



St. Charles Garnier Parish



February 25, 2024

“This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!”.

Mark 9:2-10

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SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

This week's Scripture explores the 'inner conflicts of humans' from the background of Abraham, our father in Faith. (Ge 22:1-18) We celebrate Abraham as a 'Biblical Hero', because he responded in a positive way when called him from 'Ur' (Modern Iraq) and told him to migrate to the place of God's choice. (an unknown place). Abraham was told that he would be the father of many nations. He was 75 years old, and God told him that he would bless Abraham with a progeny, as he was childless. But Abraham had to wait for another 25 years to see the birth of his only son Isaac, according to God's promise. When Isaac was 12 years of age, God told Abraham (Ge 22:1-2) "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering".

Even though Abraham was a Biblical Hero, he was to the core a 'real human being' with feelings and emotions like any of us. Certainly, he would have experienced sleepless nights over this untimely command of God. He would have had his mental agony, anguish & struggle. Much the same Sarah might have felt too. Therefore, we would like to reflect on this 'Inner Struggle' of our father in faith today. 'Inner Struggle or Inner Conflict' is a 'private war' one undergoes in his / her heart, mind & soul before a decision is made. Why do we have inner struggle at all? It's a fight between good and evil (right & wrong) For example, like why should we 'love or hate' or a choice to be made between 'strength or weakness'. (Consider the following: 1. Long time relationships are breaking up due to the cold war...love has become cold. 2. Frustration mounting in life over matters that we no longer have control. in unproductive talk, especially gossip at this time.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Feb 26	8:30 am	+ Owen Jordan
Tue	Feb 27	8:30 am	Int. Nicole Horsman
Wed	Feb 28	8:30 am	All souls of Purgatory
Thu	Feb 29	8:30 am	Int. Leah Drebit & Family
Fri	Mar 1	8:30 am	Int. Lindsay Rowe & Family
Sat	Mar 2	5:00pm	Int. Mel Ouillette & Family
Sun	Mar 3	8:30am	Int. Nicole Horsman & Family
		10:30 am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

Next Week's Readings

1	Exodus —	20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
2	1 Corinthians —	1:18, 22-25++
Gospel	John —	2:13-25

...like a son or daughter making a wrong decision. 3. Living in fear of the unknown, like what will happen tomorrow especially in the war zones, or the refugees leaving their country in a hurry or the unpredictable situation of the migrants...like acceptance or deportation.

Like the above situations Abraham had his inner struggle /fight when God asked him to move from "Ur". But he obeyed God and God blessed him. He also waited on God for 25 long years to see his Son Isaac. But when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his Son, Isaac, whom he loved, he was broken into pieces. He had undergone a great pain with inner conflicts, even though he did not express it explicitly. Abraham was hopeful that God would save his face and rescue his son from danger. But he had no clue or clarity until he placed Isaac on the Altar of Sacrifice. Rev. Prof. Rolheiser OMI gives us the following explanation. 'We all dance to the tune of God'. It's God who operates. Our inner conflicts prompt us to dance. The gravity of the matter increases our intensity of dance. Our dance becomes more vibrant under unknown situations. The excruciating pain in his heart at the thought of sacrificing his only Son Isaac might have intensified his inner struggle. He would have been broken, confused, puzzled at this painful thought.

The Young Isaac might have had his own inner struggle too. Isaac asked his father, "Where is the animal for the sacrifice?" (Ge22:7) We have wood & fire, but where is the animal? Abraham was speechless for a brief moment, but diplomatically he answered, "God himself will provide" (Ge 22:8) Yes, God provided. Apostle Paul in his letter to Romans 8:31-32 tells us, "If God is for us, who can be against us?". Are we undergoing inner struggle? Do you have mental and physical tight corners in life? Place your Trust & Confidence in the Lord. He will rescue you from all your miseries, challenges & troubling situations. Like Abraham, we all can become heroes in the sight of the Almighty, provided we trust in him... "My God will Provide & My God will Rescue me from all my challenges".

All the best.

In the Service of the Word!

Gabriel



K OF C—BREAKFAST



Pancake Breakfast



St. Charles Garnier Parish

You are invited to the Best Breakfast in town!

Sunday, February 25, 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!

THE SHROUD OF TURIN

"The SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBIT will be hosted @ St. Anns's Parish, Penticton, Apr 4 - 7th. Exhibit is open 10 am - 9 pm., following morning mass.

Fr Andrew Dalton, PhD in Shroud Studies will present talks @ 10 am, 1 & 7 pm on Thurs & Fri. Fr Dalton teaches Shroud studies in Rome. This is an amazing, inspiring Exhibit. A perfect celebration of the Resurrection! Inspiration for Divine Mercy Week.

Free. Donations appreciated. See posters on the bulletin bd. for details."

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Rachel's Vinyard Spring Retreat: Has abortion left you feeling empty and alone? Rachel's Vineyard retreats are available for women, men, couples or anyone who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from an abortion experience, this retreat is for you. Register now for our April retreat in Kelowna. For more information contact Vicki, 250-762-2273, info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com, www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com
Confidentiality assured.



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](#).



Second Sunday of Lent video of the series title “Journey through Lent” is now available:
<https://www.cccb.ca/lent/>

OZANAM RECOVERY HOUSE

Ozanam Recovery House, a project of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, is a Kelowna-based recovery home for men struggling with addictions and/or mental health issues. Our mission is to treat addiction and promote recovery by providing Home, Health and Hope. Since opening our doors in 2008, we have helped more than 750 men change their lives!

We are currently in need volunteers to join our Board of Directors, providing strong and capable leadership in the following areas:

- Treasurer position is vacant and needs to be filled urgently

- Directors at Large also needed to share talents in all areas including communications, social media, public relations, facilities management, and administration

Our working board meets online once a month for 2 hours, and members typically contribute an additional 2-6 hours of their time per month. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable experience in a stable, well-run not-for-profit while making a difference in your community.

To learn more or get involved, please contact Jamie Walters, General Manager at:

manager@recoverykelowna.ca

or call 250-762-4673 (HOPE).

CHALICE



Ukraine Regional Assistance

STEUBENVILLE NW YOUTH CONFERENCE

Spokane, Washington -- July 10-14, 2024

If you are a Catholic student currently in grade 8 to 12 and are from one of the Catholic parishes in Kelowna, W. Kelowna or Lake Country, we invite you to apply for this sacrament-soaked weekend! This youth conference is filled with talks, small group discussions, lively worship music, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass to help us see the importance of our relationship with the Lord.

Trip cost: \$640.00 (additional funding may be available please contact your parish office.) Cost includes bus ride from ICC Kelowna, four nights' accommodation, all conference activities, 11 meals, travel medical insurance and entry into Silverwood Theme Park. Space is limited!

Complete these three application steps by March 13:
1. Email David Z at: snw.kelowna@gmail.com to express interest in this trip

2. Parish commitment form signed by teen's parish priest

3. School-based character reference.

For more information about the conference and application process, go to:

www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca.

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.

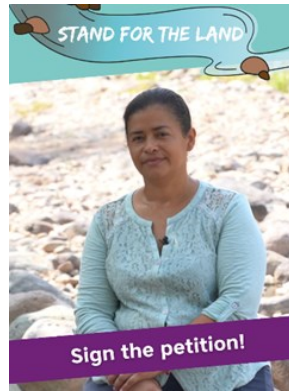


SCG—Guide to Giving 2024					
February	4	11	18	25	Total
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	8,350	8,350	8,350	8,350	33,400
Monthly automatic bank donations received (SAG)			9,400		
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	5,442	3,290	4,288		
E-transfers received					
Monthly total to date	5,442	8,732	22,420		

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Week 2: February 25

Last chance to sign the Stand for the Land petition



Today is the deadline for signing a letter to Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government to protect those who are fighting to defend forests and rivers in a Honduran national park against pollution from a mine. The letter is part of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's last fall campaign.

Over 20,000 Canadians have signed it in solidarity with these struggling communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. Join the effort and add weight to our demands. Sign now at devp.org/act.

Thank you for your solidarity!

PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday, February 23	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, February 24	5:00 pm	Sunday Mass
Sunday, February 25	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, February 26	1:00 pm	Card Social group
Wednesday, February 28	9:00 am 9:30 am 5:30 pm—7:00pm 5:30—7:00 pm 7:00—8:00 pm	SSVP Meeting Catholic Mom's Connect Soup and Stations Catechism—1st Reconciliation/1st Communion Catechism—Confirmation
Thursday, February 29	9:30 am	Bible Study—Church Hall
Friday, March 1	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross

St. Charles Garnier Women's Ministry

REFRESH

*I will refresh the weary & satisfy the faint
Jeremiah 31:25*

Re-lent Retreat

Make your life a prayer

Saturday, March 23
9 AM - 3 PM

Save the date! St. Charles Garnier's Women's Ministry is excited to announce a full-day retreat for all women of the parish.

Stay tuned for all the details including speakers, meals, and registration.

Guest Speaker
SCOTT ROY


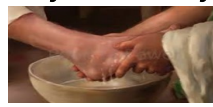

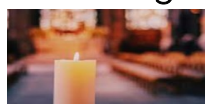




RE-LENT

Men's Lenten Retreat

16 March 2024 | At St. Charles Garnier Parish
9:00am - 3:00pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MARCH 11TH
\$20 REGISTRATION FEE
LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED

	Date	Mass Times
Palm Sunday 	Sunday, March 23 Sunday, March 24	5:00 pm 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Holy Thursday 	Thursday, March 28	6:30 pm
Good Friday 	Friday, March 29	12:00 pm & 3:00 pm
Easter Vigil 	Saturday, March 30	6:30 pm
Easter Sunday 	Sunday, March 31	8:30 am & 10:30 am



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent
@ 6:30pm

ST. CHARLES GARNIER LENTEN FAMILY NIGHTS: SOUP & STATIONS

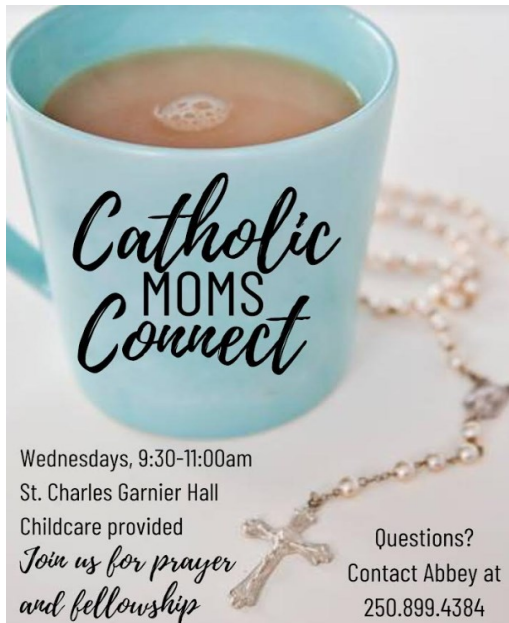
JOIN US FOR A POTLUCK SUPPER OF SOUP,
FOLLOWED BY PRAYING THE
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAYS @ 5:30

**STARTING FEB 21 THROUGH LENT*



PIC•COLLAGE



Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am
St. Charles Garnier Hall
Childcare provided
*Join us for prayer
and fellowship*

Questions?
Contact Abbey at
250.899.4384

ALMSGIVING SUNDAY MARCH 2 & 3

Go through your pantry and share your non-perishable food items with those in need.

DROP-OFF LOCATION:

Non-perishable food items can be brought to the altar before any of the Masses on March 2nd & 3rd



ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH

Lenten Reconciliation Service

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
@ 5:00PM

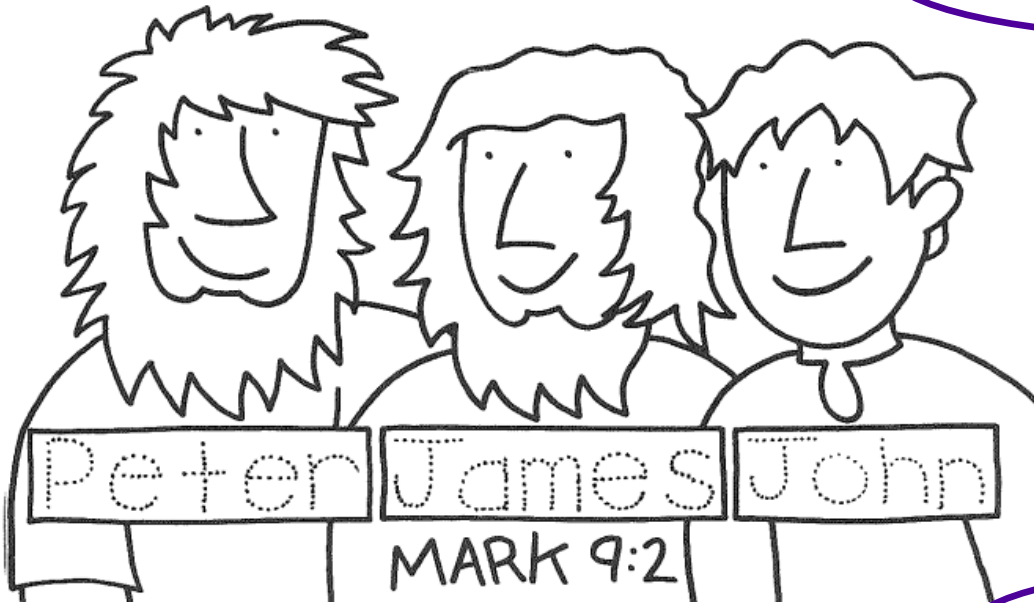
Second Sunday of Lent (B)

Mark 9:2-10

'This is my beloved Son'

Trace their names

Jesus took three of his disciples up a high mountain



Jesus seemed to change and his clothes dazzled brightly!

Which brilliant colour did his clothes appear? Colour the boxes and circle the answer

Mark 9:3

RED

BLUE

GREEN

YELLOW

WHITE

PURPLE

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Pastor—Fr. Gerald
Chair—Stephen Horsman
Co-Chair—Christine Schmidt
Liturgy—Marlene Crane
Financial—Kevin Schmidt
Maintenance—Don Korby/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—**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 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 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.