



# St. Charles Garnier Parish

September 8, 2024

Twentieth Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.



He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.

Mark 7:31-37

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## SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

"Jesus the Great Healer" (Is 35:4-5) 'God will open the eyes of the blind. Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He comes to Save'. Jesus healed not only the Physical Infirmities, but also the Spiritual Ailments'. He surprised those who came to him in faith and trust. He treated everyone with great concern and humor. Jesus was never judgmental, says St. James in our 2nd reading today. In the Old Testament, we were told constantly about the stupendous acts of God on behalf of the Israelites, especially their release from slavery and care in the wilderness for 40 years. God gave them Hope despite their stubbornness of heart. In the same way Jesus gives Hope to all who look forward to God with optimism for a blessing. It may be a physical healing or spiritual nourishment or some other request/petition/intercession.

Today's Gospel (Mk 7:31-27) Explains the "Healing Touch of Christ". Jesus laid his hands on the 'Deaf & Dumb' person. This touch of Christ is the 'Sacramental Touch'. Through the ministry of the Church, Jesus is touching millions and millions of people every day. Sacramental grace flows when we lay our hands on people in an atmosphere of blessing. The apostles laid their hands on the sick and brought the sick people to health and wellbeing. 'Cure' is the blessing we receive by the touch of Christ, irrespective of the Holiness of the Minister who touches us, because it is God who bestows grace / blessing. Jesus the Messiah has the power to heal and comfort. 'Touch is a Sacramental Gesture'. Jesus touched the eye of the blind man. He used his 'saliva' in another incident to touch. Jesus touched the 'ears' of the blind man and said, 'apheta', 'be opened'. Jesus touched him to loosen his tongue from his speech impediment.

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Sep 9	8:30 am	Int. Sr. Mary Ellen Kenny
Tue	Sep 10	8:30 am	Int. Suzanne & Michael Simourd
Wed	Sep 11	8:30 am	✠ Maria & Wald Plachta
Thu	Sep 12	8:30 am	Int. Diane Beamish
Fri	Sep 13	8:30 am	✠ Diane Bell
Sat	Sep 14	8:30 am 5:00 pm	✠ William Ferguson Int. Leonor Praticante
Sun	Sep 15	8:30 am	✠ Teysi Quiroz Mata
		10:30 am	
		7:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

### Next Week's Readings

1	<b>Isaiah</b> —	50:5-9
2	<b>James</b> —	2:14-18
Gospel	<b>Mark</b> —	8:27-35

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(Most often the Baptismal Ceremony has this sacramental touch to help the baptized to listen to the Word of God) Prophet Ezekiel 34:27 Reminds; "You shall Speak & Your mouth shall be Opened".

At the cure of the "Dumb Person", the crowd got excited, amazed and wondered at the miraculous power of Christ. They were commending, 'He has done everything well'. The Book of Genesis 1:31 Reports, "God saw everything He has created and said, it was very good". God heals and makes his children hear and speak His glory. Healing grace is 'God's benevolence to the humans. 'Deafness and other Communication related Disorders Institute' reports, there are approximately 7.5 million people suffering with speech related disorders in the modern world...who also have mental disorders. These people require rigorous speech and correctional services. The Church cautions us that 'we should never ridicule those with speech impediments. This will cause them severe damage. 'Deafness is described as hearing loss. About 62 million people over 60 years of age suffer with hearing loss. But we, as God's children, are given the ability to 'hear and speak'. The Church invites us to express / profess our faith in Jesus, loud & clear. We will be 'dumb' if we do not express our faith. We will be 'deaf', when we do not listen to "His Healing Message' of Love. In that case we will only be hearing 'sounds', but not the message of 'His Deep & Abiding Love'.

All the best.

In the Service of the Word!

Gabriel

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## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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**Let the little children come to me,**  
and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven  
belongs to such as these.

Matthew 19:14

The ministry of Children's liturgy at St. Charles Garnier can help to achieve these words of our Lord. We are in need of instructors during the 10:30 mass that takes place on the 1st to 3rd weekends. We gather before the first reading and return to the church during the offertory. We need help to both lead as well as be a second adult to fulfill the diocese's safe environment protocol. It has been a blessing to teach the children about the faith of the church reflecting on the Gospel. We are willing to accept whatever commitment that you can provide. Safe environment training (2 hours) and criminal record check are required by the diocese and is good for 5 years.

We welcome all ages from college/university to those young at heart.

Please contact me at:

[alr133@hotmail.com](mailto:alr133@hotmail.com)

or call or text:

778-214-0471

Allison

Children's Liturgy

coordinator



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## CWL

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Please plan to attend our first General Meeting after summer break Tuesday, September 10, 2024 - 9:30 am in the parish hall.

We so look forward to seeing you all again!

Fr. Gerald will introduce us to Fr. Ferdinand who will tell us a little about himself.

Come and meet him!

And, meet up with old friends and new!

Refreshments will be served.

Hope to see many of you there!

ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH  
ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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## OKCC

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Okanagan Korean Catholic Community  
(OKCC)

Cordially invites Korean to a KOREAN LANGUAGE  
MASS to be held at:

St. Pius X Church, Kelowna.

On September 22

At 4th Sunday at 3 pm

Confessions at 2:30 pm

Fellowship after from 4:00-5:30 pm by Fr. PARK Francisco, of Vancouver St. Andrew Church.

**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](#)

**NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS—DIOCESE OF NELSON**



News and Announcements from Diocese of Nelson please click [here](#).



For Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website click [here](#).

**CHALICE**



Give a gift click [here](#).

**PARISH CALENDAR**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, Sep 7	8:30 am	Daily Morning Mass
	5:00 pm	Sunday Mass
Sunday, September 8	8:30 am	Sunday Mass
	10:30 am	Sunday Mass
	7:00 pm	Sunday Mass
Monday to Friday	8:30 am	Morning Mass—Rosary after Mass
Tuesdays and Wednesdays		Confessions after 8:30 am Mass
Monday, September 9	1:00 pm	Cards Social Group
Tuesday, September 10	9:30 am	CWL—General Meeting
	10:30 am	Mass—Mountainview
Wednesday, September 11	9:15	SSVP Meeting
	9:30 am	Catholic Mom’s Connect
Thursday, September 12	9:30 am	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	K of C General Meeting





**REGISTRATION OPEN**

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION**

**CLASS TIMES**  
**1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist**  
**Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm**

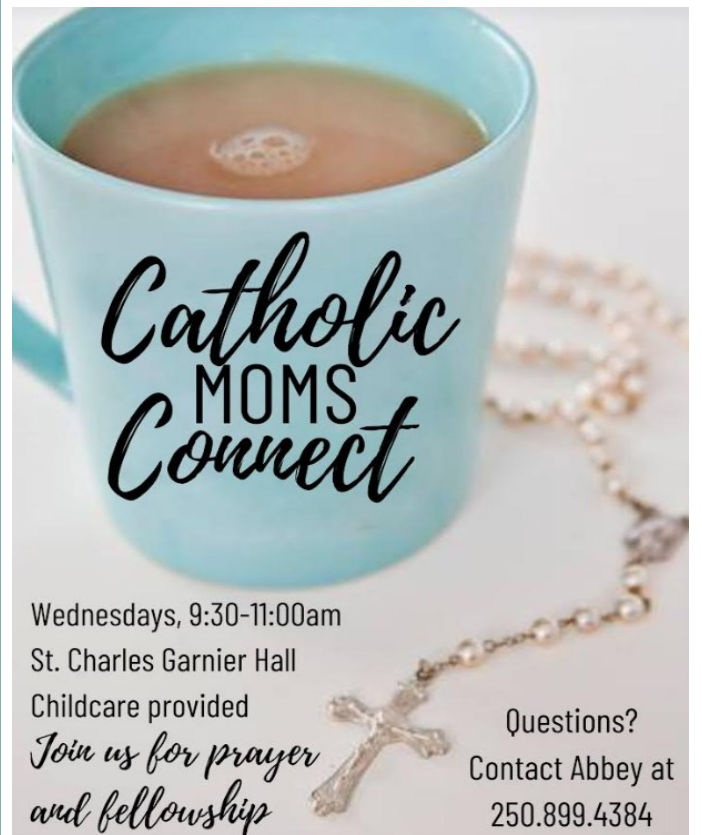
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**Confirmation**  
**Wednesdays 7-8:15pm**

**CLASSES BEGIN SEPT 18TH**

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL  
**FORMATION.SCG.KELOWNA@NELSONDIOCESE.ORG**

REGISTRATION FORMS ON PARISH WEBSITE.  
 GO TO EDUCATION AND CLICK ON SACRAMENTS.



**Catholic MOMS Connect**

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am  
 St. Charles Garnier Hall  
 Childcare provided  
*Join us for prayer and fellowship*

Questions?  
 Contact Abbey at  
 250.899.4384

REGISTRATION OPEN

**RCIA**  
 (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Begins September 2024 | Program run by Fr. Ferdinand



Registration forms can be found on the parish website or in the foyer of the church. Completed forms can be dropped off at the parish office or emailed to Amanda at the email below. Questions can also be sent to the following email:  
 formation.scg.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org.


**RCIA—Begins September 17 @ 7:00 pm.**  
 Please submit your registration forms before September 14 at the parish office.

**The Hills are Alive with the Sound of Music**

*All proceeds in support of Seton House of Prayer*

**Featuring:**

<b>African Drummers</b>	<b>Vic's Dance Band</b>
<b>Blakey Okanagan Irish Dancers</b>	<b>Tony Serka</b>
<b>Nelson Diocese Clergy Choir</b>	<b>Filipino Dancers</b>
<b>Our Lady of Lourdes School Choir</b>	<b>LOLOL Parish Family Choir</b>
<b>Cecella's Classical Piano</b>	<b>Ukrainian Dancers</b>
<b>St. Charles Garnier Singers</b>	<b>Holy Cross Guitar Club</b>
<b>Jimenez Family Singers</b>	<b>50/50 Draw</b>
<b>Silent Auction</b>	<b>Door prizes and more....</b>



Monday, October 21, 2024 | Immaculata High School Gymnasium

Doors @ 5:30 p.m. | Performance @ 6:30 p.m.

**Tickets: Adults \$30, Students \$15 (13-18), Children \$10 (12 and under)**

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson



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](mailto:scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org)

Or call Ethel @ 250-860-2101

**THANKSGIVING DINNER/DANCE  
AT ICC PARISH CENTRE  
TURKEY DINNER!!!!**



**FRIDAY OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>**

Doors open @ 6:00/refreshments  
Dinner @ 6:30 🎵 Dancing from 7:30

Music by... Vic's Dance Band  
Tickets are \$40.00 per person

Tickets are available now at Loaves & Fishes  
591 Lawrence Avenue, 250-868-8933

*Help*



**St. Charles Garnier** invites you to participate in the formation of a committee to produce a Parish Photo Directory for our church.

**Why a Parish Photo Directory?**

A parish directory:

- builds community by creating awareness of the congregation as a family
- helps members recognize one another by name and it is an invaluable reference guide
- provides a historical record for future generations
- is an excellent outreach tool for inactive and potential new members
- is a proven fund-raiser.
- If you can participate, please email [joannyoung@shaw.ca](mailto:joannyoung@shaw.ca)



**Connect  
Watch  
Discuss**

**ALPHA YOUTH SERIES**

Sundays 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
St. Pius X Hall

Call 250-762-2587 or 250-231-3838 to register

Alpha

**Explore life,  
faith and God in  
a relaxed,  
low-pressure  
environment**



**Taste of Africa!**

Sunday, September 29th

11 am Mass at St. Pius X followed by  
Lunch & Activities in the hall

Everyone Welcome - Entrance by Donation  
Join us for Faith, Fellowship &  
Community Building



**MADE FOR THIS MOMENT**

Esther 4:14



PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE ANNUAL BANQUET

Evangel Church 3261 Gordon Drive  
6:00 to 9:00  
Doors open at 5:30

**SEPT | 26<sup>th</sup> | 2024**

TICKETS: \$30 PER PERSON/ TABLE OF 8 FOR \$240  
GET YOUR TICKETS: 250.763.2112

**St. Pius X  
Knights of Columbus  
Pancake Breakfast**



**This Sunday,  
September 8th**  
After all masses  
In the St. Pius X  
Church Hall



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## YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF

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Although we will normally be Sunday nights again this year, we will be kicking off the year by joining the teen session at Catholic Family Camp (Easter Seal Camp) on Friday, Sept. 6 Here are the details ...

- When: Friday, Sept. 6.
- Drop Off: 4:30 pm at ICC Parish Center EAST entrance (travel by school bus)
- Pick Up: 11:00 pm at ICC Parish Center EAST entrance (travel by school bus)
- What: **BBQ Dinner** (sponsored by Knights of Columbus), **KEYNOTE TALK** by guest speaker Fr. Kenneth and then **Teen Talk & NIGHT GAMES** (Beasley Park) with Faith Room's Jean-Paul de Fleuriot
- **Bring: Active gear, jacket and your 2024-25 Youth Registration Form**

**RSVP required by Tuesday, Sept. 3**

**To RSVP for this event and download your registration form, go to [www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca](http://www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca)**

### **Upcoming Events:**

Connected Teen Series ~ Sunday Nights 6:15 to 8:15 pm  
~ ICC Parish Center

Looking forward to seeing you there!!

David, Leanne, Laura and Nicole

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## DIVINE WILL

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The DIVINE WILL Prayer Group of Kelowna, studying the life of Luisa Piccarreta and her writings in the Book of Heaven, concerning the Kingdom of the Divine Will, extend this invitation to form a new study group. For further information, please contact Paulette Martins at 250-570-2967 or [paulettm1962@gmail.com](mailto:paulettm1962@gmail.com)  
OR Marilyn Slivinski 250-862-1285 or [maslivinski@gmail.com](mailto:maslivinski@gmail.com)

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## SEASON OF CREATION

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# TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*

(Rom 8:19-25)

**The theme for 2024 is**

**To hope and act with Creation**

In the letter of Paul the apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Canticle of Creatures. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used.

And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life springs forth.

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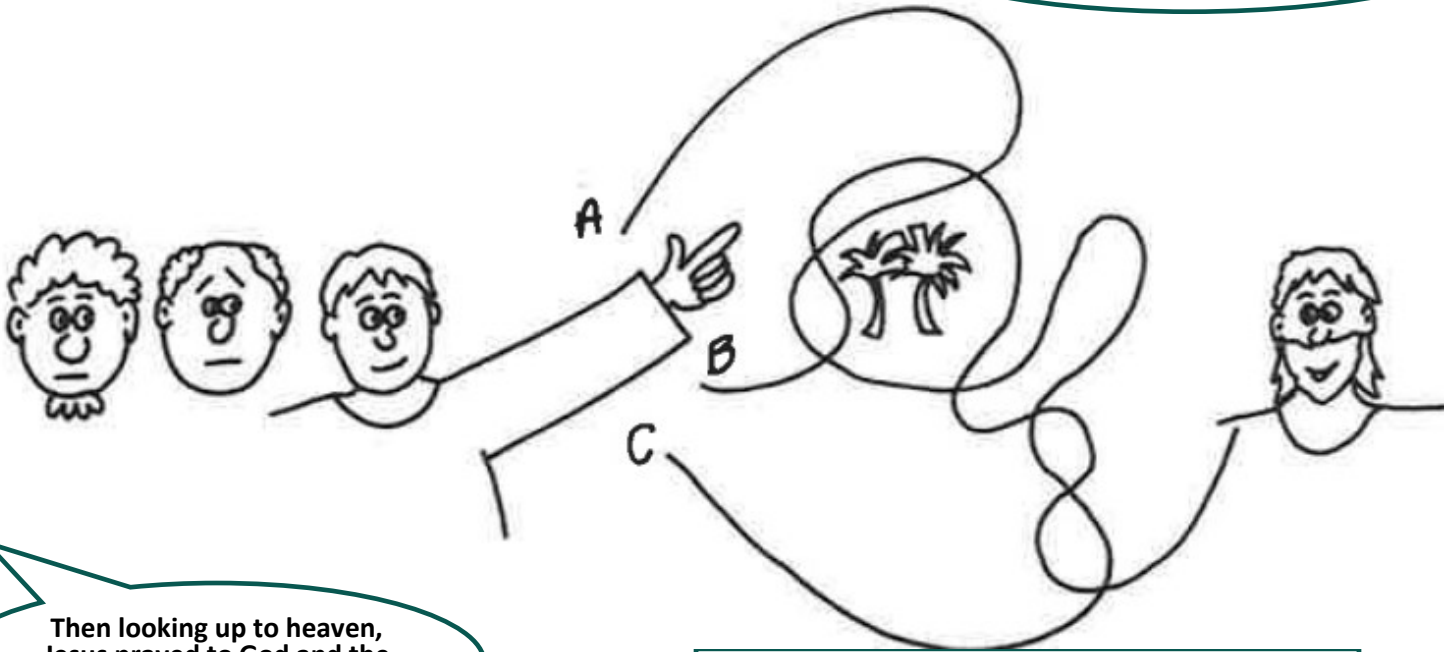
# Twentieth Third Sunday of the Year (B)

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## Jesus cures a deaf man

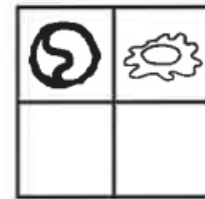
Did they take road A, B or C? Circle the letter

The people brought a deaf man who could not speak properly to meet Jesus

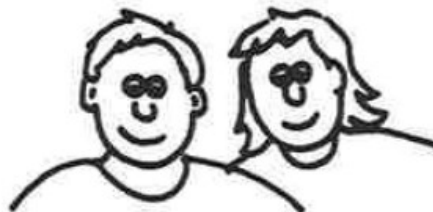
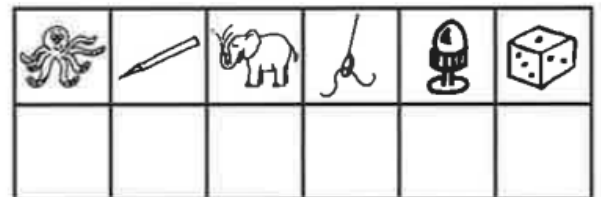


Then looking up to heaven, Jesus prayed to God and the man was healed!

Write the first letter of each object to find what this word means



'Ephphatha!'



Mark 7:34

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**



- Pastor**—Fr. Gerald
- Chair**—Stephen Horsman
- Co-Chair**—Christine Schmidt
- Liturgy**—Marlene Crane
- Financial**—Kevin Schmidt
- Maintenance**—Margaret Radi
- SSVP**—Arnie Schneider
- K of C**—Paul King
- CWL**—Debbie Cloutier
- Outreach**—Abbey Ackerman
- Recorder**—Leah Drebit
- Special Activities**—Carmen & Alan Walisser

**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 [bettvannrichard@gmail.com](mailto:bettvannrichard@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](http://www.stcharleskoc.com)  
 Meet second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.  
 Grand Knight: Paul Schembri [pjaaas@gmail.com](mailto:pjaaas@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](mailto: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
- 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 . . . . . Brenda Korby . . . . . 250-859-0840
  - Safe Environment Coordinator . . . . . Gino Servedio . . . . . 250-764-3182
  - Ushers . . . . . Rhonda Sali -[rhondasali@gmail.com](mailto:rhondasali@gmail.com)
  - Pilgrimage of Faith . . . . . Karen Krout -[karenkrout@gmail.com](mailto:karenkrout@gmail.com)
  - Development and Peace . . . . . Ethel Robidoux . . . . . 250-860-2101
  - Hospital Visitation . . . . . Christine Schmidt . . . . . 250-763-4798
  - Care-Home Visitation . . . . . [www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca/](http://www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca/)
  - Youth Ministry . . . . . Amanda Tian Seng . . . . .
  - Religious Ed Coordinator . . . . . 250-860-6776 -Ext: 202 or [formation.scg.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:formation.scg.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)

**CONTACT NUMBERS**

- 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](mailto:info@freedomdoorkelowna.com) . . . . . 250-717-0472
- GRIEF TO GRACE** . . . . . [www.GriefftoGrace.org](http://www.GriefftoGrace.org) . . . . . 250-870-8517
- KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE** . [kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com](mailto:kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com) . . . . . 250-870-4103
- OZANAM HOUSE** . . . [manager@ozanamhouse.com](mailto:manager@ozanamhouse.com) . . . . . 250-762-4673
- PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE** . . . . . 250-763-2112
- RACHEL'S VINEYARD** . . . [info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com) . . . . . 250-762-2273
- REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES** . . . . . 250-763-7892
- [reachoutokanagan@gmail.com](mailto:reachoutokanagan@gmail.com)
- CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN** . . . [www.canadianfoodforchildren.ca](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.stcharlesgarnier.ca) where you can sign up for the bulletin to be emailed to you each week.