



St. Charles Garnier Parish

December 15, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.

Luke 3:11

joy



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SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

Mother Mary is the recipient of "Joy (Chara) & Wisdom (Sophia)". God's full flow of 'Favour' was on her. The angel greeted her with the phrase, 'Hail, full of grace' (Rejoice, so highly favoured'. (Lk 1:28) The Prophet Isaiah 62:5 Captures this imagery as a 'Bride eagerly Waiting for her Groom'. Joy comes into our life when we ponder the wonder of what God has done in our lives like Mary. Mary pondered (Lk 1:29) these angelic words with intense joy and prolonged reflection on the favour of God just bestowed upon her. (She became the mother of Jesus Christ through her Virginal Birth and the Incarnation of Jesus Christ / Son of God.

Therefore, we have every reason to rejoice, like the birth of a baby, marriage, reunion of families, christening, finding a partner and celebration of life. National victories, Olympics' successes, achievements, especially medical breakthroughs, first employment, promotion and so on boost our joy. The family joy is enhanced by pregnancy and the birth of a baby. The Book of Nehemiah 8:10 invites us to celebrate such joyous occasions with 'Wine & Food' and also share the meal with the needy. Joy becomes personal when we share the moment with the individual who is the recipient of God's favour/grace. Joy becomes a communitarian activity when the entire community is involved. National and International Joy is contagious, because we join the entire nation / world to celebrate, like the Election of the New Pope or a National Leader.

This Sunday, which is Known as 'Rejoicing Sunday', we rejoice with the Expectant Mother of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. We share her personal joy. Joy makes the person happy, stronger and greater because it is a personal experience. When we understand the cause of Joy, we would be delighted. "Joy is the favor of God".

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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| Mon | Dec 16 | 8:30 am | † Zbigniew Lewandowski Int. Sebastian & Family |
| Tue | Dec 17 | 8:30 am | Int. Ed & Leona Jaworski Int. Rayliee |
| Wed | Dec 18 | 8:30 am | † Joan Spencer Int. Kenija Senka Bilan |
| Thu | Dec 19 | 8:30 am | Int. Joseph Lawrance † Russ Rady |
| Fri | Dec 20 | 8:30 am | † Helen Stone |
| Sat | Dec 21 | 8:30 am 5:00 pm | † Simone Flynn † Russ Rady Int. Bishop Bittman |
| Sun | Dec 22 | 8:30 am | † Russ Rady |
| | | 10:30 am | Int. Paton Family Int. Marie & Alex |
| | | 7:00 pm | Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier |

Next Week's Readings

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| 1 | Micah | — | 5:2-5a |
| 2 | Hebrews | — | 10:5-10 |
| Gospel | Luke | — | 1:39-45 |

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". It is spiritual and praiseworthy. Mary enjoyed the favor of God, because she was selected from the rest of the humankind. The Angel saluted and greeted her "Hail Full of Grace". It was not her physical charm, but her readiness that gave her the ability to accept the Invitation from God... 'to become the Mother of the Redeemer'. In a way she 'Surrendered' herself fully with her body and soul to God's plan, which enhanced her to enjoy the favor of God.

Joy is the gift of the Spirit. Joy spreads to those who have Peace and quiet in their hearts. Only such people can listen to God's voice, says Pope Francis. We express our joy through our Cultural Dance, Seasonal Shouts, Unexpected Weeping or throwing things up in the air. The Israelites vibrantly expressed their Joy with Drums & Dances (Ex15 & 2 Sam 6:14-16) Today, we are happy to participate in the Maternal Joy of Mother Mary. The Letter of Paul to the Philippians 4:4-7 Invites us with the phrase "Be happy in the Lord / Rejoice in the Lord". We are invited to fill our hearts and minds with this sentiment of joy to spread the 'Peace and Joy of Christ' at this time.

All the best.

In the Service of the Word!

Gabriel

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Hi, my name is Keith Reeves, and I've stepped up to volunteer as our parish Safe Environment Coordinator.

Myself, Jayne and 10 of our great family 'emigrated' from West Vancouver and Squamish in one fell swoop, at the end of August.

Both in Canada and in the UK, I have held similar volunteer and professional responsibilities.

I hope to help our Parish be fully compliant with the current guidelines in our Diocese.

This is an important role that not only safeguards our vulnerable parishioners, but also fully supports all our wonderful volunteers, employees and clergy.

If you have any concerns, any interest in supporting this project or undertaking training please do not hesitate to contact me, 604-848-8016

or keefreeves@outlook.com

Thanks—Keith

FREEDOM'S DOOR

Our annual FREEDOM'S DOOR CHRISTMAS TREE is on display in the foyer of our church.

- We invite you to take a paper decoration from our tree and buy a gift as noted.
- Please do not wrap it.
- Return the gift and place it under the tree before December 20th.

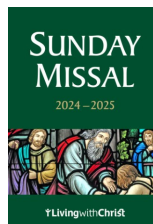
We, at Freedom's Door, are now assisting over 100 men.

Your generosity will bring hope and joy to so many this Christmas.

Thank you!



FROM THE OFFICE



Sunday Missals \$ 7.00 each

Monthly Missals \$ 3.75 each

Available at the church office.

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

scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

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, Dec 14 | 8:30 am 3:45 pm 5:00 pm | Daily Morning Mass Altar Server formation Sunday Mass |
| Sunday, Dec 15 | 8:30 am 10:30 am 2:00 pm | Sunday Mass Sunday Mass—Family Mass—Kids Liturgy K of C—Meeting |
| Monday to Friday | 8:30 am | Morning Mass—Rosary after Mass |
| Saturday | | Confessions after Mass or by appointment (please call the office) |
| Monday, Dec 16 | 7:00 am 12:00—4:00 pm | Christmas Novena Masses Card Social Group |
| Tuesday, Dec 17 | 7:00 pm | RCIA |
| Wednesday, Dec 18 | 9:30 am 4:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm | CANCELLED—Catholic Moms Connect CANCELLED—Catechism—1st Communion Parish Advent Reconciliation Service CANCELLED—Catechism—Confirmation |
| Thursday, Dec 19 | 9:30 am 1:00 pm | CANCELLED—Bible Study Liturgy meeting |

ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH

Advent Reconciliation Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
@ 5:30PM

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



Third Sunday of Advent 2024

Journey through Advent 2024

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

Advent Confession Schedules

| Parish | Date | Time |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------|
| St. Pius X Parish | Mon. Dec. 16 | 5:30 pm |
| St. Edwards Parish | Tues. Dec. 17 | 6:00 pm |
| St. Charles Garnier Parish | Wed. Dec. 18 | 5:30 pm |
| Immaculate Conception Parish | Thu. Dec. 19 | 3:30 pm |

Donation Envelopes 2025

The 2025 offering envelopes are available for pick up at the church foyer.

If you are participating in the monthly SAG (preauthorized giving) envelopes are not printed, if you need please stop by the office.

Special Collections not covered by your regular SAG donation.

VERY IMPORTANT:

Please **DO NOT use your new envelopes before 2025!**

Your envelope number changes each year.

Using envelopes from other than the current year could result in confusion and not receiving proper tax credit for your donations.

SCG—Guide to Giving 2024

| December | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Total |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Monthly Parish Collection Budget | 6,680 | 6,680 | 6,680 | 6,680 | 6,680 | 33,400 |
| Monthly automatic bank donations received (SAG) | | | | | | |
| Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection | 5,432 | 15,344 | | | | |
| E-transfers received | | | | | | |
| Monthly total to date | 5,432 | 20,776 | | | | |



SCGP—Donations

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

etransfer.SCGK@nelsondiocese.org

no password is required.

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St. Charles Garnier Parish Photo Booklet

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of St. Charles Garnier Parish, I would like to invite you to participate in our Parish Photo Booklet Program.

The Purpose of this project is to:

Help develop a community spirit among us

Help get to know fellow parishioners by name and help the staff and others identify parishioners

Create a “snapshot” of who and what the parish is, for present and historical purposes

Group photos of those who attend the four weekend masses will be taken in April, which will give parish groups/ministries a chance to wear identifying insignia. No other group photos will be taken.

Group photos of the children who attend each of the Masses will also be taken in April.

By your participation:

- You receive one free parish photo booklet. Additional copies can be purchased.
You can purchase additional studio quality portraits at less than studio prices. However, there is no obligation to purchase.

And the only cost to you is

About 30 minutes to have the portrait taken and choose the photo to be used for the directory.

Photography will take place in the foyer of the church in two sessions, the first on **January 9 through 18**. And on **April 21 through 26**. There are a certain number of appointment slots set aside on each of those days. See site below for time slots: Wear solid colors and please arrive 15 minutes ahead of your appointment for final personal preparations and information-validation. We hope to have as many portraits as possible done in the January time slots, to leave time for the snowbirds and latecomers in April. Homemade photos are our least preferable option. See what IPC Photo Services have done and can do for us: <https://www.ipcphoto.ca/>

I encourage you and your family to be part of **St. Charles Garnier Parish Photo Booklet**, so that we may have a rich portrait of our parish family at this moment in our parish’s history. Let’s make this the best Parish Photo Booklet ever! Your participation is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Fr. Gerald

BOOK AN APPOINTMENT:

Go to <https://ipcphoto.ca/appointments>

Password: **myphoto** (no spaces)

Click parish name. Read instructions.

Select an appointment date and time. Fill in number of people in the photo.

Register carefully, only once. Cancellation is not possible.

Help in times of signup desperation: Sr. Phyllis at rose2175@gmail.com, 250-872-0477

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.

While the photo shoot is in progress, we need a man or woman to act as a liaison between the clients and the photographer, to ensure that information is correct and that we keep to the time schedule. If you can give a few hours to help out, please contact Frances Lemire who can tell you what times are possible on the dates noted above.

Contact Frances at lemirefrancesl@gmail.com

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

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Last month, Elvin Hernández, a human rights investigator who works with our Honduran partner ERIC Radio-Progreso was in Canada. In Ottawa, he participated in a press conference and symposium on Canada's global role in business and human rights organized by the Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability. Before that, he stopped by in Montreal to give us an update on [the Guapinol community](#), say hello to some of our members and share his views on our [Reaping our Rights](#) campaign.

He said, "If countries like Canada pass laws like those for due diligence, they can be instruments that help defenders, farmers or workers with tools for presenting evidence of the abuses that companies commit, that ensure [culprits] are sanctioned."

Help protect small farmers' rights. Ask Canada to adopt strong mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence (mHREDD) legislation.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Parish Advent Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, December 18th @ 5:30pm.

- The next Dying with Christ, Living with Hope event is on Saturday, January 18th from 9am-2pm. Sign-up sheet in the foyer.

- Parish Photo Booklet: Information in the bulletin & on website. Photographer here Jan 9-18 to create a parish photo booklet. Book your appointment soon.



PRAYER GROUP

Open wide the door of your heart to the One who comes... Our Lord, Christ Jesus...

Our prayer group will not be gathering starting December 10th to December 31 st..

We will gather once again January 7 th 2025...Our prayers continue for one another our community and our world

Wishing you all a blessed Advent Season and a very Merry Christmas...

For more info please call Piera 2502157100

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!!



Third Sunday of Advent (C)

Luke 3:10-18

Turn back to God

John baptised people in the River _____ ?



God sent John the Baptist to tell people about Jesus his Son

What came to John the Baptist in the wilderness?



Find the letter hidden in the picture

Some people thought that John was the Saviour promised by God



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Use the code to find out what he told them

Luke 3:16

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 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 7:30 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

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 Lindsay Rowe 779-214-0420
 - Safe Environment Coordinator Gino Servedio 250-764-3182
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 - Hospital Visitation Christine Schmidt 250-763-4798
 - Care-Home Visitation www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca/
 - Youth Ministry Amanda Tian Seng
 - Religious Ed Coordinator 250-860-6776 -Ext: 202 or formation.scg.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org

CONTACT NUMBERS

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- 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 | | | | |
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| Name (s) (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | M/F | DOB (yyyy/mm/dd) |
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| 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.