



St. Charles Garnier Parish



March 17, 2024

“I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

John 12:20-33

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SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

"Jesus the Grain of Wheat" (Jn 12:20-23) and he (dies) falls into the ground as a single grain. But he Rose again by the Power of God. Grain of Wheat is the thought-provoking metaphor for 'Selfless Love'. It disintegrates in order to sprout out and to produce in abundance. Jesus sacrificed for everyone to live. Selfishness is the human weakness (false love), which will not allow one to sacrifice (selfishness overrides our generosity), which destroys oneself. 'Imitation of Christ' (Phil 2:6), the Servant of God is the much-accepted standard of Christian perfection. As the seed germinates inside the ground, the Word of God that we listen to at every liturgical gathering should stir (ferment & germinate) in the hearts of the believer motivating us for action. This is how the Kingdom of God is sprouting & spreading. As the seed inevitably sprouts and grows to produce either 30, 60, or 100% of grain, the Word of God heard, inevitably will produce a rich/bountiful harvest. (2 Cor 9:10) According to Pope Benedict XVI 'God chose the best of the human Seed in the Person of Christ Jesus, the Messiah and planted him in the human family'. The Pope wrote in his 'Biblical Theology' book, 'Since Christ was the best of seed, he produced a Bumper Harvest, a wonderful crop, in human history. He initiated the way for a 'lasting transformation by his principles of Love of God and neighbour'.

He taught the World, the value system of generosity, unconditional love, non-judgmental attitudes, and interactions. He showed us the method of 'Radical Love' by making everyone important and reaching out to all people without any reservation to share his goodwill. In his life and preaching, he initiated this change, and, in his death, he actually became a source of life giving, a New Beginning to everyone who opts to follow him.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Mar 18	8:30 am	+ Carmelo Rocino & Family
Tue	Mar 19	8:30 am	+ Boutilier Family
Wed	Mar 20	8:30 am	St. Joseph
Thu	Mar 21	8:30 am	+ Luifi Pagliaro
Fri	Mar 22	8:30 am	+ Reg Humphries
Sat	Mar 23	5:00pm	+ Antonio Del Gaizo & Family
Sun	Mar 24	8:30am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier
		10:30 am	+ Bill Young

Next Week's Readings

1	Isaiah —	50:4-7
2	Philippians —	2:6-11
Gospel	Mark —	14:15-47

Today's Scriptures honor him remembering his impending death with gratitude. According to Agriculture research, 'every seed has life and potentiality to survive'. So, even when they are buried in the ground, they undergo a slow death, in order to bring out a New Growth. This is what we call 'germination', like wheat grain, apples, or oranges.

Jesus was dead and buried, but in his death, 'He Sprouted' and His movement became a reality through his disciples (Acts 5:38 "This plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fall by itself, but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow"), who went out to the entire world of that time and propagated his message of this human transformation. The Jewish Leaders and those responsible for the death of Christ thought that with the Burial of Christ, they had put an end to his movement. But before their dream could die, 'Jesus Rose, He Germinated' and challenged them more by his presence and appearances. This is how he strengthened his followers. Today "Jesus Blooms in the Hearts of His Followers'. How fortunate are we to be his present-day disciples. as we near the Holy Week / The Sacred Three Days of our Redemption, let us gratefully acknowledge what Jesus has done for us and develop a deep love for Him & His Church.

All the best.
In the Service of the Word!
Gabriel



FORMED FEEDBACK SURVEY

Please fill out the survey to assist our parish in understanding the usage history of Formed at our parish in the past year



LENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Parish/School	Date/Time
St. Francis of Assisi Parish	Monday March 19, 2024 @ 5:00 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Wednesday March 20, 2024 @ 4:00 pm
Immaculate Conception Parish	Thursday March 21, 2024 @ 3:00 pm


RACHEL'S VINEYARD

"Truly, the Lord is waiting to be gracious to you, truly, he shall rise to show you mercy; For the Lord is a God of justice: happy are all who wait for him!"

Isaiah 30:18

How amazing it is to know that Our Lord is waiting to fill us with mercy and His love, when we at times can feel so far away from deserving that embrace. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and receive. It is time. Time for you to receive the peace for which you yearn.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com
www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

 Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna
250-762-2273

Rachel's Vineyard 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.



HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you have family member in the hospital and wish to have a visit/communion, please phone/email the office to let us know. 250-860-6776

scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

Or contact Ethel @ 250-860-2101



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](#).



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

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."

ICC

On Saturday March 16th, Fr. Marian Korzeniowski will be at Immaculate Conception Church (839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna) to hear confession (in Polish) at 6:00 pm and to celebrate Polish Mass at 7:00 pm.

Saturday, March 30th at 12:30 Fr. Paul will be blessing Easter Food.

A Walk from ICC to Seton House

In Honour of Our Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Leaving ICC at 12pm.

Stations of the Cross at 3pm. at Seton House

Those who are not able to walk the distance may meet us at Seton House at 3pm. for the Stations of the Cross

CHALICE



Ukraine Regional Assistance

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Week 5: March 17

This Lent, please give generously



This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's Reaping our Rights campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

"Development and Peace — Caritas Canada accompanies, supports and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. Thank you!" — Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give.

Thank you for your solidarity!

Special Collection—March 17, 2024



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						
March	3	10	17	24	31	Total
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	6,680	6,680	6,680	6,680	6,680	33,400
Monthly automatic bank donations received (SAG)						
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	4,177	3,459				
E-transfers received						
Monthly total to date	4,177	7,636				

K OF C—BREAKFAST



Pancake Breakfast



Please note:
 March breakfast will be canceled due to the Easter Season!

PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday, March 15	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 16	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Re-Lent Men’s Retreat Sunday Mass—Special Collection—Development & Peace
Sunday, March 17	8:30 am 10:30 am 2:00 pm	Sunday Mass—Special Collection—Development & Peace Sunday Mass—Special Collection—Development & Peace K of C—4th Degree Meeting
Monday to Friday	8:30 am	Morning Mass—Rosary after Mass
Tuesdays and Wednesdays		Confessions after 8:30 am Mass
Monday, March 18	1:00 pm	Card Social group
Tuesday, March 19	7:00—9:00 pm	Women’s Ministry—Refresh
Wednesday, March 20	9:30 am	Catholic Mom’s Connect Catechism—1st Reconciliation/1st Communion “NO Classes”
Thursday, March 21	9:30 am	Bible Study—Church Hall
Friday, March 22	10:30 am 6:30 pm	Funeral + John Polman Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 23	9:00 am-3:00pm	Re-Lent Women’s Retreat

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

Our 2024 Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal all ready started. This annual appeal provides funding for capital project rebates, Catholic education, social and pastoral programs, and many other key services in our Diocese as well as to our parish.

This year our goal is **\$62,650.00**

As of the end of February we have **\$3,193.60**

We hope that everyone will participate in this year's appeal.

Remember to fill out your pledge card and drop it along with a cheque/cash in the collection or donate via e-transfer to:

etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org

or online via Canada Helps at Canada Helps:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360>

For more information on how to give, contact the Pilgrimage of Faith office at the Pastoral Centre at 250-448-2725 ext. 240 or email:

appeals@nelsondiocese.org

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago.

It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere.

For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on March 29, 2024. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by Interact e-transfer to:

terresainte@bellnet.ca or online at: Commissariat.ca

Receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM

Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

	Date	Mass Times
<i>Palm Sunday</i> 	<i>Saturday, March 23</i> <i>Sunday, March 24</i>	<i>5:00 pm</i> <i>8:30 am & 10:30 am</i>
<i>Mass for the Sick</i>	<i>Wednesday, March 27</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
<i>Holy Thursday</i> 	<i>Thursday, March 28</i>	<i>6:30 pm</i>
<i>Good Friday</i> 	<i>Friday, March 29</i>	<i>12:00 pm & 3:00 pm</i>
<i>Easter Vigil</i> 	<i>Saturday, March 30</i>	<i>6:30 pm</i>
<i>Easter Sunday</i> 	<i>Sunday, March 31</i>	<i>8:30 am & 10:30 am</i>



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent
@ 6:30pm

ST. CHARLES GARNIER LENTEN FAMILY NIGHTS: SOUP & STATIONS

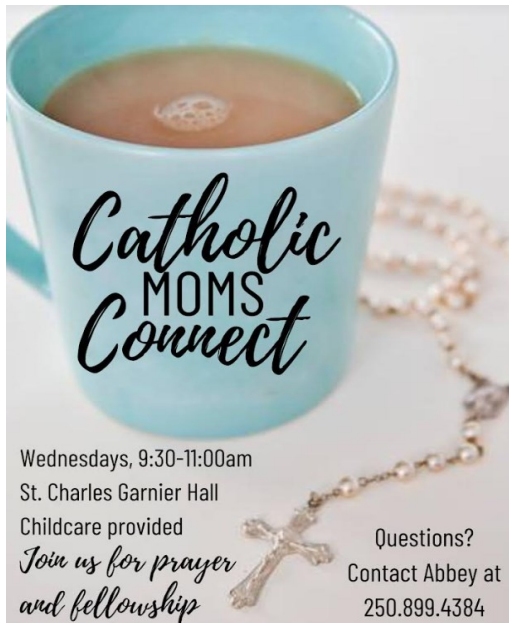
JOIN US FOR A POTLUCK SUPPER OF SOUP,
FOLLOWED BY PRAYING THE
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



St. Charles Garnier Women's Ministry

REFRESH

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

Re-lent Women's Retreat

Saturday, March 23
9 AM - 3 PM

Join our fellow parishioners, along with guest speaker, **Gladys Miller**, for a full-day retreat. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Registration is \$20.

Registration is required by March 18 - email joelleandkevinschmidt@gmail.com for an electronic copy of the form or pick up a physical copy from the church's foyer.



2024 Spring Gala April 19, 2024

We are proud to announce that tickets are available to purchase!

<https://stjoseph.hotlunches.net>

Early Bird Tickets available till
March 11th for \$65/person

Tickets sold after March 11th will be
\$75/person

Deadline is March 22, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

John 12:20-33

A grain of wheat

Cross out the letter with odd numbers.
Write the remaining letters in order on the lines

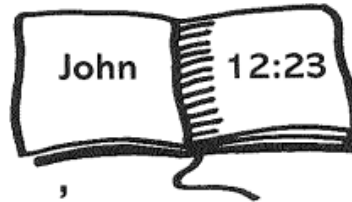
Jesus knew that the time was coming for him to suffer and die

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What did Jesus say about the grain of wheat?

Find his words and read them in the order 1 to 10

Jesus said...



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 @ 9:30 am
 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.