

Welcome to

St. Charles Garnier Parish

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Second Sunday of Easter

DIVINE MERCY

Gospel of John 20:19-31

Next week's readings:

1st – Acts 5:28-32

2nd – Revelations 5:11-14

Gospel – John 21:1-19

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 28	8:30 am	+ Gilbert Wolf
Tue	Apr 29	8:30 am	Int. Betty Ann Richard
Wed	Apr 30	8:30 am	Int. Neniño Sia
Thu	May 1	8:30 am	Int. Joseph Lawrance
Fri	May 2	8:30 am	+ Mary Kolankowski
Sat	May 3	8:30 am	Int Nicolas & Joseph Slivinski
		5:00 pm	Int. Mary Jean Sia
		8:30 am	+ Loyd Zywna
Sun	May 4	10:30 am	+ Il Rae Joh
		7:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

Scripture Message

"Divine Mercy" is the Justice of God. Evangelist Paul in Romans 3:23 -24 wrote, 'Since all have sinned and fall short of the 'Glory of God', they are now 'Justified by his Grace, as a Gift, through the Redemption in Christ'. Liberation of the faithful people from 'Sin & Death, is achieved by the 'Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Christ'. The Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer remembers this fact of Jesus' suffering and death in its Litany. (By the Sorrowful Passion, Have Mercy on the whole World) But Sacred Scripture attributes this Divine Mercy to God the Father, especially in the Gospel of John 3:16 "For God so loved the World that He Gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him, may not perish, but may have Eternal Life'. This is the pure benevolence of God, and we are eternally grateful.

God the Father took pity on the World and allowed His Son Jesus to undertake this Excruciating & Painful Death on the Cross in order to Redeem & Liberate His Faithful people from Sin & Death. Jesus Rose from the Death asking, "Death, where is your victory? Where, O Death, is your Sting?". (1Cor 15:55) The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives Victory through Our Lord Jesus Christ". The early Apostolic preaching consisted of the facts of the 'suffering, death & resurrection of Christ'. The Apostles were empowered by the Risen Christ to perform many wonders / miracles among the believers to strengthen their faith. In fact, they had cured many sick people and drove away the unclean spirits from the possessed people. These Physical & Spiritual Healings brought many into faith in Jesus Christ.

Jesus, King of Mercy

I Trust in You!

Cont. ...

Jesus not only worked through his disciples but also through those who were persecuted for their belief in Him. He made use of those persecuted Christian faithful to migrate to other foreign lands and helped them to evangelize everyone to have a friendship with him. The modern-day Church just continues what Jesus had initiated.

Jesus Commissioned His Disciples to become agents of Faith to reveal the purposes of God, explains St John's Book of Revelation (1:1-9,12-13 & 17-19) Faith begins with the Sacrament of Baptism, which is a Rebirth through Water and the Descent of the Holy Spirit. (Rm 6:4-9) Water symbolizes the Water of the Red Sea & the Water that Poured Out from the open side of Jesus Christ from the Cross. (Jn 19:34) Baptism gives rebirth through Water & Spirit. The faithful people participate in the Suffering and Death of Christ, by inheriting His Indelible Mark in their flesh. Since Christ is the Alpha & Omega (Rev1:8 & 22:12) He is the Lord of Heaven and Earth. "He is, Christ the King" (Jn 18:33) Pilate questioned Jesus: "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus replied, You say, I am a King. "I bear witness to the Truth. All those who are on my side listen to my voice", answered Jesus. We, the Christian faithful are encouraged to be on the side of Christ and proclaim Him loud and clear to the world by our readiness of Service and Fellowship!!
All the Best.

In the Service of the Word!
Gabriel

Dear Beloved **St. Charles Family**,

Little word from your brother from here in Uganda.

This Easter, as we rejoice in the triumph of Christ over death, we are invited once again to rediscover the quiet, unshakable hope that flows from the empty tomb. Pope John Paul II once said, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." These words echo more deeply in a life often touched by uncertainty, reminding us that the Resurrection is not only a moment in history, but a living promise.

It is the assurance that even in our darkest nights, dawn is coming. That love is stronger than death. That the stone has been rolled away—not just from a tomb, but from every heart weighed down by fear or sorrow.

This Easter, though I find myself on the path of healing and away from our shared altar, my heart remains firmly united with yours in the joy and mystery of the Resurrection.

May the Risen Christ fill your hearts with peace, renew your strength, and guide our parish ever forward in faith and love. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter.

Fr. Gerald

PHOTO BOOKLET SPECIAL REQUEST

As part of the photo booklet, Father Gerald asked for **photos of the Mass communities** for the four Masses on the **weekend of June 7 and 8**. Two pictures for each Mass: one of the **adults**, one of the **children**.

Organizations within the parish could wear identifying clothing if they wish. Pictures could be outside or inside depending on weather.

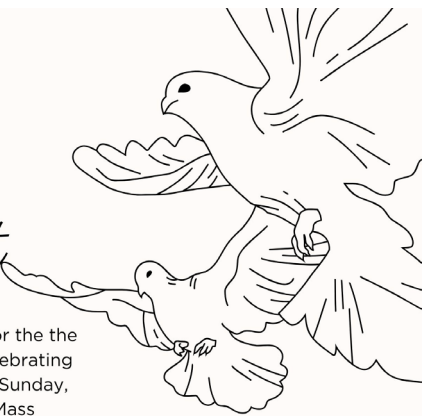
We also need a photo of the Columbarium and Stations of the Cross for the booklet. A total of eight final photos. **This is not connected with the company that is taking individual photos.**

The parishioner who would have helped with this has medical issues. So.... **we need a parish photographer** who could organize the eight photos that weekend and take the two additional photos.

Can you help? If so, please contact the Directory Committee through Sr. Phyllis
rose2175@gmail.com

Prayer Request

Please offer up prayers for the the
children of our parish celebrating
their 1st Communion on Sunday,
May 4th @ 10:30am Mass



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!



Thank You!

To the different Ministries, Volunteers, Sponsors and all St. Charles Garnier Parishioners for your kindness and generosity in making our Holy Week & Easter Celebration magnificently beautiful and Inspiring.

God Bless you all! Happy Easter!

SCGP Staff



With Gratefulness for Pope Francis

Today we learned of the death of our beloved Holy Father. Even though it is natural to feel sadness and loss at his death, this is also a time to be thankful to God for the gift of Pope Francis and his ministry to the Church.

He was a true "Pilgrim of Hope," who's Petrine ministry inspired and challenged us all. He will be remembered for his message of charity and mercy.

Please pray for him in your daily prayers, not only for the repose of his soul, but also that he will continue to intercede for us and the Church from heaven.

O God, who in your wondrous providence chose your servant Pope Francis to preside over your church, grant, we pray, that having served as the Vicar of your Son on earth, he may be welcomed by him into eternal glory. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Sincerely in Christ our Lord,

Gregory J. Bittman
Bishop of Nelson



Prayer upon the Death of *Pope Francis*

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
R. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BURSARIES

The Knights of Columbus are again offering bursaries up to \$1000 for students entering full time further education in September for the first time. These must be at BC based colleges or universities.

For further details contact Bro. Keith Reeves on 604-848-8016 or at keefreeves@outlook.com

You can apply in writing through the Parish office, addressed to "Knights of Columbus Bursaries" or through email at the above address. Each application should contain a resume and details of any volunteer or charity work undertaken during High school.

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH & COMMUNITY

(Newly Baptized & Confirmed last EASTER Vigil)

Kaden Devic

Isaac Devic

Lucas Devic

Adisa Dzebic

Eugene Van der Berg

James Birnie

Curtis Levinsky

Daniel Carter

Congratulations & God bless!

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

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)



REQUIEM MASS

To the Faithful of the Diocese of Nelson:
A **REQUIEM MASS** for the Repose of the soul of His Holiness Pope Francis will be celebrated by Bishop Gregory Bittman on Monday, **April 28th at 6:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish in Kelowna BC.**

Seton House of Prayer, Designated Pilgrimage Site in Nelson Diocese

Please note that all visits to Seton House of Prayer must be booked in advance. **To arrange your pilgrim visit please call 250-764-4333 or email setonhouse@nelsondiocese.org**

We would love to welcome you and ensure that you are able to enjoy our beautiful pilgrim site. As we occasionally have private groups on site it is very important that you contact us in advance of your visit.

CONTACT US

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Pastor's direct line: 778-478-6288
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Office Manager: Carmen
Office Phone: (250) 860-6776
Office e-mail: scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org
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.kelownacatholicityouthgroup.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.