



St. Charles Garnier Parish

December 8, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Luke 3-6

faith



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Dec 9	8:30 am	Int. Prayer Group ✠ Sheehy Family
Tue	Dec 10	8:30 am	Int. Lukas, Adisa Devic & Fam.
Wed	Dec 11	8:30 am	Int. Joseph Lawrence ✠ Jerry Charest
Thu	Dec 12	8:30 am	✠ Russ Radi Int. Patrick Sheehy
Fri	Dec 13	8:30 am	✠ Beverly McNamara
Sat	Dec 14	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Int. Madeline Price ✠ Rose Rampone
Sun	Dec 15	8:30 am	Int. Joseph Lawrance
		10:30 am	✠ William Ferguson
		7:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

Next Week's Readings

1	Zephaniah	—	3:14-18a
2	Philippians	—	4:4-7
Gospel	Luke	—	3:10-18

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS

MARANATHA! COME LORD JESUS!

Come and Join us Starting December 16 until December 24, 2024, at 7:00 AM for a CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS. This is a Nine-day Prayer before Christmas to foster spiritual reflection to strengthen our relationship with God for personal renewal, and build together with our faith community a deep sense of Advent experience focusing on the Mystery of the Incarnation of Christ. On Each Eucharistic Celebration, our community will say a Special Christmas Novena Prayer enveloped with our Personal petitions that will connect us to Jesus our Savior.

Christ is the reason, for this Season!
Merry Christmas!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and peace in the Lord!

I write to let you know that I have to deal with a medical issue that requires my immediate and full attention.

Our Vicar General, Fr. Sebastian Puthenpura and our Chancellor, Fr. Cerlouie Jimenez will fill in during my absence.

I very much appreciate your prayers at this time, especially on Dec. 17th & 18th. I, of course, will hold you in prayer during this time too.

God bless,

✠ Bishop Greg

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Hi, my name is Keith Reeves, and I've stepped up to volunteer as our parish Safe Environment Coordinator.

Myself, Jayne and 10 of our great family 'emigrated' from West Vancouver and Squamish in one fell swoop, at the end of August.

Both in Canada and in the UK, I have held similar volunteer and professional responsibilities.

I hope to help our Parish be fully compliant with the current guidelines in our Diocese.

This is an important role that not only safeguards our vulnerable parishioners, but also fully supports all our wonderful volunteers, employees and clergy.

If you have any concerns, any interest in supporting this project or undertaking training please do not hesitate to contact me, 604-848-8016

or keefreeves@outlook.com

Thanks—Keith

FREEDOM'S DOOR

Our annual FREEDOM'S DOOR CHRISTMAS TREE is on display in the foyer of our church.

- We invite you to take a paper decoration from our tree and buy a gift as noted.
- Please do not wrap it.
- Return the gift and place it under the tree before December 20th.

We, at Freedom's Door, are now assisting over 100 men.

Your generosity will bring hope and joy to so many this Christmas.

Thank you!



JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Advent with the Most Rev. Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2024.

A joint initiative of the National Liturgy Office, the Office national de liturgie and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis.

Second Sunday of Advent 2024

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

The videos will be uploaded one at a time on a weekly basis throughout Advent and will be available on the CCCB website each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday Eucharistic Celebration (25 November, 2 December, 9 December and 16 December). There are several ways to stay informed of these weekly updates:

Bookmark the home page of the CCCB website <https://www.cccb.ca/>

Subscribe to the CCCB's e-mail news service

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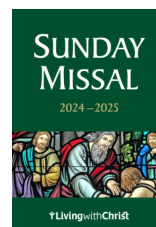
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Subscribe to the newsletter of the CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. 'Encounter', by visiting

<https://www.cccb.ca/oec/encounter/>

FROM THE OFFICE



Sunday Missals \$ 7.00 each

Monthly Missals \$ 3.75 each

Available at the church office.

*** If you would like your tax receipt for 2024 to be e-mailed, please contact the office @

scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

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

To order gifts, please call:

1-800-776-6855

or visit:

<https://chalice.ca/gift-catalogue/>



PARISH CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, Dec 7	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Daily Morning Mass Sunday Mass
Sunday, Dec 8	8:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass—Kids Liturgy St. Nicholas Party after 10:30 am Mass
Monday to Friday	8:30 am	Morning Mass—Rosary after Mass
Saturday		Confessions after Mass or by appointment (please call the office)
Monday, Dec 9	1:00—4:00 pm	Card Social Group
Tuesday, Dec 10	9:30 7:00 pm	CWL-General Meeting— Christmas Luncheon after meeting RCIA
Wednesday, Dec 11	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	SSVP Meeting CANCELLED—Catholic Moms Connect Catechism—1st Communion Catechism—Confirmation
Thursday, Dec 12	9:30 am 10:30 am - 1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study Advent Confession - IMAC High School K of C—General Meeting
Friday, Dec 13	6:30 pm	Advent and Christmas Festival



let us know.

250-860-6776 scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

Or call Ethel @ 250-860-2101

If you have family member in the hospital and wish to have a visit/communion.

Please phone/email the office to

Spanish Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast.

"Acaso No estoy yo aquí que soy tu Madre?"

Thursday December 12th @ 6pm

@ St Pius X Parish

Let's Celebrate and Thank Her for Her Maternal Protection.

Rev.Fr.Shaiju will celebrate the mass.

Potluck after Mass, Bring something to share and celebrate our Holy Mother's Day.

1346 Gordon Dr. Kelowna, BC.

Immaculate Conception Church's Knights of Columbus will be hosting its annual Mass and dinner in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 5:30pm

At Immaculate Conception Church.

Dinner tickets are available for purchase at the ICC office or at Loaves & Fishes.

Early-bird ticket prices are \$35 per adult, and children under 10 years old are free.

A table of 8 will cost \$240.

After December 6th tickets will cost \$45.

Advent & Christmas Festival

We warmly invite you to our annual
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
on Friday, December 13th at 6:30 pm
This year's theme is:
"Around the World-Through the
Ages,"
celebrating the diverse cultures
within our parish community.
We encourage you to bring the entire
family!
Additionally, please bring a tray of
snacks or sweets that reflect your
culture to share in the hall after the
festival.

Family Mass

Once a month during the 10:30 Mass children grade 2 or older can sign up to do the jobs within the Mass. Ministries children can be a part of include: reading, greeting, or bringing up the collection.

NEXT FAMILY MASS: Sunday, December 15th

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

SSVP



On the initiative of Pope Francis, the World Day of the Poor was Sunday November 17, 2024.

On this day the Society of St Vincent de Paul launched the annual Christmas Hamper campaign.

As in years past, we will be giving a 'gift card hamper' to households that we have helped throughout the year at a luncheon December 14.

Employees at Crowe MacKay Accounting Firm will be donating gifts for children.

The Knight of Columbus are providing new winter jackets.

Last year your generosity provided Christmas cheer to 78 households with 125 adults and 60 children.

This year we have 72 households.

We thank you in advance for taking a donation envelope from the foyer and returning it anytime to the office or to one of the Vincentians at mass.

Or donate online by accessing the QR code on the envelope which links you directly to our Canada Helps page.

Our neighbours in need are very grateful for your generosity.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Diocese of Nelson Perpetual Adoration Chapel
839 Sutherland Avenue

Located off the back of Immaculate Conception Church; entrance is off west alley/driveway.

Our Lord Jesus is inviting you to visit Him in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

Scheduled Volunteer Hours available are:

Sun: 7 am & 4 pm | Mon: 1 am & 2 am | Wed: 1 am, 2 am, 3 am & 2 pm | Thurs: 1 am | Fri: 12 am | Sat: 2 pm

Spares are always needed. Shared times available! For information phone:

Lorie: 250-448-5633



ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULES

Parish	Date	Time
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Wed. Dec. 11	4:00 pm
St. Pius X Parish	Mon. Dec. 16	5:30 pm
St. Edwards Parish	Tues. Dec. 17	6:00 pm
St. Charles Garnier Parish	Wed. Dec. 18	5:30 pm
Immaculate Conception Parish	Thu. Dec. 19	3:30 pm
St. Francis of Assisi Parish	Tue. Dec. 10	5:00 pm



SCG—Guide to Giving 2024					
November	3	10	17	24	Total
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	8,350	8,350	8,350	8,350	33,400
Monthly automatic bank donations received (SAG)			9,437		
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	13,842	5,747	8,574	4,452	
E-transfers received				1,012	
Monthly total to date	13,842	19,589	37,600	43,064	129%

SCGP—Donations

E-transfers are accepted at St. Charles Garnier Parish
Send your offering via e-transfer to:

etransfer.SCGK@nelsondiocese.org

no password is required.

QR Code



CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Grade 7-12 Kelowna Catholic Youth Group News! Upcoming Date to Note

Sunday, December 8 ~ 6:00 - 8:45 pm

~ Christmas Movie Night ~ ICC Parish Center ~

Last Gathering Until January

For more information about these events or to register for our Youth Group, go

to www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca

POLISH MASS

Fr. Waldemar Karciarz will be visiting Immaculate Conception Church in December to celebrate mass and hear confession for our Polish Community (in Polish).

SCHEDULE:

Reconciliations:

Friday December 13th, 4:00—7:30

Saturday December 14th, 12:30—3:30

Mass will be celebrated Sunday December 15th at 3:00 pm.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Last month, Elvin Hernández, a human rights investigator who works with our Honduran partner ERIC Radio-Progreso was in Canada. In Ottawa, he participated in a press conference and symposium on Canada's global role in business and human rights organized by the Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability. Before that, he stopped by in Montreal to give us an update on [the Guapinol community](#), say hello to some of our members and share his views on our [Reaping our Rights](#) campaign.

He said, "If countries like Canada pass laws like those for due diligence, they can be instruments that help defenders, farmers or workers with tools for presenting evidence of the abuses that companies commit, that ensure [culprits] are sanctioned."

Help protect small farmers' rights. Ask Canada to adopt strong mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence (mHREDD) legislation.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Advent Festival on Friday, Dec 13th @ 6:30pm. Everyone invited to attend! Please bring a tray of snacks or sweets to share that reflect your culture.
- Family Mass & Bambinelli Sunday on Sunday, Dec 15th @ 10:30 Mass. To sign your kids up for Family Mass, please refer to the bulletin for details.
- Christmas Novena Masses December 16th through 24th @ 7am.
- The Society of St Vincent de Paul has launched the annual Christmas Hamper Campaign. Donation envelopes & digital QR code can be found in the foyer



PRAYER GROUP

Open wide the door of your heart to the One who comes... Our Lord, Christ Jesus....

Our prayer group will not be gathering starting December 10th to December 31 st..

We will gather once again January 7 th 2025...Our prayers continue for one another our community and our world

Wishing you all a blessed Advent Season and a very Merry Christmas...

For more info please call Piera 2502157100

KELOWNA AND AREA HOSPITAL CHAPLENCY

For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick/pastoral emergencies or for end-of-life blessings (Last Rites) please call 250-878-1502 (24/7)

or email: chaplain@nelsondiocese.org

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick may be received more than once!!



Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Luke 3:1-6

Be prepared

Use the code to find out what Isaiah said John would do

God sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus



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1△ 4○ 1△ 4□ 2△ 3△ 3□

4△ 2○ 1□ 2□ 3△ 3□ 1○



What came to John the Baptist in the wilderness?

A place where trees grow

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What a kangaroo does

⌊ □ ✱ ∇

Cricket bats are made from this

~ □ □ ^

↑ ⌊ ○ ~ □ ◇ ^

A very thick mist

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□ △ =o= □ ^

Luke 3:2

Opposite of enemy

△ ◇ ✱ ○ ∩ ^

Season following autumn

~ ✱ ∩ ↑ ○ ◇

Use the clues to find the missing letter and decode the answer

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Pastor—Fr. Gerald
Chair—Stephen Horsman
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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 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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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, 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.