



# St. Charles Garnier Parish

March 19, 2023

## Fourth Sunday of Lent.

The man who was blind washed his eyes  
and came back able to see.

John 9:1



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### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
"Jesus is the Divine Healer. He heals our 'physical & spiritual Blindness'. Physical blindness is a condition that is associated with visual perception, which may be 'physiological or neurological. Blindness may be total, completely unable to see/total blindness or partial / visual impairment especially due to diabetes. Blindness may occur in combination with a) Intellectual disability b) Autism, Hearing Impairments/ Alzheimer & c) Cerebral Palsy & Epilepsy.

According to WHO, the common causes of Blindness are, a) Cataract 47.9% b) Glaucoma 12.3% c) Age related disorders 8.9% d) Diabetic condition 4.8% and e) Childhood Blindness 3.9% The WHO also reports that 90% of the people with impaired vision live in developing countries. Of these 65% of them are inflicted with Cataract. There are about 285 to 400 million visually impaired people in the world, reports WHO. The Canadian Movie "Blindness" released on 14th May 2008 was a Psychological Thriller & we are recommended to view this movie for more information. Intellectual Blindness is caused by our perception, thought patterns, skepticism, critical approach, negativity, passivity and bipolar mindset. In order to correct this deficiency, we are recommended to acquire positivity to explore the truth and not to rely on falsehood / alternative facts, but to be inquisitive to know the details, to collect pertinent knowledge & information to know the facts, figures, and to be abreast of the situation, to explore the positive mindset and to understand the heart of the concept / matter in question. Then we can make informed decisions. We need to have an insightful vision, intuition and an open mind to seek guidance, to discern and to wait on the Divine for clarity of events, situations and facts. This will banish our closed mindedness / tunnel vision.

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Mar 20	8:30am	+ Fulvia Passuto
Tue	Mar 21	8:30am	Int. Murdo & Alanette MacKinnon
Wed	Mar 22	8:30am	+ Marica Kacic
Thu	Mar 23	8:30am	Int. Joanne O'toole
Fri	Mar 24	8:30am	+ Lawrance Caron
Sat	Mar 25	5:00pm	+ Joe Mlikotic
Sun	Mar 26	8:30am	Int. Kathy Woods
		10:30 am	Int. Dominic Schmidt & Fam PSCG

### Next Week's Readings

1	<b>Ezekiel</b> —	37:12-14
2	<b>Romans</b> —	8:8-11
Gospel	<b>John</b> —	11:1-45

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Spiritual Blindness proceeds from the Rejection of Christ, his ideals and value systems. John 9:1-41 Explains the blindman's condition from birth. When the disciples of Christ asked the following question: "Who sinned?", was it his personal sin or his parental sin that caused blindness? Jesus replied, he was born blind, so that God's work can be demonstrated to people through him. Neither he nor his parents sinned. It was for the glory of God that he was born blind.

John Newton (1772) wrote, "Amazing Grace" after his spiritual blindness. He gave up his faith and after a while returned as a brand new person, totally changed and transformed human being. John Milton was a blind man. But he wrote the Epic Poem 'Paradise Lost & Paradise Regained'. He had the Spiritual Insight to capture the greatness and wisdom of God. Jesus quite often repeated: "He who has ears, let him hear". (Mt 11:15) All those who are given the ability to hear God's words and understand its meaning should be motivated to develop an insightful belonging to the Lord.

The Pharisees, Chief Priests, Scribes and the Crowd rejected Jesus, because of their 'pride'. Our Spiritual pride blinds us too. Therefore, today's scriptures extend an invitation to evaluate our conscience and correct our Spiritual impairment.

All the best.

Affectionately in Christ!

Fr. Gabriel



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*\* Coming Friday 24th March, morning Mass is cancelled.

There will be an evening Mass after the Stations of the Cross at 5:00 PM.

All are invited!

\*\* If your child is preparing for the sacrament of confirmation and you wish to celebrate at St. Charles, please contact Nicole Horsman.

\*\* All women in the parish are invited to attend Refresh, the St. Charles Women's Ministry on Monday, February 20th at 7 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship! Additional information can be found in the bulletin. We hope to see you there!

\*\* Nelson Diocese will celebrate the **Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception Church on Monday, 3rd April 2023. During this occasion all those who are Celebrating their 25th, 30th, 50th, 60th, 65th, 70th, 75th and 80th Wedding Anniversaries will be honored by the Bishop and guests during the Banquet time. Those interested in participating in this auspicious event may kindly talk to Fr. Gabriel.

## CATHOLIC MOUNTAIN STAR

Catholic Mountain Star is back! Article submission deadline for the year 2023 first issue is on Monday, May 15th. Please limit articles to 600 words (fit one page of 8 1/2" x 11" paper) using size 11 font. News articles for parish or caption information limit to 1 or 2 sentences.

Please email all submissions to:

[catholicmstar@gmail.com](mailto:catholicmstar@gmail.com)

## LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULES

Parish	Date	Time
St. Francis of Assisi	Thursday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3:30-5pm
Immaculate Conception	Thursday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm

SCG—Guide to Giving 2023					
March	5	12	19	26	Total
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	8,350	8,350	8,350	8,350	33,400
Monthly automatic bank donations received (SAG)					
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	5,362	2,940			
E-transfers received					
Monthly total to date	5,362	8,302			



*At this time of lent,  
let us continue  
this walk  
with Christ  
persevering in  
Praying,  
Fasting & Giving*

## 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](#).

### CCCB video series Journey through Lent

Will be available once again on the CCCB website.

This year's Lenten reflections are delivered by His Eminence Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada, and the Most Reverend Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth.

In [English](#)

In [French](#)

Every Monday throughout Lent, a video will continue to be posted on the CCCB website in English and in French for the following Sunday's eucharistic celebration.

### 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](mailto:etransfer.SCGK@nelsondiocese.org)  
no password is required.



### ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

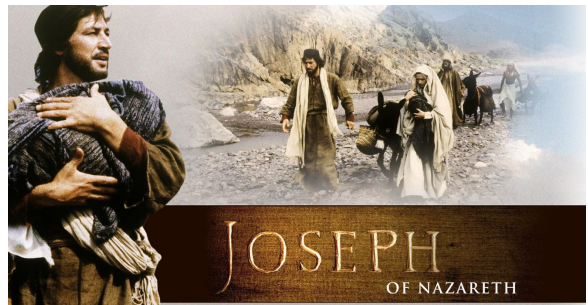
The Grade 1 students will be hosting our school mass at ICC on April 11th at 9:30am; please join us.

### CHALICE



[Click here](#)

### FORMED



Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!

Enjoy a free subscription:

[stcharlesgarnier.formed.org](http://stcharlesgarnier.formed.org)

Don't have an account? Click on Register and enter your email and create a password.

Please contact Nicole Horsman at:

[nicolehorsman@telus.net](mailto:nicolehorsman@telus.net)

if you have any further questions about

[Formed.org](http://Formed.org)

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



St. Charles Garnier Women's Ministry

# REFRESH

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

## Lenten Adoration

March 20th  
7 - 9 PM

All women are invited for an evening of prayer with Jesus in Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Our evening will close with fellowship in the hall. Contact Joelle for additional info - 250-470-8901.

**Please bring a snack to share.**



## Confirmation

If your child is preparing for the sacrament of confirmation and you wish to celebrate at St. Charles Garnier Parish Please contact Nicole Horsman @ nicolehorsman@telus.net 250-681-0091

### BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Thank you to everyone who came to the bible study to Saint Elizabeth Seton House of Prayer.



### PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday to Friday	8:30 am	Mass—Confessions after Mass
Sunday, March 19	8:30 am 10:30 am 2:00 pm	Mass Mass—Children's Liturgy K of C—4th Degree Meeting
Monday, March 20	1:00—4:00 pm 7:00—10:00 pm	Card Social Group Woman's Ministry
Wednesday, March 22	9:15—11:30 am 9:30 am 5:00 pm	SSVP Catholic Moms Connect Family Night
Thursday, March 23	9:45—11:45 am	Bible Study
Friday, March 24	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Mass—CANCELLED Stations of the Cross—Mass
Sunday, March 26	8:30 10:30	K of C Breakfast after Mass K of C Breakfast after Mass



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## THE LETTER

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On March 5 there were 70 people from around Kelowna, of several Catholic parishes and other faiths, who gathered at St. Charles Garnier Hall for a showing of The Letter film featuring Pope Francis and young people from around the world who are working to help our beautiful Creation recover from the damage done by industrialization. It was a very enthusiastic group with a lot to talk about over homemade cookies, coffee and tea graciously served by members of CWL, and afterwards in a group where each person could share an idea stimulated by the film if they chose.

St Charles Garnier Parish is seen by many in Kelowna as a leader in creation care and social justice because of steps we have taken in the past, such a welcoming refugees and Creation Care events. We can be very proud of that reputation and perhaps determined to continue. Thanks go to many individuals who worked hard to make this particular showing of The Letter film a success. Special thanks go to St. Charles Garnier parishioners and CWL members who stepped up to make it an enjoyable event.

We are looking for someone new to lead now since Karen Krout is retiring from Care of Creation and Development & Peace.

Thank you all for your response!



Catholic Moms Connect is back!  
Wednesday mornings @  
9:30 to 11:00 am  
St. Charles Garnier Hall  
Childcare provided!  
Contact Abbey Ackerman  
for more information:  
250-899-4384  
or [aerackerman@gmail.com](mailto:aerackerman@gmail.com)



St. Charles Garnier  
FAMILY NIGHT:  
Soup & Stations  
of the Cross

Please join us for  
Potluck dinner of  
soup followed by  
praying a family  
friendly Stations of  
the Cross!

March 1, 8, & 15th  
5:00pm



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## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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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



Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

John 9:1-41

Help us to see!

Jesus met a blind man and stopped to help him. What did Jesus do?

Gave him some money



Gave him some food



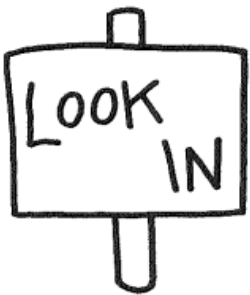
Gave him new clothes



Rubbed some paste on his eyes



Tick the right answer



These two sisters are very worried. Can you find out why?

Their brother is

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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**



**Pastor**—Fr. Gabriel  
**Chair**—Stephen Horsman  
**Co-Chair**—Christine Schmidt  
**Liturgy**—Marlene Crane  
**Financial**—Kevin Schmidt  
**Maintenance**—Don Korby  
**SSVP**—Arnie Schneider  
**K of C**—Paul King  
**CWL**—Diane Cey  
**Outreach**—

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Meet second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am  
 Contact: . . . . . Diane Cey . . . . . 250-868-9636  
 Membership inquiries: . Betty Ann Richard [bettyannrichard@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.stcharleskoc.com)

Meet second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.  
 Grand Knight: . . . . . Jarrod Stocker . . . . . 250-869-2219  
 Email: [jstocker@shaw.ca](mailto:jstocker@shaw.ca)

**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: [cbreevesac@shaw.ca](mailto:cbreevesac@shaw.ca)

**SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER** - "*The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity*"

Meeting the 2nd Sunday of the month @ St. Charles Garnier Parish Hall.  
 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**

**SSVP DONATIONS-VEHICLE, RV & TRAILER-** KEITH :250-300-1062

**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 . . . . . Jeremy Orr - [jeremy@digitcontracting.ca](mailto:jeremy@digitcontracting.ca)  
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 Pilgrimage of Faith . . . . . Rhonda Sali - [rhondasali@gmail.com](mailto:rhondasali@gmail.com)  
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 Care-Home Visitation . . . . .  
 Youth Ministry . . . . . [www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca/](http://www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca/)

**CONTACT NUMBERS**

**CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN** . . . . . [www.canadianfoodforchildren.ca](http://www.canadianfoodforchildren.ca)  
**CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE** . . . . . <https://creightonmodel.com/>  
**CLUBHOUSE DAYCARE** . . . . . 250-860-4393  
**DIOCESE OF NELSON—Catholic Pastoral Centre** . . . . . 250-448-2725  
**ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER** . . . . . 250-764-4333  
**FREEDOM'S DOOR** . [info@freedomsoorkelowna.com](mailto:info@freedomsoorkelowna.com) . . . . . 250-717-0472  
**GRIEF TO GRACE** . . . . . [www.GriefftoGrace.org](http://www.GriefftoGrace.org) . . . . . 250-870-8517  
**KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE** . [kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com](mailto:kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com) . . . . . 250-870-4103  
**OZANAM HOUSE** . . . . . [manager@ozanamhouse.com](mailto:manager@ozanamhouse.com) . . . . . 250-762-4673  
**PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE** . . . . . 250-763-2112  
**RACHEL'S VINEYARD** . . . . . [info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com) . . . . . 250-762-2273  
**REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES** . . . . . 250-763-7892  
[reachoutokanagan@gmail.com](mailto:reachoutokanagan@gmail.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)	

You may also register on-line @ [www.stcharlesgarnier.ca](http://www.stcharlesgarnier.ca) where you can sign up for the bulletin to be emailed to you each week.

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.