



St. Charles Garnier Parish



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.”

John 15:9-17

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SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

"Love is the Essence of God" and His invitation today is to "Love one another". The present world order seems to disrupt this concept of love. The escalation of political tensions and unpredicted armed conflicts eat away & hurt the peaceful coexistence of humans. All right-minded citizens of the world wonder about this human greed that motivates them to ascertain their superiority complex over others through power and control with armed conflicts. A peaceful coexistence of humans with our varied differences seems to be a 'mirage' unachievable under the present conditions of the world. But today's scriptures give us hope to look for better outcomes because of the Power of the Risen Christ, who motivates us to love those who hurt the world and pray for their conversion & reconciliation to treat others with dignity and honor.

'Love is a free gift', gratuitously given (Rm 5:5-9) We have no worthiness to motivate God to love us, but He loves us freely. Love is from God (For God is Love) "Everyone who loves is born of God". (1Jn 4:7) Love is the Principle of the Birth of the Church. Therefore, the disciples of Christ are encouraged to live, experience, safeguard and share this love with one another and pass on to their coming generations. (Mt 28:19) Christian love has its roots in the lifegiving example of Christ, who is the Good Shepherd. (Jn10:10) Love of God bestows this ability to live up to this high standard through the timely graces and gifts given to everyone as per their need. Christian people are sharers and dispensers of God's manifold gifts and blessings. Like Mary, the Mother of our Redeemer, who called herself 'Servant of the Lord', we all should become (Servants & Friends) sharers of His commission...which is a 'Divine Grace!'

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	May 6	8:30 am	St. Dominic Savio
Tue	May 7	8:30 am	† Elizabeth & Ted Van Zanten
Wed	May 8	8:30 am	† Rose Marie Woods
Thu	May 9	8:30 am	† Cornelis & Maria Lute
Fri	May 10	8:30 am	† Elizabeth Van Zanten
Sat	May 11	5:00pm	† Al Lemire
Sun	May 12	8:30am	† Gertie Finegan
		10:30 am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

Next Week's Readings

1	Acts —	1:1-11
2	Ephesians —	1:17-23
Gospel	Mark —	16:15-20

Through our Charity towards our fellow Christians (1Thess 4:9-12) and the people around especially our families, friends, neighbours and strangers, when we share this charity (agape) & fellowship, we manifest this love of Christ. Apostle Paul cautions, 'Christians should not live in laziness' (living on others goodwill), which is scandalous and unbecoming. We should not be a burden to others. It's not self-sufficiency, but Christian liberty and charity. We need to be independent in our thinking & action as per God's grace. "As the Father loved me, so I love you" Jn15:12) A Rabbi explained this text with the following thought-provoking example; "What good is Soap/Shampoo for a dirty Child?" Only when the Soap/Shampoo is applied to the body of the dirty child, could it help him /her from any possible infection. Much the same way, "What good is religion for people?"...unless it is practiced by them. By itself neither soap nor religion can help. They need to be practiced or applied.

Christian life becomes so very exemplary when we make a difference in life. So many of you (As parents & friends) make such a huge difference in your lives by your outgoing nature. Let's praise God! You give a solid role model for your children and onlookers by accepting, correcting and walking with them....in joys and challenges. In a way you sustain your family integrity and help your people progress in life. May God bless you richly for your love. Here is a wonderful example for practicing of Religion from the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe, "The Martyr of Christ". Pope John II proclaimed him as Saint on 10th Oct 1981. Maximilian practiced this Gospel "No one has greater love than this-to lay down one's life for one one's friends". We may not be able to live/achieve this high calling, but let's invite the Lord Jesus to show us the ways and give us the means to strive & practice it to the best of our ability.

All the best.

In the Service of the Word!

Gabriel

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.

CWL

All Ladies of the Parish are invited to

HIGH TEA

celebrating our CWL Members who are 90+ in 2024

When: May 14th

Time: 2 pm - 4 pm

Where: Church hall

no charge

Wearing hats & gloves will be fun just like back in the day!!

Please RSVP to Betty Ann Richard at

bettyannrichard@gmail.com



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

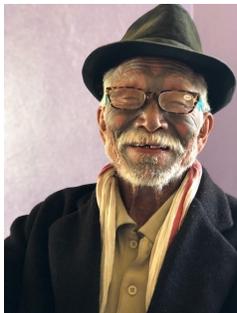


Give a gift click [here](#).

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.



SCG—Guide to Giving		2024			
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	3,730	5,313	3,374	
E-transfers received				910	
Monthly total to date	4,693	8,423	23,136	27,420	82%



Catholic MOMS Connect

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

Questions?
 Contact Abbey at 250.899.4384

PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, May 4	10:30 2:00 pm 5:00	Funeral—Schiessler Fam Funeral—Neumyer, James Sunday Mass
Sunday, May 5	8:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass
Monday to Friday	8:30 am	Morning Mass—Rosary after Mass
Tuesdays and Wednesdays		Confessions after 8:30 am Mass
Monday, May 6	1:00 pm—4:00	Card Social group
Tuesday, May 7	9:30 am	CWL—Exec. Meeting
Wednesday, May 8	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:30 pm-5:30 pm 7:00 pm-8:00 pm	SSVP Meeting Catholic Mom’s Connect Catechism—1st Reconciliation/1st Communion Catechism—Confirmation classes
Thursday, May 9	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Bible Study K of C—General Meeting

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.



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

St. Charles Garnier Women's Ministry

REFRESH

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

Marian Craft Night

Tuesday, May 21
7 - 9 PM

To celebrate the month of Mary we are making beautiful rosary bracelets.

The cost is \$20 per bracelet.

Please RSVP to

joelleandkevinschmdt@gmail.com & bring \$20 cash into the parish office or dropped into the Sunday collection in an envelope marked with Refresh & your name by **May 12**. Upon receipt of RSVP & payment, you will receive an email with colour options to select and you'll have the opportunity to add letter beads to include the names of loved ones on your bracelet.

Please bring a snack to share.



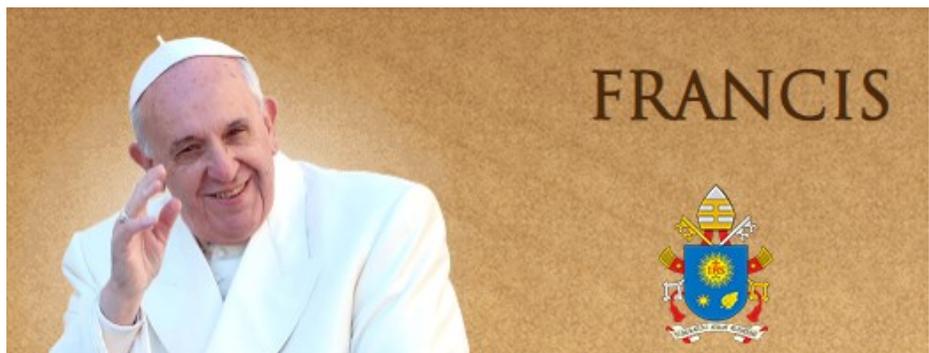
SPECIAL COLLECTION

Canadian Catholics are asked to give generously to this papal collection, which is passed on to the Holy Father for his use among those stricken by natural disasters.

Response to Christ's appeal for his needy brothers and sisters will someday hear his words.

In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer.

Please donate this May 5, 2025



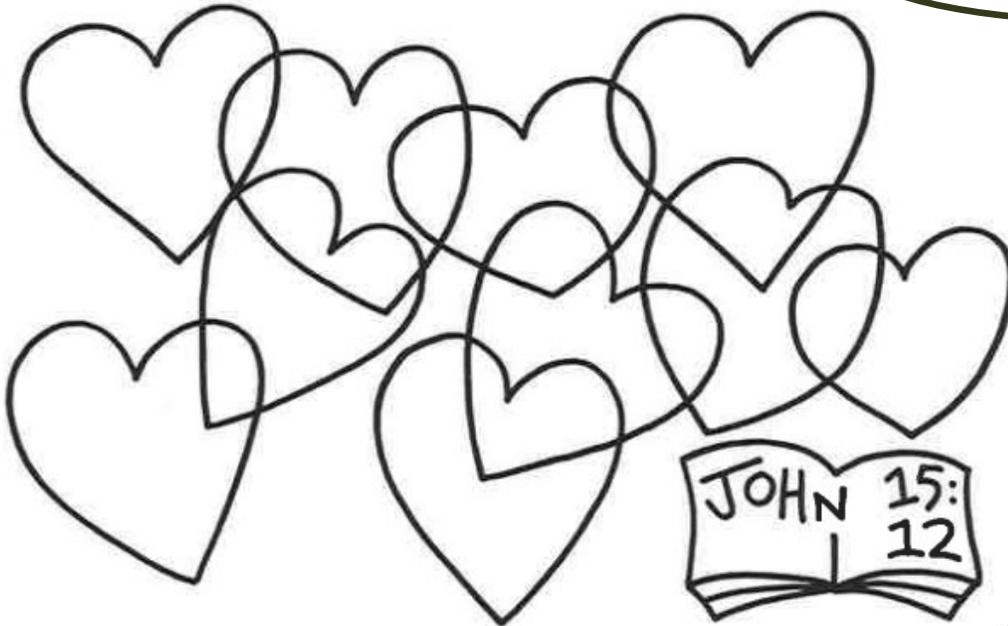
Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

John 15-1-8

Love each other

How many ♥ can you see?

Jesus wants us to love one another!



Draw a picture of yourself next to Jesus. Write your name

Jesus is our friend!



Jesus and _____
are friends!

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

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

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.