

ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH

March 22, 2020

Forth Sunday of Lent.

The man who was blind washed his eyes
and came back able to see.

John 9



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Mon	Mar 23	8:30am	Int. Flo Smith
Tue	Mar 24	8:30am	✠ Lena & Andro Orlandini
Wed	Mar 25	8:30am	Int. Elkhouri Family
Thu	Mar 26	8:30am	✠ Effie Shalagan
Fri	Mar 27	8:30am	✠ Harold Luvowski
Sat	Mar 28	5:00pm	✠ Clotilde & Luigi Sposito
Sun	Mar 29	8:30am	✠ Effie Shalagan
		10:30am	Int. Paton Family
		7:00pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:3-7,17,20-27, 33b-45

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dearly Beloved Members of St. Charles Ganier Parish!

CORONA VIRUS has halted most of our face to face human interaction. In fact, it has crippled the World and its several operations. Everyone is concerned with its spread and wish not to be its victim.

Isaiah 53:4 Narrates our Human Experience with Christ's Suffering

"Ours were the Suffering He Bore
Ours the Sorrow He Carried.

We thought of Him as someone Punished
Struck by God and Brought low.

But through His Wounds we are Healed".

Corona Virus has consumed so many of our human-kind in the International World including a few of our Clergymen in Italy. While we remember all those who have suffered and died due to this pandemic disaster, we keep on knocking at the door of Christ for preserving the World from the snatch of this untimely and unforeseen crisis.

I am committed to pray & offer Holy Mass every morning at our Parish Church at 8:30 AM for these intentions. Could you kindly join me from your homes to remember all who are affected and those who care them through their good efforts.

Affectionately in Jesus,

Fr. Gabriel C.

Bishop Bittman will be celebrating Sunday Mass at 9:00am and it will be live streamed at this link:

<http://springfieldfuneralhome.ca/mass>



Office of the Bishop

New Update 2 – COVID19

17 March 2020

Dear Pastors, Parish Staff and Parishioners,

Greetings in the Lord! Out of an abundance of caution and concern for our clergy and all of our parishioners, and given the continued spread of the coronavirus and the uncertainty around it, I am issuing the following directives to be implemented immediately:

1. The closure of our parishes and parish offices for 2 weeks, to be reevaluated by March 31st. This means all weekend and weekday Masses are cancelled. As in my previous memo, I grant all the Catholic faithful a dispensation from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass until further notice. As the Eucharist is central to our lives as Catholics, this will come as a hardship, but let us offer this suffering up for those enduring the effects of the virus and the stop of its spread. Further directions with regard to Holy Week liturgies will be forthcoming.
2. All penitential celebrations are cancelled. Priests will remain available to hear confessions if absolutely necessary, but social distancing is to be observed and the use of the confessional is prohibited. Just as a reminder: the obligation to confess annually can be done at any time, not just at Easter.
3. All Lenten parish missions and retreats in the diocese are cancelled. Parishes may consider livestreaming or recording the presentation of the speaker for posting on the parish website, but no public gathering is to be held.
4. All celebrations of Baptism, First Eucharist, First Reconciliation and Confirmation are postponed until we are advised by the health authorities that the pandemic is over.
5. As per the recent email from the Director of Faith Formation, catechetical and sacramental classes for both children and adults are cancelled. Catechists will provide the necessary resources so that instruction can continue in the home.
6. Funerals may be celebrated in our churches, but participation needs to be limited to family members in compliance with current directives from the health authorities. No public receptions following the funeral liturgy are to take place.
7. The need to rely on our good God is more urgent than ever. For the next 9 days starting Sunday, March 22nd, please join me in praying the following novena to bring an end to the pandemic and healing for all those affected:

Novena During Sickness

Our Lady of Monte Berico, Novena – Intercessor and protector in moments of plague

O Most Holy Virgin, Mother of God and my Mother Mary, I thank you that you have deigned to appear on Monte Berico and I thank you for all the graces you grant here to those who turn to you. Nobody ever prayed to you in vain. I, too, resort to you and beg you by the Passion and Death of Jesus and by your pains: welcome me, o' merciful Mother, under your mantle, which is a maternal mantle; grant me the particular grace that I ask of You [protection and healing from the Coronavirus for all members of our Catholic schools and parishes in the Diocese of Nelson, and for all citizens of our province, country, and world] and protect me from all evil and especially from sin which is the greatest evil.

Oh make, oh Mary, my Mother, that I always enjoy your loving protection in life and even more in death and then come to see you in heaven and to thank and bless you forever. Amen.

Madonna of Monte Berico, pray for us.

*O sweet Virgin, pious mother of love,
Like this Ave rising from the heart.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria
Ave, ave, ave, Maria*

*O Virgin, shine as a star in the sky,
Motherly defend your faithful children.
Ave, ave, ave Maria
Ave, ave, ave, Maria*

Daily updates from our health authorities continue to be available at <http://www.bccdc.ca/>. Please check our website <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/> for ongoing information.

Thank you for your understanding and especially for your support as we weather this storm together.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



✠ Gregory J Bittman
Bishop of Nelson

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REQUEST FROM FR. GABRIEL

If you call me, could you please consider to speak slowly when leaving a message in the answering machine. Kindly pronounce slowly each number of your telephone so that I could call you back and address your concerns.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Meet second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am
 Contact: Diane Cey 250-868-9636
 Membership inquiries: . . . Benita Spencer 250-868-8608

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE Christina Hidalgo250-872-9776

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 King 250-868-1311
 Email: paul.king33@shaw.ca

KNIGHTS BREAKFAST AFTER A.M. MASSES LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, SEPTEMBER TO JUNE

ST. PEREGRINE PRAYER CIRCLE (*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. St. Peregrine's Feast Day is celebrated on May 4. If you have friends/family members with cancer or other illnesses we will add them to our list and pray for them & their family daily. We meet once a month and pray together. All are welcome to join us. Also, once a month we offer Mass Intentions for the St. Peregrine prayer list.
 ContactChristine Reeves, OFS 250-575-2043
 E-mail: cbreevesac@shaw.ca

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER - "*The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity*" will be moving their Gatherings (and meetings) to ICC beginning September 15, 2019

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 250-860-2536
 Meet second and fourth Wednesdays at 9:00 am

FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH—SSVP DONATIONS

SSVP VEHICLE, RV & TRAILER DONATIONS- KEITH :250-300-1062

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

If you wish to become involved contact the Parish Office **250-860-6776** or:
 Altar Servers Rod Attwell 250-212-3990
 Campus Ministry (Kelowna Catholic Collective) email: ubco.focus@gmail.com
 Children's Liturgy Allison Knitting 778-477-3790
 Eucharistic Ministers Dave Crane 250-861-4085
 Hospital Visitation & Eucharist. Ethel Robidoux 250-860-2101
 Catholic Moms Connect Group Lindsay Rowe 778-478-1133
 Music JoAnn Young 250-764-0485
 Readers. Kathleen Baldwin 250-860-4098
 Sacristans Brenda Korby 250-859-0840
 Safe Environment Coordinator Jeremy Orr Jeremy.1.orr@gmail.com
 Ushers George Jarrouj 10:30 mass

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CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE 250-491-1088
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DIOCESE OF NELSON—Catholic Pastoral Centre 250-448-2725
ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER 250-764-4333
FREEDOM'S DOOR freedomdoor@shaw.ca 250-717-0472
GRIEF TO GRACE www.GrieffToGrace.org 250-878-7603
KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE . . kelownarighttolife@telus.net . . . 250-862-8202
OZANAM HOUSE . . . hope@ozanamhouse.com . . . 250-762-4673(HOPE)
PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE 250-763-2112
RACHEL'S VINEYARD . . . info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com . . . 250-762-2273
REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES 250-763-7892

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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please complete this form and leave it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

Name(s): _____ New Parishioner: Information Change:
 Address: _____ Postal Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

CHILDREN

Name(s)	D.O.B.— (yyyy/mm/dd)

Would you like to be contacted by one of our parish groups?

- CWL
- Knights of Columbus
- St. Vincent de Paul
- R.C.I.A.
- Sacristan (Set up for Mass)
- Music
- Reader
- Usher
- Altar Servers

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.**