Welcome to

St. Charles Garnier Parish

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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being - Live-streamed Sunday 8:30 am

Bulletin – November 1, 2026

All Saints - Year A

1st – Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
2nd – 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Next week's readings

1st – Wisdom 6:12-16
2nd – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



Weekly Mass Intentions

Mon	Nov 2	8:30 am	Int. Jarod & Family
Tue	Nov 3	8:30 am	+ Marie & Family
Wed	Nov 4	8:30 am	+ Fr. Don
Thu	Nov 5	8:30 am	Int. Connie
Fri	Nov 6	8:30 am	+ Carol
Sat	Nov 7	5:00 pm	+ Mike
Sun	Nov 8	8:30 am 10:30 am 7:00 pm	+ Alice + Amorita Parishioners of SCGP

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson
https://www.nelsondiocese.org
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass & Devotions
Livestream click **here**

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
For news updates please check the website page:
https://www.cccb.ca

KELOWNA AND AREA HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY
For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Pastoral emergencies or for end-of-life blessings
(Last Rites) (24/7) Please call: 250-878-1502
Or email: **chaplain@nelsondiocese.org**
Hospital Visitation
If you know of a family member in the hospital who would like to receive communion, please call Ethel at 250-860-2101.

Announcements

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH:
Donations forms/QR code on the front table in the foyer or you can utilize the QR codes found in the pews.

Book of Remembrance: (November)
- Please do not take out or add pages.
- Pages are already dated.
- Write legibly.
- Only one page a day will be read before Mass.

St. Vincent of the Paul Sunday:
- Volunteers are in the foyer to accept donations.
- Tax receipts available.

Scripture Message

"Who are Saints?'. Saints are ordinary people who did extraordinary things for the love of Christ. (Like St. John Bosco, St. Augustine, St. Ambrose, St. Helena, St. Macmillian Kolbe, St. Pio, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Therese, St. Mother Theresa and so on) Today, we remember the known and unknown saints, Canonized (recognized) or Unknown Saints of all ages. Their basic principle was Love of God and Neighbour. They all had their own struggles, challenges and shortcomings, but overcame them for the love of God for the sake of their brothers and sisters they served. They were motivated by the great example of Christ who offered his life for the sake of the redemption of the world on the Cross. Saints followed in the footsteps of Christ in order to gain God's love. Saints are interceding for the living when we pray through them to God.

Our Baptism gives us the ability to become Saints, because we are washed clean by the blood of Christ shed on the Cross. We have whitened our robes with the Blood of Christ. The Galaxy of saints gives us a ready example for us to follow. St. John in his first Letter 3:1-3 Wrote about Christian sonship and daughtership (Living as Children of God). God's great gift to the World is Love (Jesus is the Gift of Love. Jn 3:16) It is this gift that makes us Children of God. Sonship and daughtership in the ordinary sense is earthly, but our affiliation with Christ empowers us to become members of the Church and gives the joy of sharing the heavenly/eschatological life with Christ. (Rm 5:2 & 8:23) Christian people look forward to their eschatological Union with God and through their faith expressed in actions, especially in their Christian life and conduct. Therefore, Christian Faithful are invited to strive for greater and virtuous life by imitating the Master (2 Cor 7:1 & Phil 2:5) by putting on the attitude of Christ.

Today's Gospel from Apostle Mathew (5:1-12) Proclaims the reign of God. It invites us to become 'Meek and Humble of Heart', to merit the reign of God. We are destined for the eschatological land = the Kingdom of God, because we have washed our robes in the Blood of Christ, through our baptism. We bear the Seal of Christ in our mortal bodies and have become the property of God.

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A While living we are preparing for our Sainthood through works of mercy, almsgiving and forgiveness. Our reward will be great in heaven because we have shown compassion and empathy while living. We will be having Palm Branches in our hands to join the heavenly choir to participate in the eschatological banquet of Christ, when He calls us from this earth to Heavenly Glory!
All the best!
In the Service of the Word!
Fr. Gabriel



Blessed altar candles are available this weekend for a donation

Journi May Dignity Initiative

Catholic teaching affirms the dignity of every human life and calls us to accompany families experiencing miscarriage and pregnancy loss with compassion, prayer, and respect.
The Journi May Dignity Initiative is a Canadian effort to promote the dignity of the child, and to provide clearer information and appropriate care for families after pregnancy loss. It arose from the experience of Sarah and Phillip, whose son, Journi May, died during pregnancy. With the assistance of the Church, Journi was laid to rest with prayer and dignity. Their experience revealed how difficult it can be for grieving parents to learn what options exist for burial, cremation, memorialization, spiritual care, or other respectful arrangements.
The initiative seeks practical, non-coercive guidance so that families are informed of respectful options and can make choices consistent with conscience, culture, faith, and grief. A House of Commons e-petition, e-7765, is presently associated with the Canadian initiative.
Learn more: **www.JourniMay.ca**
House of Commons petition:
https://www.ourcommons.ca/petitions/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-7764

Parishioners are invited to learn more, pray for families who have experienced pregnancy loss, and share this information with others who may benefit from it.

Chez Vincent Updates

Grand opening Friday October 30 moves our special project forward.
Thank you to all our supporters, founders, benefactors and of you who are donating and shopping.
Families supported by St Vincent de Paul are grateful for your ongoing support.
Questions send to:
Chezvincentkelowna@gmail.com

ST CHARLES GARNIER SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Time	Events
Sat, Oct 31	5:00 pm	Sunday Mass
Sun, Nov 1	8:30 am 10:30 am 7:00 pm	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass **All Saints Day Party** **(Registration required to attend)** Sunday Mass
Mon – Fri	8:30 am	Daily Mass Confessions – Tuesdays & Fridays
Mon, Nov 2	1:00 pm	Card Social Group
Tue, Nov 3	8:30 am 7:00 pm	CWL-Exec. Meeting RCIA – Adults/Teens
Wed, Nov 4	9:30 am 3:45 pm 7:00 pm	Mom's Group Reconciliation/1st Communion Confirmation
Thu, Nov 5	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Bible Study Men's Group
Sat, Nov 7	10:30 am	Funeral: Grenier

Seminary of Christ the King

Vocation Live-In: There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of November 14-15 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Any young men, grades 7-11, interested in experiencing what seminary life is like or who are wanting to learn how to discern God's call to the priesthood, are invited to join the live-in.
For more information, or to register, please call:
Fr. Anthony: **604.826.8975**
or email at **rector.minors@sck.ca**
For online registration, please go to this form:
https://forms.gle/hJPj6gCRMDU6nsBY9

Parish Office Administrator

The Catholic Parishes of Penticton are seeking a qualified person to fill this full-time position.
We are seeking a candidate with the following credentials:
Sound knowledge of the Catholic faith with demonstrated respectful and pastoral sensitivity to Catholic beliefs and practices.
Excellent organizational, interpersonal and communication skills.
Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality, discretion and compassion.
Good working knowledge of Microsoft Office and Bookkeeping – experience with QuickBooks preferred.
For a detailed description of the position go to:
https://www.catholicpenticton.org/job-posting
Interested applicants are invited to submit a cover letter and resume to the Parish Office by Friday, October 30, 2026.
Email: **sa.sj.parishes@gmail.com**
Active members of the Penticton parishes will be given preference.
We thank all applicants for their interest.
Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Concert: Immaculate Conception Hall.
Where: 839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna.
When: Sunday, November 8th, 2026
Time: 2:00 pm – approx. 4:00 pm
Once again we are thrilled that our very own Celtic Music Group (Ceol na hÉireann – Music of Ireland) have volunteered their time and talent to put on a concert on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
The concert will take place on November 8th at ICC hall from 2-4pm. See details in the bulletin.
Entrance is by donation. All proceeds will go to the "Invincible Housing Project" of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Funds will help the poorest in our society with rent assistance to prevent eviction. Your donations assist refugees, single parents, the working poor, the unemployed, and those who are struggling to make ends meet. We welcome your presence at the concert, and hope that you will bring your family and friends.
All donations are gratefully accepted. Every dollar counts. Thank you for your continuous support!

Catholic Women's League

As Fall settles in after a summer of refresh and reflection on what God has given us the 2027 CWL year begins. We are continuing our theme of Ignite Your Passion. Empower His Mission! God did not intend for us to live in isolation. We are made to be relational, to have relationships with others that grow and thrive. We are made for community; living and participating in community is necessary for our well-being. The benefits of community include inspiration, motivation, feeling understood, connecting with others on the same journey and supporting each other. Community is encouraging and fun; it attracts the Holy Spirit and fosters love. These are some of the reasons women join - the companionship of sisterhood experienced in the League. We look forward to meeting you!
2027 Membership fees are $50 for renewing and new members. Fees can be paid by cash, cheque made payable to the St Charles Garnier CWL or by e-transfer to cwlkelowna@gmail.com. In the e-transfer message please include that it's for a new or renewal of membership. You can also drop off your cash or cheque to the office or in the collection basket on Sundays in a sealed envelope marked CWL. For more information, please contact Irene Caron, membership at:
250-859-2080.

Solemnity of All Saints (A)

The saints in heaven

Someone who has lived a life of outstanding goodness, and who is already with God in heaven, is called a saint

Match each patron saint with his country

A	B	C	D
Saint David	Saint George	Saint Patrick	Saint Andrew
A and	B and	C and	D and
E Ireland	F Scotland	G England	H Wales

FUN-damental facts for catholic kids

Here's another secret about the altar stone it is sometimes called a "movable altar." Can you guess why?

Missionaries and military chaplains often take an altar stone with them so they can place the chalice and paten on it when they have to say Mass somewhere besides a church-like in the middle of a jungle or on a battlefield!
That's why they call it a movable altar.
Did you know priests often say Mass in faraway places like that?
You remember that the word catholic means "all over the world," so do you guess that maybe a Mass is being said somewhere in the world every minute of every day? Children like you may be going to Mass when you are eating lunch or playing a video game or going to Mass too!



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Parish Organizations

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
Meet second Tuesday of the month @ 9:30 am
Memberships – Irene 250-859-2080

Fr. Pandosy 4th Degree Assembly*—K of C*
Meet third Sundays of the month at 2:00 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Meet second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.
Contact Keith: kofc.scg@gmail.com

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL - 250-860-2536
Meet second and fourth Wednesdays at 9:00am
St. Charles Garnier Parish—Hall
First Sunday of each month—SSVP donations

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
KELOWNA CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP: www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca	
SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER	250-764-4333
FREEDOM'S DOOR info@freedomsdoorkelowna.com	250-717-0472
GRIEF TO GRACE www.GrieftoGrace.org	250-870-8517
KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE https:/www.prolifekelowna.ca/	250-870-4103
OZANAM HOUSE manager@ozanamhouse.com	250-762-4673
PREGNANCY CARE	250-763-2112
RACHEL'S VINEYARD info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com	250-762-2273

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

Youth Ministry update

We are delighted to welcome Rebecca as our Youth Ministry Coordinator!
Rebecca will be working together with St. Charles Garnier Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish reflecting our shared commitment to help young people grow in faith and community.

Message from Rebecca:

Hello, my name is Rebecca, but most people call me Becky. I am the newly appointed Youth Ministry Coordinator and have just moved to Kelowna from Nanaimo, Vancouver Island. I'm originally from Mumbai, India, and have spent the last three and a half years studying in Canada. I recently graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Media Studies. At St. Peter's in Nanaimo, I was involved in teaching catechism and leading the young adult group, which sparked my interest in working with teens in ministry.
I'm the youngest of six children and grew up surrounded by cousins and friends who shared and lived out their faith together. One of the biggest culture shocks I experienced when moving to Canada was the lack of community. It made me realize how important it is to have people around us who share the faith and walk alongside us. I'm excited to be given an opportunity to help build that sense of community and connections among our youth and hopefully encourage them to realize the importance of not only living out our faith in everyday life, but living it together.
As I begin this new role, I pray for wisdom to know the best way to serve, guidance in every plan, and strength in times it may get challenging. And I ask for your prayers for the same.
I look forward to getting to know you and working with your children!

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Text/Telephone: 778-214-0680

CWL Nelson Diocesan
Bursary Application for 2027

is available in the church office or by an email to Betty Ann Richard SCG CWL President: bettyannrichard@gmail.com
There are 2 bursaries available for $500 each awarded to a student who has completed one year or more in a recognized Post Secondary School Program and is intending to take further academic studies or trade training at an education institution.
Further requirements on the application.
Deadline to be received is Thursday - April 1, 2027
Prayer is Powerful
Betty Ann