

Welcome to

St. Charles Garnier Parish

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Bulletin – April 20, 2025



The Resurrection on the Lord

Easter Sunday

Gospel of John 20:1-18++

Next week's readings:

1st – Acts 5:12-16

2nd – Revelation 1:9, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel – John 20:19-31

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass & Devotions
Livestream click [here](#)

St. Charles Garnier Parish

<http://stcharlesgarnier.ca/>

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

Livestream click [here](#)

Weekly Mass Intentions

Mon	Apr 21	8:30 am	+ Aggie Turner
Tue	Apr 22	8:30 am	+ Wolfgang Dabelstein
Wed	Apr 23	8:30 am	Int. Joseph Lawrance
Thu	Apr 24	8:30 am	+ Carter Kosick
Fri	Apr 25	8:30 am	Int. Rita deVries
Sat	Apr 26	8:30 am 5:00 pm	+ Mohan & Wapples Family
Sun	Apr 27	8:30 am	+ Emil Bourque
		10:30 am	All Souls of Purgatory
		4:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

Scripture Message

Happy Easter 2025

May the Resurrection of Christ fill our hearts with Hope, Peace, Joy & Prosperity, wished His Holiness Pope Francis. May this day bless you Love, Happiness and Renewal in all our lives. As we Celebrate the Triumph of Life over the Culture of Death, may the Spirit of Easter fill our Hearts & Minds with Joy, Gladness, Compassion and Forgiveness.

Today's Gospel Message from John 20:1-18 Gives us Hope. Professor Mary Healy from the Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit - US, in 'Sunday Visitor' wrote, "He is Alive" (Jn 20:16-18) & "He is Risen from the Dead". These two phrases were the heart of the Easter Proclamation for the Early Christians. With great joy and enthusiasm, they went out to the whole Universe proclaiming this message spreading the gospel... 'the good news of Jesus' Resurrection'. Though illiterates yet they had the grace to believe. But in the Modern world, though we are quite knowledgeable with science & Technology, we are unable to recognize this truth. The Early Christians had recognized that Jesus had Risen from death, Calling : "O death, where is your victory?. O death, where is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:55) Jesus overcame death and was raised to Life through the Power of God. Paul in Galatians:1 & Rom 6:4 wrote: "God raised Him from the Grave. God the Father's Glory Raised Jesus from Death".

Today, we celebrate the 'Triumph of Life' over the 'Culture of Death'.

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Though the whole World is undergoing challenging times due to several human made upheavals, Pope Francis expressed His Hope saying, "I pray God's Closeness to you and your loved ones, not only at this Easter time, but also throughout this Jubilee Year 2025 and beyond. Baskets of flowers, eggs are nice to share with friends and families this Easter, but let's thank God in Christ the Lord, for most of all, for people like you, who enrich our Catholic Church Culture by their living faith. Therefore, "Rejoice & Be Glad & Shout Hallelujah!". The Lamb of God has Risen from the Grave. Share your Easter Blessings with your friends, families and all people of goodwill. Most of all the less fortunate of our societies. Like Mary Magdalene, let's try to claim, "Jesus is Risen" and become effective witnesses to the Power of the Resurrection of Christ through our vibrant faith".

Happy Easter 2025

Affectionately in the Service of the Word!

Gabriel



May this Easter bring you closer to the Love and Grace of Christ.
Fr. Gerald, Fr Ferdinand & SCGP Staff

PARISH PHOTO BOOKLET

Please make your appointments as soon as possible.

- Go to <https://www.ipcphoto.ca/>
- Click on Appointments. Password is myphoto
- Click on parish name
- Review the instructions
- On drop-down list, enter number of people who will be present at the appointment.
- Click on a date from Monday, April 21 to Saturday, April 26. **Choose carefully.**
- Click a time slot that's open. **Please choose evening slots if possible;** seniors may need driving daylight appointments.
- Fill in name, phone and email
- Click Finalize (You should get an email confirmation.)

In case of illness or other emergency, contact either Administrator: Frances Lemire:

lemirefrancesl@gmail.com or Sr. Phyllis:

rose2175@gmail.com to **cancel or change**.

When you set up an appointment, you can choose whether to purchase pictures or not. Whether yes or no, because you got your picture taken, you will be entitled to a free photo booklet when they are printed. You can also have your picture in the booklet by taking a high-quality photo with your phone and sending it to Sr Phyllis (email above) This might be helpful for family members who are in care homes but want to be in the photo booklet. If you send a phone photo, you will not be able to get a free booklet, but you can purchase one for \$20.



Office of the Bishop

14 April 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and peace in the Lord!

"Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord.'" (John 20:18)

We see in our Gospel for Easter Sunday that Mary's expectations were shattered when she went to Jesus' tomb. So much so, she had to run and tell Peter and John, who in turn run to the empty tomb themselves and share in her astonishment. But it wasn't astonishment at the resurrection of Jesus. Rather, it was astonishment that the tomb was empty.

Mary's astonishment and sadness soon gave way to Easter joy when Jesus appeared to her and revealed that He had indeed risen from the dead.

We all have encountered empty tombs in our lives, and the shock and sadness that accompanies them. Every Easter Jesus reminds us that we were not intended for the tomb, but for life, and the glory of the resurrection.

May you experience the Easter joy Mary felt when she encountered the Risen Lord, and may it transform your lives and inspire hope in your own resurrection from the dead and the gift of eternal life that Jesus offers us.

God bless you and your families this Easter!

Sincerely in Christ our Lord,

✠ Gregory J Bittman
Bishop of Nelson



Family Mass

Once a month during the 10:30 Mass children grade 2 and older can sign up to do the jobs within the Mass. Ministries children can be a part of include: reading, greeting, bringing up the collection & joining the Children's Choir.

NEXT FAMILY MASS: Sunday, April 27th, 2025

To sign up for Family Mass, please contact Lindsay Rowe via email (lindsaynrowe@gmail.com)

To sign up for Children's Choir, please contact Abbey Ackerman via text (250-899-4384) or email (aerackerman@gmail.com)

Men's Morning Study Series

All men are invited to join us at ICC Parish Center on Wednesday mornings from 6:30 to 7:30 am starting April 23 for a six-week video series called *My Father's Father*. How many of us struggle to know that we have a Father in heaven who knows, loves, and chooses us as His sons and daughters? Join Fr. Dave Pivonka as he journeys home to reflect on the urgent need to know God as Father amidst the backdrop of his hometown and the relationship he shared with his dad. This poignant documentary series explores the transformative impact of embracing our inheritance, unraveling the intricate tapestry of fear, doubt, shame, and brokenness to reveal a loving Father— for each of us. For more information about the series or to register, go to www.icckelowna.ca

Are you called to be a Catechist?

Help the next generation embrace the depths of their faith! We need parishioners of our parish who feel called to this ministry to help us deliver the programs for First Communion & Confirmation in the 2025/2026 school year.

The commitment would range between 2-3 times a month. Please contact Amanda Tian Seng for more details (formation.scg.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)



YOUTH RETREAT

Date: Saturday, April 26, 2025 **Time:** 9:00am to 7:00pm
Where: St. Ann's Church, Penticton (1296 Main St.)
Who: Youth in Grades 6 to 12
Cost: FREE for participants
Includes: Meals & Mass at 5pm
To Register (required) click on [Youth Retreat](#) or scan the QR code **Must be registered by April 19**
This year's theme is Into the Deep.



Annual Mass for Life!

Join us to pray for the Unborn, the Elderly, and the Disabled. Thursday **May 8th**, Canada reflects on 56 years of mourning legal abortion in Canada.

Euthanasia has become the latest desecration of LIFE in our country! **How do we respond?**

A Mass for Life will be celebrated on Thursday, May 8, 6:30pm at Immaculate Conception Church, 839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna.

Following the MASS FOR LIFE, there will be coffee and refreshments as well as a short 30—minute video of awareness in the Parish Hall.

Please join us to defend LIFE, become informed and convicted to STAND FOR LIFE!



Principal – St. Michael's Elementary School, Trail BC

Effective: April, 2025

CISND is seeking a passionate and experienced individual to lead

St. Michael's School

Please provide:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Name and contact information for your parish pastor.
- Photocopy of university transcripts
- Photocopy of most recent evaluation
- Name and contact information of at least three professional references
- Photocopy of BC teacher certificate

For further information contact:

Robert Plaxton CISND

District Principal

irhs.principal@cisnd.ca



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

April 20, 2025

"He saw and believed."
— John 20:8

Dear Families, Educators, and Members of the CISND Community:

Happy Easter! In the Gospel of John, the beloved disciple enters the empty tomb, sees, and believes. This profound, simple moment reminds us of the glory of God when we put our entire faith and trust in the Lord.

This Easter, we are called to renew our faith, as we recognize the signs of resurrection in our schools, homes, and hearts. We are all united as pilgrims in this Jubilee Year of Hope, with the universal Church in living, celebrating, and proclaiming our faith with joyful enthusiasm. In our Catholic schools, we see this hope every day: children discovering the love of Christ, educators forming hearts and minds, and families growing together.

Thank you to our educators, staff, clergy, and families for your unwavering dedication. It is through your efforts that our children not only see but believe—then share their faith with the world through their words and actions.

May the Risen Lord bless you with peace, renew your hearts with hope, and strengthen our shared mission in Catholic education.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

In Christ,

Pamela Guilbault

Superintendent, Catholic Independent Schools of the Nelson Diocese

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Office hours: 9:00 am—2:00 pm Tuesday to Friday

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

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 3rd Sunday of the month @ 1:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes-Meeting Room. 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

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

Ministry Coordinators

If you wish to become involved contact the Parish Office

Children's Liturgy Allison Knittig	778-477-3790
Eucharistic Ministers Dave Crane	250-861-4085
CMC/Children Choir:	
Abbey Ackerman	250-899-4384
Julia Orr	250-718-0060
Women's Ministry Joelle Schmidt	250-470-8901
Altar Servers Jon Rowe	778-478-1133
Music JoAnn Young	250-317-8965
Readers Marlene Crane	250-861-4085
Sacristans Lindsay Rowe	779-214-0420
Safe Environment Coordinator	
Keith Reeves keefreeves@outlook.com	
Ushers Gino Servedio	250-764-3182
Pilgrimage of Faith Rhonda Sali rhondasali@gmail.com	
Development and Peace Karen Krout	
karenjkrou@gmail.com	
Hospital Visitation Ethel Robidoux	250-860-2101
Care-Home Visitation Chriss 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	

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
ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER	250-764-4333
FREEDOM'S DOOR	250-717-0472
info@freedomdoorskelowna.com	
GRIEF TO GRACE	250-870-8517 -
www.GriefftoGrace.org	
KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE	250-870-4103
kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com	
OZANAM HOUSE	250-762-4673
manager@ozanamhouse.com	
PREGNANCY CARE	250-763-2112
RACHEL'S VINEYARD	250-762-2273
info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com	



St. Charles Garnier Parish

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please complete this form and leave it in the collection basket, Parish Office or email to:
scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

New Parishioner: ☐ Information Change: ☐

Name (s) : _____ & _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Last) (First) (Middle)
DOB (yyyy/mm/dd): _____ & _____
Address: _____ Postal Code: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

CHILDREN				
Name (s) (Last)	(First)	(Middle)	M/F	DOB (yyyy/mm/dd)

Would you like to be contacted by one of our parish groups?	
<input type="checkbox"/> CWL	<input type="checkbox"/> Music
<input type="checkbox"/> Knights of Columbus	<input type="checkbox"/> Reader
<input type="checkbox"/> St. Vincent de Paul	<input type="checkbox"/> Usher
<input type="checkbox"/> R.C.I.A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Altar Servers
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.