formation.scg.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org	

Other contact numbers

DIOCESE OF NELSON
CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTRE 250-448-2725
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL 250-763-3371
IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL 250-762-2730
CLUBHOUSE DAYCARE 250-860-4393
ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER
 250-764-4333
FREEDOM'S DOOR 250-717-0472
info@freedomdoorskelowna.com
GRIEF TO GRACE 250-870-8517 -
www.GriefftoGrace.org
KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE 250-870-4103
kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com
OZANAM HOUSE 250-762-4673
manager@ozanamhouse.com
PREGNANCY CARE 250-763-2112
RACHEL'S VINEYARD 250-762-2273
info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com



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.