



St. Charles Garnier Parish

PARISH MINISTRIES

Information as of August 2022

Everyone has gifts and talents.

Many put them into service in our parish.

*We welcome you to join us,
whatever your gifts.*

**He is the vine.
We are the branches.
In Him we bear fruit.**

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Proclaimers of the Word/Lectors & Commentators

Coordinators: Marlene Crane (cranemarlene@gmail.com)

What we Do:

Lectors: Announce the Living Word of God and seek to bring the message alive by reading slowly and enunciate clearly.

Commentators: Read Prayers of the Faithful, Psalms if not sung and announcements at the end of mass.

Both are scheduled on a rotation, serving two weeks in a row. The first week as Lector and the second week as the Commentator.

Our Needs:

- Volunteers
- Time commitment is minimal and it is a good way to honour God and your fellow parishioners.

Altar Servers

Coordinators: Jonathan Rowe (bonrowe@gmail.com) /Dave Crane (dwtrucker@outlook.com)

What we Do: Altar Servers assist the presiding celebrant in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass by carrying out simple tasks in a discreet manner. Duties begin from the procession in carrying in the crucifix, to assisting the celebrant in preparing the gifts on the alter, to the ringing of bells during the Consecration.

Our Needs:

- Young, older and in-between - ready "to serve and not to be served."

Livestreaming

Coordinators: Steven Horsman (stephenhorsman101@gmail.com) /Marion Schneider (mschneider.2019@gmail.com)

What we Do: Contact one of the coordinators

Our Needs: Contact one of the coordinators

Sacristy Service

Coordinator: Brenda Korby (vintners@telus.net)

What we Do: In harmony with the Pastor, the sacristan undertakes the preparation for all liturgical celebrations, which include Easter and Christmas. She or he works quietly with another person. No experience is necessary, and the learning continues the more you serve. Some responsibilities are to:

- Keep vestments, holy linens and vessels pristine for the celebration of Mass.
- Monitor the supplies of candles, hosts, wine, incense and coals and replacing as required.
- Replace damaged articles. Repairs are arranged after discussion with the Pastor.
- Prepare everything that is needed before, during and after the Mass.
- St Charles Garnier Church is a green community, so for the decorative duties, we have a sacristan working continuously with living plants, and decorating for special occasions.

Our Needs:

- YOU... to do “Good Works” in your amazing church.
- Individuals willing to partner with an experienced sacristan one or two times a month for 2-3 hours, in the quietness and holiness of your church. A peaceful devotion.
- Individuals willing to help care for the plants and decorate for special times. Again a quiet devotion in your church.

Funeral Preparation

Coordinator: Brenda Korby (vintners@telus.net)

What we Do: Contact the coordinator

Our Needs: Contact the coordinators

Flowers & Decorations

Coordinator: Marj & Terry Lockhart (mh.lockhart@shaw.ca)

What we Do: Contact the coordinator

Our Needs: Contact the coordinators

Ushers/Greeters

Coordinator: Gino Servidio (siggie2@telus.net)

What we Do: Contact the coordinator

Our Needs: Contact the coordinators

Eucharistic Ministers

Coordinators: Dave (dwtrucker@outlook.com) & Marlene (cranemarlene@gmail.com) Crane

What we Do: Prayerfully serve the people of St. Charles Garnier Family by distributing the Body and Blood of Christ during Eucharistic celebrations. At the end of mass collect vessels to be washed & dried. This ministry is on a rotating schedule and training is available to anyone who may feel called to this ministry.

Our needs:

- Volunteers
- Time commitment is minimal, and it is a good way to honour God and serve your fellow parishioners.

Children’s Liturgy

Coordinator: Allison Knitting (alr133@hotmail.com)

What we Do: We take the kids to the hall before the first reading and together listen/read the gospel reading of the day at a level they can understand. The leader presents either an explanation of the gospel and how they can live their lives accordingly or another teaching of the church such as the love of neighbor. We pray for our intentions, finish with a prayer, returning the children to the mass at the offertory. (continued on following page)

Our Needs:

- Two adults or a team of an adult and a teen to lead the children's liturgy which requires set up and take down of our meeting area in the church hall
- One person of the team must have their Safe Environment training which is required by the diocese when working with a vulnerable population. This only takes a few hours to complete and it valid for five years.
- A desire to work with children and lay the foundation of the love of God and the teachings of the bible and church.

Music Ministry

Coordinator: JoAnn Young (joannyoung@shaw.ca)

What we Do: The goal of the Music Ministry is to enhance the weekend liturgical celebrations by encouraging and leading the congregation in song and, consequently, deepening our relationship with God. The music reflects the readings of the day and inspires and invites prayerful participation in each person present.

Our Needs:

- Strong leaders of song who are familiar with the order of the mass
- Singers who would like to join an ensemble
- Instrumentalists (pianists, guitar and bass players, string players and horn players) who would like to join one of our existing groups
- Choir directors (we have the singers)!
- We also need people to attend to the following (at your convenience, not every Saturday or Sunday):
- Assist with PowerPoint presentations at the Masses on Saturday evening at 5 pm and Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 10:30 am (1 hour)
- Organize the song books (hymnals) and pick up loose papers and items left in the pews after the 10:30 am mass each Sunday (15 minutes)

Care Homes Eucharistic Ministry

Coordinator: Chris Schmidt (cfc_schmidt@hotmail.com)

What we Do: The Care Home Eucharistic Ministry follows Jesus call, "I was sick and you visited me." (Mt. 25:36). There are four Care Homes that are connected to St. Charles Parish- Mission Creek Landing, Hawthorn Park, Mountainview and Missionwood. Care Home Ministers visit Catholic members, weekly, for care and comfort, for a communion service and/or the distribution of the Holy Eucharist. The Care Home visitation day is set by the Care Home. (Father Gabriel is available once a month for Mass.)

Our Needs:

- Care Home Ministers are members of St. Charles Parish with a willingness to visit their fellow parishioners in a Care Home for a few hours per week.
- Two people ministering together is encouraged - to provide support to each other and to those who are being served.
- Attendance at the daily Mass, on the day the visitor is going to the home, is encouraged, to prepare, spiritually, for your mission.
- All Nelson Diocesan protocols are in effect - such as current Safe Environment Training and Criminal Record Check must be on file in the parish office. Care Home protocols must be adhered to, as well. Training will be provided. A pyx will be provided to carry the Holy Eucharist to the home.
- Care Home Ministers meet for a social, every 3 months, to provide each other support and encouragement. New members are welcome!



FAITH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Baptismal Preparation

Coordinators: Julia Orr (friedom@hotmail.com) & Abbey Ackerman (aerackerman@gmail.com)

What we Do: Contact the coordinator

Our Needs: Contact the coordinator

First Holy Communion Preparation

Contact: Leah Drebit (ldrebit@cisnd.ca)

What we Do: Volunteer team members recruit, lead, and prepare first holy communicants to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. Regular catechism lessons start in the fall and end prior to the First Communion celebration in the spring. Dates of catechesis are to be determined. Children who are receiving sacramental preparation at Catholic schools are not required to come but are encouraged and welcome to join us!

Our Needs:

Your prayers for the communicants, their families, and our catechism team!

- We may need volunteer babysitters (to care for the teachers' younger children while catechism classes are in session.)
- As of August 2022, we have enough volunteers to lead the 2022-23 catechism lessons, but if you have a strong desire to be involved in this ministry, let us know. Situations change and replacements may be needed.

Confirmation Preparation

Coordinator: Yvonne Valliant (ybv@telus.net)

What we Do: Contact the coordinator

Our Needs: Contact the coordinator

Children's Religious Education

Coordinators: Lee & Angela Ritz 250-826-0735

What we Do: Contact the coordinator

Our Needs: Contact the coordinator

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Coordinator: Nicole Horsman (nicolehorsman@telus.net)

What we Do: Contact the coordinator or check the parish website

Our Needs: Contact the coordinator



PRAYER MINISTRIES

People of Faith Charismatic Prayer Group

Coordinator: Piera Quarenghi (jaelpg@shaw.ca)

What we Do: The prayer group gathers in an atmosphere of love and support for one another, to grow in the knowledge and love of God and to show this love in our attitude toward others. It is where people have found a new dimension to their spiritual lives and have discovered God's love in a more profound way.

The Word of God is read - and listened to. Teaching on Scripture and on aspects of the Christian life fosters growth in the spiritual life. We gather with thanksgiving, in the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit to seek God in praise and worship. We give Him our struggles, fears, anxieties, frustrations, loneliness, circumstances, and shortcomings. We are encouraged to share what God has done in our lives as an important way of building the faith in others. We pray for each other, for our Church and for the community at large.

As part of the Charismatic community within the Diocese of Nelson, we have special events, such as conferences, workshops, healing masses, prayer breakfasts etc....

Our Needs:

- All are welcome. We would love to have you join us.
- Check out our web page which is on the diocesan website: www.nelsondiocese.org

Calvary Hill/Stations of the Cross

Coordinator: Marie Cameron (marie_cameronandsons@hotmail.ca)

What we Do: Contact the coordinator

Our Needs: Contact the coordinator

Secular Franciscan Order – Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity

Contact: Sandra Kavanagh OFS Minister (slkavanagh@shaw.ca) (250)212-3596

What we Do: A vocation for Catholic men and women, married or single, and Diocesan Clergy to enrich your spiritual life and follow Jesus in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi. We are the Third Order Secular and our Fraternity is The Little Flowers of St. Francis of Assisi, Kelowna, BC. The Secular Franciscan Order is the third branch of the Franciscan family. We are a local Fraternity in Kelowna, BC, we belong to the Regional Secular Franciscan Order Western Canada - Our Lady of the Angels OLOTA Region.

Our Needs:

- Come and See...Are you being called to a life of peace and simplicity? Do you want to draw closer to God? Do you strive daily to live a Gospel life in a secular world? Are you called to follow Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis? Perhaps you have a vocation to the Secular Franciscan Order....

St. Peregrine Prayer Circle

Coordinator: Christine Reeves (cbreevesac@shaw.ca)

What we Do:

The St. Peregrine Prayer Circle is an apostolate of The Little Flowers of Saint Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order. St. Peregrine is recognized as the Patron Saint of cancer patients and other illnesses whose feast day is celebrated on May 4.

Our Needs:

- Those who will pray with us for friends/family members with cancer or other illnesses.
- Our Circle will add them to our list and pray for them and their family daily.
- Once a month, we offer Mass for the St. Peregrine prayer list.
- We meet once a month and pray together. All are welcome to join us.



OTHER PARISH MINISTRIES

Christian Family Life

No ministry or coordinators at present. If you feel called to this ministry, talk to the Pastor.

Catholic Moms Connect

Coordinator: Abbey Ackerman (aerackerman@gmail.com)

What we Do: Contact the coordinator

Our Needs: Contact the coordinator

Outreach

Coordinator: Steven Horsman (stephenhorsman101@gmail.com)

What we Do: Contact the coordinator

Our Needs: Contact the coordinator

Youth Girls

Coordinators: Laura Smith (smith.landr@gmail.com), or Nicole Horsman (horsmanfamily@telus.net)

What we Do: Contact one of the coordinators

Our Needs: Contact one of the coordinators

Youth Boys

No ministry or coordinators at present. If you feel called to this ministry, talk to the Pastor.



Hospital Pastoral Care Ministry

Contact: Ethel Robidoux (robenet@icloud.com)

What we Do: The Hospital Pastoral Care Team visits parishioners who are in Kelowna General Hospital to bring care and concern, and prayer or Eucharist if desired, witnessing to God's love and care. Depending on the number of volunteer visitors, and the number of patients in hospital, visits (ordinarily at least two hours) can be twice a week, weekly, or every other week, with different volunteers each time.

Our Needs:

- Volunteers! (Full training is provided including hospital protocol and a criminal record search and safe environment training is required. Free parking is provided. You do not need to be a Eucharistic Minister to volunteer.

Indigenous Awareness

Contact: Pam Kemp (pamkemp1760@gmail.com) 778-478-3418

What we Do: primarily through the *Indigenous Connections* column in the bulletin, promote greater understanding of the history and impact of colonialism on Indigenous (First Nations, Metis, Inuit) peoples of Turtle Island; educate ourselves about Indigenous worldviews; encourage reconciliation efforts, with special emphasis on the local Syilx/Okanagan Nation

Our Needs:

- Parishioners (both Indigenous and non-Indigenous) to express interest, to identify opportunities to educate ourselves, and to participate in activities that promote respectful interaction between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, especially at a local level
- Daily pray-ers who will commit to pray for on-going reconciliation



OTHER GROUPS SERVING IN THE PARISH

Catholic Schools

For information contact:

Immaculata High School (irhs.office@cisnd.ca)

St Joseph Elementary (sjkoffice@cisnd.ca)

CWL

President: Diane Cey (dcey@telus.net)

What we Do: Contact the coordinator

Our Needs: Contact the coordinator

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Grand Knight: Jarrod Stocker (jjstocker@shaw.ca or www.stcharleskoc.com)

What we Do: Contact the coordinator

Our Needs: Contact the coordinator

Development & Peace

Coordinator: Karen Krout (karenkrout@gmail.com)

What we Do: Caritas Canada (The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace), a democratic movement for international solidarity, supports partners in the Global South in the pursuit of alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures. Currently we are assisting organizations which are supporting the Ukrainian people in their struggle against Russian aggression and also helping refugees of the war

Our Needs:

- Volunteers at certain times of the year (in the fall on specific issues and during Lent for the Share-Lent campaign) to gather petition signatures, spread the word on social media, and help collect donations which can be used for various projects throughout the world.

Care of Creation

Coordinator: Karen Krout (karenjkrout@gmail.com)

What we Do: We care for the environment and the humans and non-humans living on planet Earth. We are inspired by Pope Francis's Encyclical '*Laudato Si'*', encouraging everyone to read the document and to share practical resources to implement the teachings of the encyclical in our personal lives, parish, and community. We have various activities to engage the people of St. Charles Parish, hoping later to engage the entire Diocese of Nelson.

Our Needs:

- Come celebrate the Season of Creation, September 1 to October 4 (with an outdoor Mass at the Stations of the Cross behind the Pastoral Centre on Sunday October 2 at 2 pm, and blessing of animals on Tuesday October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, also at 2 pm.)
- During the Season of Creation, we encourage everyone to go out to some forested area, such as the Mission Creek Greenway, and observe how wonderful creation is.
- We need you and your ideas to help plan and implement projects to engage our parish in caring for our common home and those living on it.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Contact: (ssvpstcharles@hotmail.com) or 250-860-2536

Current coordinator: Loraine Farrow (farrow.loraine@gmail.com)

What we Do: Through the financial generosity of the congregation, we answer calls from our neighbours in need for food hampers. We also support InVincible Housing (a special joint work of all the parishes, which helps with small rental supplements to keep families in their homes) and Ozanam House (another special joint work for men in recovery.)

Our Needs:

- Have you ever given thought to joining the Society? What would it involve? First and foremost, a love for and commitment to neighbours in our community who are struggling financially.
- The majority of the work is delivering food hampers. We understand the limitations of time juggling work, family and life so any time you can offer is very valuable.
- Perhaps you can dedicate a Saturday morning occasionally, or an evening, delivering hampers.
- Drop in to a meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 9am in the Hall. Attending meetings is not obligatory.

Pilgrimage of Faith

Coordinator: Rhonda Sali (rhondasali@gmail.com)

What we Do: Contact the coordinator

Our Needs: Contact the coordinator



City-wide service group connections

Freedom's Door (freedomdoor@shaw.ca)

What we Do: Freedom's Door (Kelowna) is a non-profit addiction recovery program which has operated in Kelowna for 19 years for men, dedicated to helping men find hope, healing and wholeness in a safe and secure environment, housing 64 men each day. Our program is provided within our housing facilities where men are provided help and support to transition back to the community and everyday life. Freedom's Door is a self-referring program.

Our Needs:

- We need the financial and volunteer generosity of the community to survive and grow.

Grief to Grace (www.griegtograce.org)

What we Do: Grief to Grace is a four to five day psychological and spiritual journey providing safety and support for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional or sexual abuse or neglect. It is appropriate for those who have endured rape, incest or other forms of traumatic violation in childhood, adolescence or as an adult. Grief to Grace provides a professional therapeutic staff and all treatment is based on a firm Christian foundation as well as sound medical and psychological principles and a perceptive understanding of trauma.

Our Needs:

- Inform yourself so that you can, if necessary, inform others about this service.
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Pregnancy Care Centre (info@ovpcc.com)

What we Do: The Okanagan Valley Pregnancy Care Centre is committed to providing caring, emotional support no matter your decision. We are here for you. Please note we are not a medical facility, and our services are not intended to replace professional medical or counselling services. We do not provide or assist in arranging abortions.

Our Needs:

- Volunteers to bring kindness, caring and practical help, to inform clients about what their options are and what help is available as clients make difficult decisions

Rachel's Vineyard (info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com)

What we Do: Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offers a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

Our Needs:

- Inform yourself about Rachel's Vineyard and Inform or encourage others.

Ozanam House (hope@ozanamhouse.com)

What we Do: *Ozanam Recovery House* is a 19-bed transition home located in Kelowna, BC for adult men who are struggling with addictions, mental health issues, or both. Our mission is to provide our residents with a home, health and hope.

Our Needs:

- Donate, or start a fundraising campaign
- Volunteer
- Spread awareness about Ozanam Recovery House
- Follow us on Facebook

Follow St Charles Garnier Parish on FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=st%20charles%20garnier%20church>

(Note: no period after St)

Check the St Charles Garnier Parish WEBSITE:

<https://www.stcharlesgarnier.ca/>

For updated information
Contact the parish office.

