



St. Charles Garnier Parish

April 28, 2024

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for You.”



John 10:15-18

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SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

"Vine & Branches" refer to "Christ & the Believer!". It explains the deep, intimate, and abiding relationship of every believer in Christ. Christian life becomes rich, fruitful & vibrant if we are intimately united with Christ and are willing to share this joy filled life with others. This could be manifested in our pleasant & welcoming gestures like friendship, hospitality, outreaching & accompanying. Therefore, Christian life is a call to bear abundant fruit by our good works. Our Sacramental Union with Christ is essential for all these salient features. The Gospel of John 15:12-13 Explains the concept of 'Fraternal Charity' "Love one another as I have loved you". Jesus used this imagery of the 'Vine & Branches' to help us understand the essentials of Christian Living....which should be the precondition to bear fruits. When we bear fruit Jesus is honored and God is honored through our timely actions.

The Branches are his followers / disciples. He prunes us through the Sacramental Grace of Conversion through Reconciliation, which removes the unwanted growth...especially that which is not beneficial for bearing good fruits...this may be understood as our critical behaviors such as, hostile attitudes, critical thinking, spreading false information, creating chaos in the community, judgmental behaviors & etc... are removed in order to help the believer to have a harmonious blending in the Community. Christ is our Head, and we make up His Body, the Church. Therefore, Evangelist Paul in 1 Cor 13:1-13 Explained the principles of "Love & Charity". He is of the view that Our Love should be 'Steadfast' and should be expressed in "Charity". The principal relationship of the 'Father & the Son' explained in John 3:16 can be achieved in our communities if we adhere to this principle of 'Abiding Love'.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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|-----|--------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Mon | Apr 29 | 8:30 am | + Daren Reiter |
| Tue | Apr 30 | 8:30 am | Int. James Horsman |
| Wed | May 1 | 8:30 am | Int. Rick Woods |
| Thu | May 2 | 8:30 am | Int. Kathy Woods |
| Fri | May 3 | 8:30 am | Int. Carmen & Family |
| Sat | May 4 | 5:00pm | + Janet Harvie |
| Sun | May 5 | 8:30am | + Clarence Roberts |
| | | 10:30 am | Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier |

Next Week's Readings

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|--------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Acts — | 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 |
| 2 | 1 John — | 4:7-10 |
| Gospel | John — | 15:9-17 |

Actions speak louder than our Words'. Our love for Christ can be filled with actions/gestures of goodwill if expressed in concrete/genuine forms especially when we walk extra miles to make amends for our hostilities, hurt feelings, judgmental behaviors by extending an Olive Branch/Bouquet of Flowers. Christ showed his love by dying on the cross to show to the world, 'how much he loved us'. We are invited to imitate Him by showing our love and concern for others not by dying, but by sharing and caring in a timely manner in a genuine way. Our Parishioners have been manifesting their goodwill genuinely towards God, Church and the Community in several ways giving an example to our younger people. In a way, together we are setting a great role model for the 'love of Christ'. We do things together not for any personal gain/popularity, but for the love of Christ. St. Paul in 2 Cor 5:14 Wrote: "The Love of Christ urges me" to do these things. Today's Scriptures invite us to get attached to Christ to perform such pleasant actions for the benefit of helping this community of faith to thrive in the Lord...'to get planted and rooted in Christ' Col 2:16 Let us implore the good Lord to guide us in this process.

All the best.

Affectionately in Christ!

Gabriel

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Eternal God...

Bless your church with holy and faithful priests, deacons, brothers and sisters.

Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in Him, with Him, and through Him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere.

With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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



RACHEL'S VINEYARD



Rachel's Vineyard Retreats
KELOWNA, BC

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@rachelvineyardkelowna.com,

www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com

Confidentiality assured.




"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@rachelvineyardkelowna.com

www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com

 Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

250-762-2273

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](#).

CHALICE

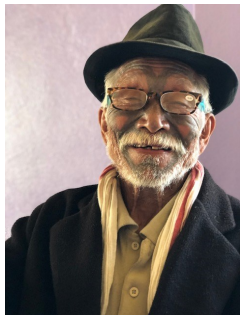


Give a gift click [here](#).

THANK YOU

I want to thank the St. Charles community once again for the incredibly generous donation of gently used spectacles we received. Each pair represents a changed life, and I am truly grateful. I am including a few pictures from my most recent trips to Colombia, Bolivia and India, if you would to share with your parishioners. Our next trip will be to the Amazon Region in June 2024. Well done!!

Dr. David Grimes,
Tutt Street Optometry



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.

For more information, please email:
griegtograncelowna@gmail.com

or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.



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.



K OF C—BREAKFAST



Pancake Breakfast



You are invited to the Best Breakfast in town!

Sunday, April 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.

Food prices keep going up, so we have to raise the cost of our entrance to keep providing this service:

Tickets are \$ 11.00 per person and \$ 30.00 per family!

Breakfast is served by the Knights of Columbus!

All funds raised go to Knights Charities!

| SCG—Guide to Giving 2024 | | | | | |
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| April | 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) | | | 9,400 | | |
| Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection | 4,693 | | | | |
| E-transfers received | | | | | |
| Monthly total to date | 4,693 | | | | |

PARISH EVENTS

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
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| Saturday, April 27 | 10:30 5:00 | Funeral—Donald Kennedy Sunday Mass |
| Sunday, April 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, April 29 | 12:00 pm—4:00 | Card Social group—potluck |
| Wednesday, April 30 | 9:30 am 4:30 pm-5:30 pm 7:00 pm-8:00 pm | Catholic Mom’s Connect Catechism—1st Reconciliation/1st Communion Catechism—Confirmation classes |
| Thursday, May 2 | 9:30 am | Bible Study |

Springfield Funeral Home Presents

**FREE Seminar & Complimentary Dinner
for the Catholic Diocese of Nelson**

Catholic Estate & Funeral Planning

**Tuesday, May 7th - 5:00 PM
Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Kelowna**

LEARN ABOUT: The Catholic Funeral Rites, Estate Planning,
Catholic Funeral Pre-Planning, Insurance for Survivor Income,
Estate Planning & Planned Giving



Mark Brade
Estate Lawyer
Pushor Mitchell
LLP



Fr. Cerlouie Jimenez
Chancellor
Nelson Diocese
Parish Priest
Our Lady of Lourdes



Joe Faubert
Field Agent
Knights of
Columbus



Charlotte Lutzer
Pre-Planning Director
Springfield
Funeral Home

Guest Speakers

**LIMITED SEATING. REGISTER BY MAY 1, 2024:
springfieldfuneralhome.com/catholic
OR 250.860.7077**

Registration is limited to 18+. No sales or solicitation.



REFUGEE DINNER

Asif Khan who St. Charles Garnier sponsored with his family of 11 over 6 years ago has gathered a sponsoring group to sponsor a friend of his still stuck in Thailand (11 years).

Their situation is very dire and so an application was filed one year ago. At this time, the sponsoring group are looking for financial support as the Johnson family of 4 (who all speak perfect English) could arrive any time now. There is a fundraising Pakistani dinner planned for May 4th at the Unitarian church (1310 Bertram) at 6pm – by donation.

Please reserve your seat and support this event.

Also if you have a car, boat or very good bicycle we will be able to sell it to raise funds for the sponsorship.

For more information call Keith Germaine at:

250-300-1062

Prayer Group

Greetings, Grace and peace to you all.

“Come to me all you who are laboured
and heavily burdened and I will give you rest”

Matthew 11:28—Come Join us!

Where: St Pius X Parish

When: Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Starting: October 3rd 2023

We gather in an atmosphere of love and support for one another, in an effort to grow in the knowledge and love of God and to show this love in our attitude toward others.

The prayer group is a place where people have found a new dimension to their spiritual lives and have discovered God’s love in a more profound way.

Together we are learning to live a surrendered life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ who continually leads us to our ABBA Father.

We gather with thanksgiving, in the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit to seek God’s face in Praise and Worship. Entering His presence and giving Him ours, gazing upon His goodness.

“He inhabits the praises of His people.” (Psalm 22:3)

In His beautiful presence we give Him our struggles, fears, anxieties, frustrations, loneliness, circumstances, and shortcomings. In this place our loving Father accepts us just as we are and fills us with His Mercy and Grace and gives us a renewed Peace and Hope.

Often our problems begin to disappear when we praise God, who then gives us a new perspective on life.

The Word of God is read and listened to. Scripture teaching, on aspects of the Christian life, instructs and helps us to grow in our spiritual life.

Through prayer ministry and intercession, we pray for each other, for our Church, city and our world.

Testimonies are shared as a most important way of building faith in others.

All are welcome. We would love to have you join us.

All Glory and Praise to our Lord Jesus Christ

For more information please call Piera:

(250) 215 7100

Searching for God in your grief?

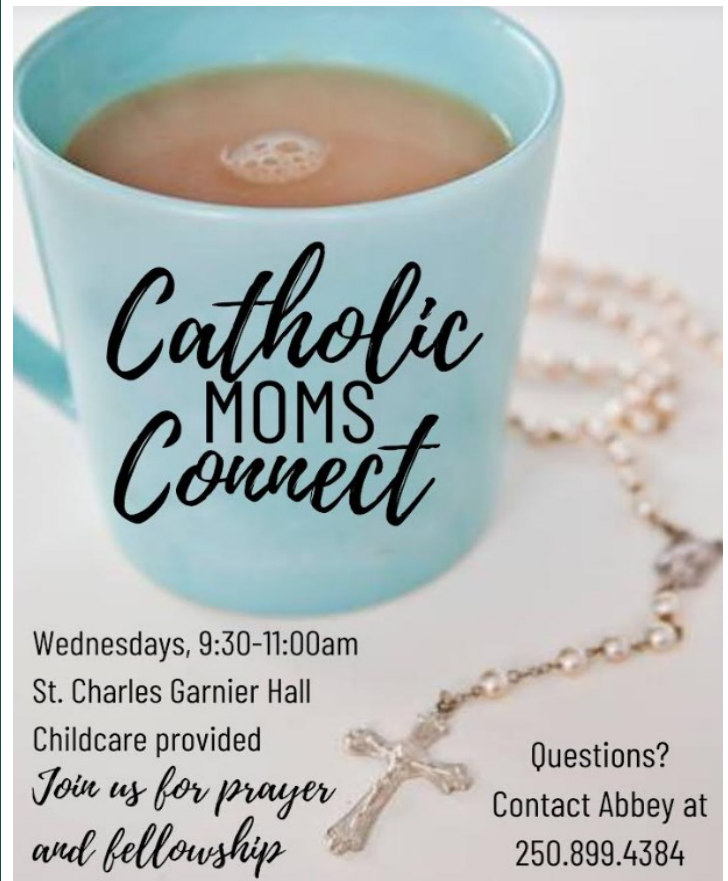


Catholic Grief Support Group

Immaculate Conception Church, Kelowna
5 Weeks: Thursdays from April 11 to May 9
4pm - 5:45pm

Info and Registration:

Andrea at ICC Parish Office: 250.762.3910, or
Tania Tavares: taniastemarietavares@gmail.com



Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am

St. Charles Garnier Hall

Childcare provided

*Join us for prayer
and fellowship*

Questions?

Contact Abbey at
250.899.4384



WE INVITE ALL TO JOIN US!
FOR SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT & OPPORTUNITIES
TO BE OUR LORD'S EYES, HANDS, FEET & VOICE

RENEWING GOD'S FIRE WITHIN US

NELSON CWL 88TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

For more information or to preregister: debcloutier27@gmail.com

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:

Preventing Sexual Exploitation of Youth - Friday at 12:30

by BRAVE Education Panel Members and Facilitators:

- Alyssa Favro, MA RCC, Counsellor and Educator
- Brenna Wallace, Experiential Spokesperson and Educator
- Bryna Ari, Investigator, RCMP Serious Crimes Unit
- Kelly Schuler-McDonald, Executive Director

...activities include: Presentations, Film, Facilitated Discussion, Detective Game

WHEN: 12:30 Friday, May 3rd 2024

WHERE: 14010 Rosedale Ave, Summerland BC

Donations to NDCWL are appreciated



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

PARISH YOUTH DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024



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Come and join us along with other Young Catholics in the
Diocese of Nelson for an afternoon filled with activities,
songs of praise and worship, and FOOD!

Bring your family and friends!
Open to Grade 5 - 12

The program will start at 12PM. The program will end at 5PM.
Mass will be 5PM to 6PM
See you there!



2507684114
lolparishyouthministry@gmail.com



OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH CENTER
2547 Hebert Road, West Kelowna

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

John 15-1-8

Jesus is the true vine

What did Jesus describe himself as?

THE
TRUE
VINE

Trace the missing letters

JOHN 15:1

Find these letters hidden in the picture— F—R—U—I—T

Jesus is the vine and we are the branches! What grows on the branches?



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 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

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

If you wish to become involved contact the Parish Office 250-860-6776

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| 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 - karenjkrout@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

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

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| 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.