



# St. Charles Garnier Parish

December 1, 2025

## First Sunday of Advent

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress...

Luke 21:25

hope



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### SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

'Advent is a Season/Time of Joy', according to Pope Benedict XVI. It's an interior Joy that no suffering can snatch or take away. We carry this joy with us looking forward to the future with Hope & Confidence. We eagerly await its arrival & wish to experience the Presence of Eternity. The word 'Advent' is translated as, 'Presence, Arrival & Coming', says the Pope. We pause in silence to behold & understand this Presence. Technically the word 'advent' indicates the arrival of an official, or visit of a King, Emperor to a Province. Christian people Celebrate Advent on behalf of the 'Coming of the Divinity' for a human relationship in the Person of Christ the Messiah as a Child in the Manger. Jesus the King enters into the Poor Province called the 'earth' to have a visit with the humans. He visits us in several forms and ways all through our lives. The letter to the Hebrews 13:8 tells: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever".

Prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16 Predicts 'Hope' / Dawn of Messianic Era through the phrase, 'Righteous Branch' & Jesus is this righteous branch & the future King in the Davidic Dynasty who would fulfill the Covenant Promises. Israel's future would rest on the 'New Covenant and the New David' (Jer 33:19-26) and 'He is Israel's hope for the future'. (Jer 31:35-37) Righteousness is rooted in Justice, Integrity, Blameless Conduct and Impeccable Reputation. 'He is the Shoot of David' (Jer 23 5-6) 'A shoot springs up from the stock of Jesse' (Is11:1) 'I now raise my servant branch' (Zech 3:8) "Here is a man, whose name is Branch (He will rebuild the Sanctuary of Yahweh. The birth of this Ideal King is defined in 2 Samuel 7:11-16... "I will build a House" is realized in (Is 9:5-6) "A child is born for us, who is mighty God and on Him the Spirit of Yahweh rests" (Is 11:1-9) Jesus accomplishes this Hope & Promise through his birth.

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Dec 2	8:30 am	Int. Del Stone † Devon Vandermeal
Tue	Dec 3	8:30 am	† Beverly McNamara † Walter Serhan
Wed	Dec 4	8:30 am	Int. Prayer Group † Dorothy Schembri
Thu	Dec 5	8:30 am	Int. Joseph Lawrance Int. Tony Morobito
Fri	Dec 6	8:30 am	† Russ Radi
Sat	Dec 7	8:30 am 5:00 pm	† Antoinette & Louis Patry Int. Norman Robidoux
Sun	Dec 8	8:30 am	† Russ Radi † Ronald Campbell
		10:30 am	Int. Joseph Lawrence
		7:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

### Next Week's Readings

1	<b>Baruch</b> —	5:1-9
2	<b>Philippians</b> —	1:3-6, 8-11
Gospel	<b>Luke</b> —	3:1-6

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Today we inaugurate the 1st Sunday of the New Liturgical Year 'C', which invites us to prepare for the Second Coming of Christ', while remembering the First Coming of Christ at Christmas. His first coming foretold the Salvation and the second coming will be celebrated as Judge...Therefore today's Scriptures encourage us to be 'vigilant' and eagerly wait for His coming, in the mystery of incarnation. Advent is a time of Waiting for the manifestation of the glory of God, says Cardinal Newman. Let's get ready to welcome and behold our King Messiah during this Holy Season of Grace.

All the best.

In the Service of the Word!

Gabriel

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### JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

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The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Advent with the Most Rev. Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2024.

A joint initiative of the National Liturgy Office, the Office national de liturgie and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis.

#### First Sunday of Advent 2024

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

The videos will be uploaded one at a time on a weekly basis throughout Advent and will be available on the CCCB website each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday Eucharistic Celebration (25 November, 2 December, 9 December and 16 December). There are several ways to stay informed of these weekly updates:

**Bookmark** the home page of the CCCB website <https://www.cccb.ca/>

**Subscribe** to the CCCB's e-mail news service

<https://www.cccb.ca/news/subscribe/>;

**Subscribe** to the CCCB's YouTube channel

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[CCCB \(@CCCB\\_CECC\) / X \(twitter.com\)](#)

Subscribe to the newsletter of the CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. 'Encounter', by visiting

<https://www.cccb.ca/oec/encounter/>

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### UPDATE FROM THE PARISH DIRECTORY COMMITTEE

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The October 2025 feast of St. Charles Garnier will have something special to celebrate – the completion and publication of our updated parish photobook!

The Directory Committee considered several options for companies to handle the process for us and decided to go with IPC Canada Photo Services, who will be able to coordinate our process from beginning to end. Hopefully, one booklet per family will be provided free of charge. There will be no private information included in the booklet.

Photo appointments will be planned for the spring of 2025 when snow jackets will no longer be the fashion of the day.

The photographer will offer private family photos for a charge.

We'll keep you abreast of developments as time goes on.

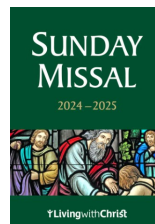
And we know our photobook will be a wonderful keepsake and useful tool for years to come!



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If you like your tax receipt of 2024 to be e-mailed, please contact the office @

[scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org)



Sunday Missals are available at the church office.

\$ 7.00 each



Monthly Missals are available at the church office.

\$ 3.75 each

## 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

To order gifts, please call:

1-800-776-6855

or visit:

<https://chalice.ca/gift-catalogue/>



### PARISH CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, Nov 30	8:30 am 9:30—12:00 5:00 pm	Daily Morning Mass Dying with Christ—Living with Hope (2nd session) Sunday Mass
Sunday, Dec 1	8:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass—Kids Liturgy
<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Morning Mass—Rosary after Mass
Saturday		Confessions after Mass or by appointment (please call the office)
Monday, Dec 2	1:00—4:00 pm	<b>CHURCH—Carpet installation</b> Card Social Group
Tuesday, Dec 3	9:30 7:00 pm	<b>CHURCH—Carpet installation</b> CWL-Executive Meeting RCIA
Wednesday, Dec 4	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	<b>CHURCH—Carpet installation</b> SSVP Meeting Catholic Moms Connect <b>CANCELED—Catechism—1st Communion</b> Catechism—Confirmation
Thursday, Dec 5	9:30 am	<b>CHURCH—Carpet installation</b> Bible Study





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

*CWL*

*Christmas Luncheon*

**Date:** Tuesday, December 10th, 2024

**Meeting:** 11:00 a.m.

**Luncheon:** 12:00 p.m.

**Place:** St. Charles Garnier Parish Hall

**Tickets:** \$25.00/person

Tickets can be purchased in the church foyer this weekend, in the office or e-transfer to [bettyannrichard@gmail.com](mailto:bettyannrichard@gmail.com)

**DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS Dec 2, 2024**

# Advent & Christmas Festival



We warmly invite you to our annual ADVENT & CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL on Friday, December 13th at 6:30 pm

This year's theme is:

"Around the World-Through the Ages,"

celebrating the diverse cultures within our parish community.

We encourage you to bring the entire family!

Additionally, please bring a tray of snacks or sweets that reflect your culture to share in the hall after the festival.

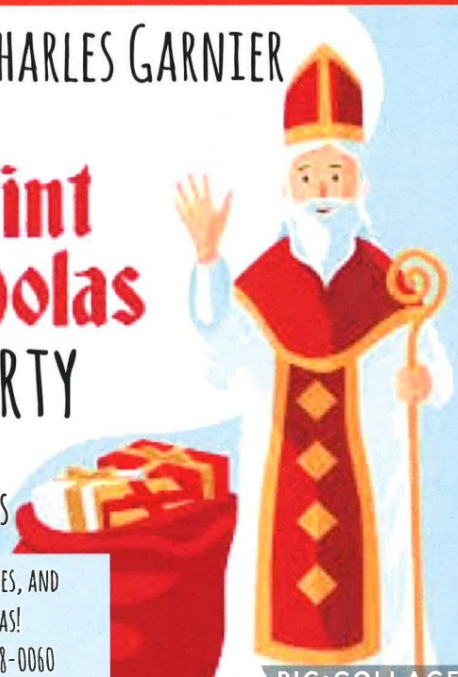


ST. CHARLES GARNIER

# Saint Nicholas PARTY

DECEMBER 8  
AFTER 10:30 MASS

JOIN US FOR LUNCH, GAMES, AND  
A VISIT FROM ST NICHOLAS!  
RSVP: JULIA ORR, 250-718-0060



PIC•COLLAGE

Please consider volunteering for the St. Nicholas Party!  
Volunteer sign up sheet in the foyer.



# Family Mass

Once a month during the 10:30 Mass children grade 2 or older can sign up to do the jobs within the Mass. Ministries children can be a part of include: reading, greeting, or bringing up the collection.

**NEXT FAMILY MASS:** Sunday, December 15th

To sign up for Family Mass, please contact Lindsay Rowe via email ([lindsayrowe@gmail.com](mailto:lindsayrowe@gmail.com))

**SSVP**



On the initiative of Pope Francis, the World Day of the Poor was Sunday November 17, 2024.

On this day the Society of St Vincent de Paul launched the annual Christmas Hamper campaign.

As in years past, we will be giving a 'gift card hamper' to households that we have helped throughout the year at a luncheon December 14.

Employees at Crowe MacKay Accounting Firm will be donating gifts for children.

The Knight of Columbus are providing new winter jackets.

Last year your generosity provided Christmas cheer to 78 households with 125 adults and 60 children.

**This year we have 72 households.**

**We thank you in advance** for taking a donation envelope from the foyer and returning it anytime to the office or to one of the Vincentians at mass.

Or donate online by accessing the QR code on the envelope which links you directly to our Canada Helps page.

Our neighbours in need are very grateful for your generosity.

**PERPETUAL 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.

Our Lord Jesus is inviting you to visit Him in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

Scheduled Volunteer Hours available are:  
Sun: 7 am & 4 pm | Mon: 1 am & 2 am | Wed: 1 am, 2 am, 3 am & 2 pm | Thurs: 1 am | Fri: 12 am | Sat: 2 pm  
Spares are always needed. Shared times available! For information phone:

Lorie: 250-448-5633



**ICC**



Knights of Columbus present:  
Inter-Faith Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long  
accompanied on the Rogers Organ  
**December 17, 2024 at 7pm**  
At Immaculate Conception Church.  
Families of all Faiths are welcome.  
Christmas Reception to follow.

**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

SCG—Guide to Giving		2024			
November	3	10	17	24	Total
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	8,350	8,350	8,350	8,350	33,400
Monthly automatic bank donations received (SAG)			9,437		
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	13,842	5,747	8,574	4,452	
E-transfers received					
Monthly total to date	13,842	19,589	37,600	42,052	

**SCGP—Donations**

E-transfers are accepted at St. Charles Garnier Parish  
Send your offering via e-transfer to:

[etransfer.SC GK@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.SC GK@nelsondiocese.org)

no password is required.

QR Code





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## CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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### Grade 7-12 Kelowna Catholic Youth Group News!

To kick off the Advent Season, we will be meeting at St. Pius X Parish for their Christmas Festival and Carols from 4:00 to 5:45 pm. This is a whole family gathering, and it promises to be another great event like last year. No ticket is needed to attend. Freewill offering will be taken for St. Vincent de Paul Society to help bring joy and hope to the poor this Christmas!



### Upcoming Date to Note

Sunday, December 8 ~ 6:00 - 8:45 pm  
~ Christmas Movie Night ~ ICC Parish Center ~

### Last Gathering Until January

For more information about these events or to register for our Youth Group, go to [www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca](http://www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca)

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## Prayer for Vocations

Eternal God...

Bless your church with holy and faithful priests, deacons, brothers and sisters.

Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in Him, with Him, and through Him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere.

With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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-St. Nicholas Party on Sunday, Dec 8th after 10:30 Mass. Please consider volunteering for the party. Sign up sheets for both the party & volunteering can be found in the foyer.

-Advent Festival on Friday, Dec 13th @ 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to attend! Please bring a tray of snacks or sweets to share that reflect your culture.

-The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has launched the annual Christmas Hamper Campaign. Donation envelopes & digital QR code can be found in the foyer.

-Christmas Novena Masses December 16th through 24th @ 7am.

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## ICC

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### POLISH MASS

Fr. Waldemar Karciarz will be visiting Immaculate Conception Church in December to celebrate mass and hear confession for our Polish Community (in Polish).

#### SCHEDULE:

#### **Reconciliations:**

Friday December 13th, 4:00—7:30

Saturday December 14th, 12:30—3:30

**Mass** will be celebrated Sunday December 15th at 3:00 pm.



Immaculate Conception Church's Knights of Columbus will be hosting its annual Mass and dinner in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 5:30pm At Immaculate Conception Church. Dinner tickets are available for purchase at the ICC office or at Loaves & Fishes.

**Early-bird ticket prices** are \$35 per adult, and children under 10 years old are free.

A table of 8 will cost \$240.

# First Sunday of Advent (C)

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Be ready to welcome Jesus!!

Jesus will come again—but only God knows when

Write the letter that is missing from the second word in the box

In BEAR



but not ARE

In MILE

but not MILL



In ROSY

but not POSY



In SWEET



but not SWAT



In SAIL



but not SILL

In DANCE

but not PRANCE

In YELLOW

but not FELLOW




What must we remember to do? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus told us how we will know that the end of time has come

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Use the code to fill in the blanks and find out what we must watch for!

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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**



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**Chair**—Stephen Horsman  
**Co-Chair**—Christine Schmidt  
**Liturgy**—Marlene Crane  
**Financial**—Kevin Schmidt  
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**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 [bettyannrichard@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.stcharleskoc.com)  
 Meet second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.  
 Grand Knight: . . . . . Paul Schembri . . . . . [pjaas@gmail.com](mailto: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](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  
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 Music . . . . . JoAnn Young. . . . . 250-317-8965  
 Readers. . . . . Marlene Crane. . . . . 250-861-4085  
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 Amanda Tian Seng . . . . .

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[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.