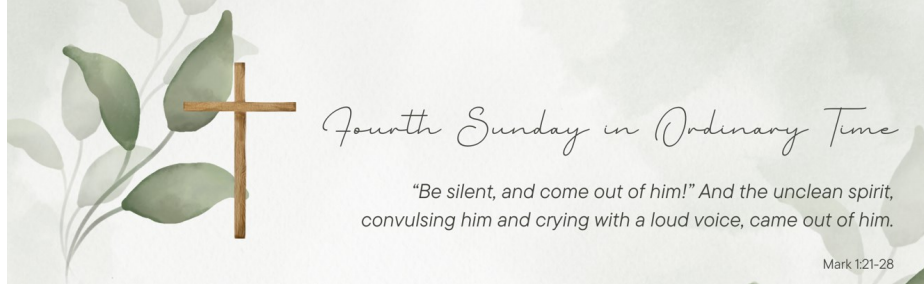




St. Charles Garnier Parish

January 28, 2024



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

Mark 1:21-28



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SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

This Week's Scriptures explore the 'Apostolate of the Prophets'. Who are the Prophets? Prophets are the mouthpieces of God. They are the people who are inspired by God to speak the message that God has communicated to them. In a way they are the 'ambassadors, emissaries & messengers of God. They are human vessels used by God to bring the 'saving message of God to all people of goodwill'. God expected humans to hear & adhere to this message. Prophets received God's message in Oracles & Visions and shared them with the humans in the Name of God. Therefore, they are considered spokespersons for God & his word. The First Prophetic Origin is found in the books of Torah (the 5 books of Moses). Torah originated from God, revealed by God but written by Moses. This was the first prophetic origin.

The Hebrews believed in the Prophetic messages. The Prophets were stirred by the Spirit of God to adhere to them and if necessary to die for them gladly...and under this influence they wrote what they received from God either in their vision or stirring of their spirit. They followed this method from the day of their commission & up until death. Therefore, the prophetic sincerity & conviction evoked a ready response from his/her hearers. God spoke to Moses in the burning bush (Ex 3:2ff) and used him to free His people from the Egyptians. God spoke to Samuel (1Sam 3:10) and he responded: "Speak Lord, thy servant is listening". God spoke to Elijah in a 'gentle breeze' (1kgs:19). God also spoke to Paul on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:7) God spoke to Peter (Acts 5:10) and freed him from prison. Even today God speaks to us, "My Sheep listen to my voice" (Jn 10:6) Saints like Francis of Assisi and Joan of Arc have heard his voice and acted on them.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Mon	Jan 29	8:30 am	+ Luigi Pagliaro
Tue	Jan 30	8:30 am	+ Nicolas VanderZalm
Wed	Jan 31	8:30 am	+ Robert Brown
Thu	Feb 1	8:30 am	+ Crystal Reiter
Fri	Feb 2	8:30 am	+ Cathy Gartner
Sat	Feb 3	5:00pm	Int. Payton Family
Sun	Feb 4	8:30am	Int. Barbara Roy
		10:30 am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

Next Week's Readings

Number	Reading	Reference
1	Job —	7:1-4, 6-7
2	1 Corinthians —	9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel	Mark —	1:29-39

Can we hear God's voice today? Receptivity is a great skill and God is encouraging us to listen to His Voice. How do we hear God's Voice? The Prophets heard His Voice in different ways such as 'visions,9Ezekiel) dreams (Daniel & Joseph) face to face (Moses & John) through natural occurrences (Elijah) But we, humans hear God's voice through 1.'Impressions' (discernment & inspiration) 2.'Witness' (inner stirrings, intense presence of God when we experience God's favor) 3.'Visions' (visionaries) 4.'Supernatural appearance (apparitions) 5.'Audible Voices' (Paul was knocked down and heard the Voice, 'Why do you persecute me?' Jeremiah heard the voice of God (Jer 1:1) "To pluck & to plant' (Acts 9:7) 6.'Visitation of Angels' (Mary & Daniel) Prophets were said to eat the Scroll (Eze 3:3) 'Eat this Scroll. I ate it. In my mouth it was as sweet as honey'. "Eating the Scroll" is to be understood as 'total assimilation of the message'. Since 'God is a Consuming fire' (Ex 24;7 Is 33:14) the hearers are left with no other option than hearing His Word.

The Holy Spirit is the Voice of God. The Spirit of God 'Illuminates & Enlightens". The Bible helps us hear God's voice through the prophetic oracles, songs, psalms, and several other redeeming features of God. The ancient Israelites did not hear his voice and respond to it. They were very passive and unresponsive to God's Voice. They grumbled, complained, and murmured about everything. The Bible called them 'Stiffnecked & hardhearted". Today God is inviting us to hear His voice: "My sheep listen to my voice" (Jn 10:16) Adam & Eve heard the Voice of God in the garden and hid themselves among the trees and bushes of the garden. Let us not be like them. Psalm 95 Invites us: 'If you hear my voice, do not harden your hearts". Let us hear God's pleasant voice and have life to the brim in our lives!

All the best.

In the Service of the Word!

Gabriel



FAITH FORMATION

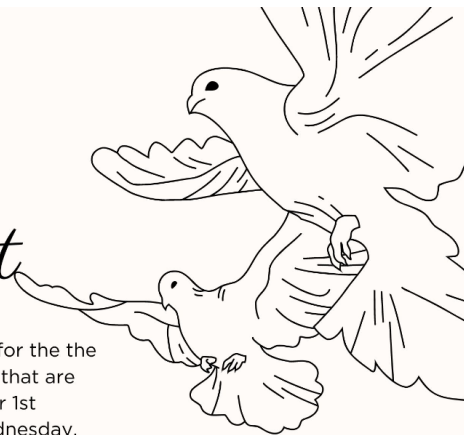
If you felt called to get involved in children's catechism or family ministries, we have many volunteer roles that need to be filled. For more information, please reach out to Amanda Tian Seng, Religious Education Coordinator, by calling the parish or email:

formation.scg.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org



Prayer Request

Please offer up prayers for the the children of our parish that are preparing for their 1st Reconciliation on Wednesday, January 31st.



THANK YOU—BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIG

Thank you so much for your congregation's generous donation towards our 2023 Baby Bottle fundraiser. The Baby Bottle Campaign counts for 25% of our annual operating budget. This year, we aimed to raise \$95,000; we are grateful for the generous congregations spearheading this campaign to our parishioners. We could not have done this life-saving work without you. We are pleased to announce that we have met and surpassed our goal and have raised \$95,927.93 to date. The fall baby bottle campaign you participated in raised \$18,846.35 towards our yearly goal.

Your gift ensures a marginalized mother and her child receive the essential support they need to make it through this crisis. Clients continue to receive material support, which includes formula, diapers, wipes, food and baby or maternity clothes. Last year, we welcomed 48 babies at our Centre and saw 110 new clients.

On Behalf of the Board, Staff, Volunteers, and Clients, "Thank you" for caring for the vulnerable in our community.

Blessings,
 Deb Wood – Executive Director
 & Laura Cake- Center Coordinator

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](#).

The CCCB Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace has today released its *Pastoral Letter on the use of social media* titled: "Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious." The release is timed with the liturgical memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, who was known for his graciousness in speech and who is invoked as a patron saint of writers and publishers.

It is available in electronic format and can be downloaded from the CCCB website:

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/bishops-release-a-pastoral-letter-on-the-use-of-social-media>

In French:

<https://www.cecc.ca/annonce/les-veques-publient-une-lettre-pastorale-sur-lutilisation-des-medias-sociaux>

It is also attached to this email in [PDF](#) format.

GRIEF TO GRACE



Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness.

The next retreat in Canada is May 14 - 18, 2024 in Kelowna, B.C. For more information please email: griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com

Or make a confidential call to: 250-808-6403

CHALICE



Be the Beginning
Christmas Gift Catalogue

[Give a gift](#)

PRESCRIPTION EYEGASSES WANTED

If you have extra prescription eyeglasses that you no longer need, please bring them to the church foyer and place them in the basket provided.

We will take them to Tutt Street Optometry where Dr. David Grimes will take them to people in countries where the people are in desperate need of vision care. VISION MEANS HEALTH, INCOME AND ^[SEP]EDUCATION – ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN AND KIDS.

Those who go on a clinic trip take time away from their jobs and families, pay their own expenses, including airfare and lodging, as well as other expenses.

Volunteers are licensed optometrists, opticians, health care providers and lay people. There are clinic trips both domestically as well as internationally, in over 30 countries, serving hundreds of thousands of patients. Thank you for your generosity.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK

National Health Care week 2024 from February 4 to 10.

[National Catholic Health Care Week - Catholic Health Association of BC \(rcav.org\)](#)

Resources available on the page.



K OF C—BREAKFAST

St. Charles Garnier Parish

You are invited to the Best Breakfast in town!

Sunday, January 28, 2024

after 8:30 am & 10:30 am Masses

If you could please buy your tickets before Mass to have a better number of people.

Tickets are \$ 9.00 per person and \$ 25.00 per family!

Breakfast is served by the Knights of Columbus!

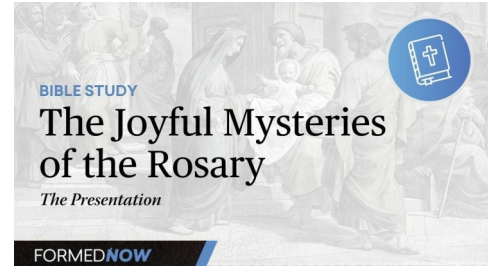
All funds raised go to Knights Charities!



Pancake Breakfast



FORMED



A Bible Study of the Joyful MysteriesL The Presentation

What is the importance of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple? Join Dr. James Protho and Dr. Ben Akers as they unpack this great mystery and how it can apply to your spiritual life.

Enjoy a free subscription:

stcharlesgarnier.formed.org

Don't have an account?

Click on Register and enter your email and create a password.

Contact Nicole Horsman at:

nicolehorsman@telus.net

If you have any further questions about

Formed.org



PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, January 27	5:00 pm	Sunday Mass
Sunday, January 28	8:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday Mass—K of C—breakfast after Mass Sunday Mass—K of C—breakfast after Mass
Monday to Friday	8:30 am	Morning Mass Rosary after Mass
Tuesdays and Wednesdays		Confessions after 8:30 am Mass
Monday, January 29	1:00 pm	Card Social group
Wednesday, January 31	9:30 am 4:30—5:30 pm 7:00—8:00 pm	Catholic Mom's Connect Catechism—1st Reconciliation/1st Communion Catechism—Confirmation
Thursday, January 25	9:30 am	Bible Study—Church Hall

RACHEL'S CORNER

"I finally admitted to what I did, faced it and feel forgiven. I was able to honor the life of my children and have peace knowing they are with God."

– testimonial

Join the men & women on a Rachel's Vineyard © Retreat. Let that burden go and let God give you the peace you may have known you needed yet weren't sure how to find it. Honor your children by getting the healing you need

info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com
www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com

f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273



OLOL



Please join us for the OLOL Black Tie Gala! Come out for a night of great food, dancing and a live and silent auction! This event sells out every year, so get your tickets soon!

When: Feb 10, 2024 at 6pm

Where: OLOL School, 2547 Hebert Rd

Tickets are \$75 and are available by emailing Carly at

lolbookkeeper@cisnd.ca

SSVP



On behalf of our neighbours receiving Christmas Hampers, we would like to thank the congregation at St Charles Garnier Parish for your generous donations! (Tax receipts will be issued in February 2024.)

78 households serving 125 adults and 60 children were given 'grocery gift card' hampers and enjoyed a luncheon December 16th.

Special thankyou's are extended to Crowe Mackay LLP for children's gifts, the Knights of Columbus for winter coats for children, the CWL for their help and to the children of our parish Mom's Group who lovingly wrote heartfelt greetings in hand made Christmas cards.

May the blessings of our Father be with you throughout 2024.

RSL -ST. JOE'S

On **February 1st** we will host our annual **Ready, Set, Learn!** Event where we invite prospective Kindergarten students and their families to learn more about the school and why St. Joseph Catholic School is a great choice for their family.

If you have a child that will be ready to start Kindergarten in fall 2024, please RSVP to attend as soon as possible.

Sessions will take place at St. Joseph Catholic School (839 Sutherland Avenue) at 3:30 and 5:00pm. Please RSVP to sjkoffice@cisnd.ca or 250-763-3371.



Ready, Set, Learn!



CORPUS CRISTI—DINNER

Corpus Christi CWL will be hosting a hearty beef stew dinner, Saturday, February 10th.

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Tickets at the door.

Cost of Admittance is \$15.00

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Church hall - 750 Rutland Road North

SECULAR FRANCISCANS

You are invited to witness the Eucharistic Celebration with the Rite of Permanent Profession to the Gospel Life with Bishop Gregory Bittman for the Secular Franciscans Order (OFS) of The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity for:

Anne Engel - Paulette Froh - Wilma Lucia Suarez-Pinzon
24 February 2024 at 11:00 AM (in the morning)

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
2547 Hebert Road,
West Kelowna, BC.

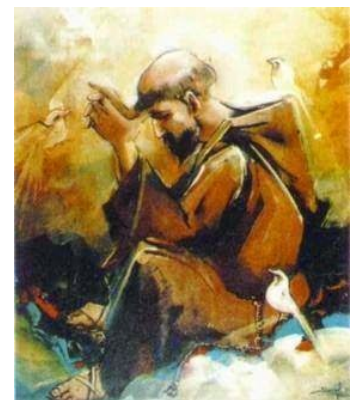
Any inquiries contact:

Fraternal Minister:

Sandra Kavanaugh OFS

250-212-3596

Pax et Bonum



SCGP—DONATIONS BY E-TRANSFER OR CREDIT CARD



E-transfers are accepted at St. Charles Garnier Parish
Send your offering via e-transfer to:
etransfer.SCGK@nelsondiocese.org
no password is required.

SCG—Guide to Giving		2024			
January	7	14	21	28	Total
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	8,350	8,350	8,350	8,350	33,400
Monthly automatic bank donations received (SAG)					
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	4,310	2,938	656		
E-transfers received					
Monthly total to date	4,310	7,248	7,904		

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Please consider sponsoring a child at 25.00 per month, tax receipts are available.
100% goes to the child, “No Administration Fees”
See the pictures and the information at the kids corner on the bulletin board in the church foyer.

IRHS

The Immaculata High School grad class of 2024 is presenting their one and only fundraiser to help offset the costs of prom and graduation. “Moments in Time” is a variety show put on by the grade 12 students with several different musical acts, combined with trivia for the audience, on Friday, February 2 at 6:30pm. The evening will have a beer/wine bar, concession, silent auction, and our “Grapes for Grads” wall of wine and spirits. This promises to be a fun, social event so please bring your friends and family – all ages are invited!



BLESSED MARIE ANNE BLONDIN BURSARY

BLESSED MARIE ANNE BLONDIN BURSARY The Catholic Foundation is accepting applications for the Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary. Please submit applications to: CatholicFoundation@nelsondiocese.org or mail to: Catholic Foundation, 3665 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna, BC V1W 4M7 Applications will be accepted until January 31, 2024. Bursary details/applications can be found in the church entrance or on our parish website (icckelowna.ca) under the Bulletins and Notices Tab.

PERMANENT DIACONATE



Discerning a Vocation to Permanent Diaconate?

The Diocese of Nelson is hosting an online information session, for Catholic men aged 35 to 60 who are interested in learning more about being a deacon. If you feel God is calling you to become a permanent deacon, consider attending an **Online Information Session**:

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Monday, February 12th, 2024

You are encouraged to attend with your spouse (if applicable).

Register no later than Monday, February 5th, 2024

by emailing rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org

A link to join the online session will be sent once you are registered.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

St. Pius X Parish, Kelowna has started a program to help immigrants who wish to learn or improve their English. The first one was held on Monday January 8, 2024.

If you or you know someone who can benefit from this, you are welcome to join us every Monday at 6pm in the parish hall.

We have a professional English teacher who has stepped forward to help with this. She has a master's degree in education with an emphasis in ESL. She taught adult immigrants, refugees and international students.

For more information, contact Fr. Obi at 250 762 2587 or email the parish office:

spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org



We invite you to join our
St. Charles Garnier Parish
Facebook group!

Use the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stcharlesgarnier>
or Scan the QR code



You will be asked to answer the question “who is our pastor” to be accepted into the group.

See what is happening in our Parish!
See what our Ministries are doing!
See why we need more people to serve!



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Mark 1:21-28



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Pastor—Fr. Gerald
Chair—Stephen Horsman
Co-Chair—Christine Schmidt
Liturgy—Marlene Crane
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Maintenance—Don Korby/Margaret Radi
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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—**NOTE:** Sep-Oct-Nov @ 6:30 PM
 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 pjaaas@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 2nd Sunday of the month @ St. Charles Garnier Parish Hall.

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

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

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	Brenda Korby	250-859-0840
Safe Environment Coordinator		
Ushers	Gino Servedio	250-764-3182
Pilgrimage of Faith	Rhonda Sali rhondasali@gmail.com	
Development and Peace	Karen Krout— karenkrout@gmail.com	
Hospital Visitation	Ethel Robidoux	250-860-2101
Care-Home Visitation	Christine Schmidt	250-763-4798
Youth Ministry	www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca/	
Religious Ed Coordinator	Amanda Tian Seng	

250-860-6776 -Ext: 202 or formation.scg.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org

CONTACT NUMBERS

DIocese of Nelson—Catholic Pastoral Centre	250-448-2725
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 or at the Parish Office.

New Parishioner: _____ Information Change: _____

Name (s) : _____ & _____

DOB (yyyy/mm/dd): _____ & _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

CHILDREN

Name (s)	M/F	DOB (yyyy/mm/dd)

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

CWL _____	Music _____
Knights of Columbus _____	Reader _____
St. Vincent de Paul _____	Usher _____
R.C.I.A. _____	Altar Servers _____
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.