



# St. Charles Garnier Parish

January 14, 2024



*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

"Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

John 1:35-42

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## SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

"Divine Call" is understood as 'Divine Plan/Divine Initiative' which is the focal point of this week's Scriptures. It is also recognized as a gratuitous gift of the Divine. The Book of Isaiah 5th chapter explains the 'Call of Israel' as a whole nation that was called, (V7 The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting). God also called personalities like Abraham (Father of Faith) Hebrews 11:7 "Abraham obeyed when he was called". Moses the liberator of the Hebrews was called (Ex 3:4 "God called Moses from the Burning bush") God called Elijah the Great Prophet of Israel (1 Kings 19:9,13) "The word of the Lord came to Elijah saying; What are you doing here Elijah?". Apostle Paul was called by the Risen Christ (Acts 9:5, & Chapters 19 & 21) "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?'. 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting'. All the 12 Apostles were called by the Lord, (Mk 1:17 "Follow me and I will make you fish (fishers) for people". All these personalities were commissioned to be Emisaries and Messengers of the Good News.

God's call is a gift, which creates a 'special bond / relationship' between God and the one who is being called. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) "I will be your god and you will be my people". This relationship requires fidelity and faithfulness. God expects us to be faithful to His Covenant love & reciprocate it by our unconditional trust in His goodness. God calls whoever He wishes to carry out His Plans. All those who are called become His Stewards (1 Cor 4:1) "Christ's Stewards are required to be found Trustworthy" as they are his disciples, servants, coworkers and in a way watchmen of god's treasures of the Good News. Their primary duty is to listen to God very attentively, digest the message in their heart and soul through prayer and reflection to lead their people to execute/carry out God's promptings.

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Jan 15	8:30 am	Int. Marlene Hughes
Tue	Jan 16	8:30 am	Int. Brett & Mary Jones
Wed	Jan 17	8:30 am	+ Dennis Knysh
Thu	Jan 18	8:30 am	Int. Hannah Schneider & Family
Fri	Jan 19	8:30 am	+ David & Arsilia Soligo
Sat	Jan 20	4:00pm	+ Wapples & Mohan Family
Sun	Jan 21	8:30am	Int. Hannah Schneider & Family
		4:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

## Next Week's Readings

1	<b>Jonah</b> —	3:1-5, 10
2	<b>1 Corinthians</b> —	7:29-31
Gospel	<b>Mark</b> —	1:14-20

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Mother Mary became a great Disciple of God for all time, as she received God's Word & gave expression to it in obedience.

As people of God, we are also called and commissioned by our baptism to become sons and daughters of God and give expression to God's Hopes & Dreams for us and to the World. We are invited to give a receptive ear like Mother Mary with a willing heart and spirit. She encountered God in her ordinary circumstances of life. We are encouraged to be aware of His Divine Presence (Don't you know that you are the temple of the Holy Spirit 1Cor 6:19)

and encounter with our Divine. The first disciples of John (John 1:35-42) had this willing ear and listening heart to encounter the lamb of God (Jesus Christ). They developed the receptivity to respond to Divine promptings and cooperated with their encounters.

Today's Scriptures extend a call to explore the possibilities of our timely encounters with Christ. Pope Francis reminds us to encounter people in the 'beer parlors' especially in the company of friends and acquaintances. Most people encounter wonderful personalities at odd situations in an unexpected way under different circumstances. Such encounters lead to 'lasting memories and exciting moments in our life'. The life of the first disciples of Christ and the life of Paul are great examples of these unexpected encounters. We all could find a 'treasure' (2 Cor 5:7) if we are able to encounter Christ in our life!

All the best.

In the Service of the Word!

Gabriel

## FAITH FORMATION

2024 is going to be an exciting year for our parish with new programs coming in and old ones returning!

We have ambitious goals for the parish, particularly in the areas of children's catechism and family ministry. We need the support of the parish to achieve our vision through prayers, volunteers, and engagement of our community.

If you felt called to get involved in children's catechism or family ministries, we have many volunteer roles that need to be filled. For more information, please reach out to Amanda Tian Seng, Religious Education Coordinator, by email:

([formation.scg.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:formation.scg.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org))

or calling the parish.



## 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.SCCK@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.SCCK@nelsondiocese.org)

no password is required.

## SUITE TO RENT



\*\*\* Looking for an affordable suite for rent, with two bedrooms.

If you have one or know someone please call the office @ 250-860-6776



### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

*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 Hours available are:

<u>MON</u>	1 AM, 2 AM & 10 AM
<u>TUES</u>	7 AM & 12:00 PM (noon)
<u>WED</u>	1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM & 2 PM
<u>THURS</u>	3 PM
<u>FRI</u>	12 AM
<u>SAT</u>	2 PM

*Spares are always needed. Shared times available!  
For information phone Lorie: 250-448-5633*

## 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



**Be the Beginning** [Give a gift](#)  
Christmas Gift Catalogue

St. Charles Garnier Women's Ministry

# REFRESH

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

## Begin the year with Scripture

January 16  
7 - 9 PM

Join us in the church from 7 - 8 as we break open the Word and discuss accessible ideas to bring Scripture into your day. A social will follow in the hall from 8 - 9. All women are invited! **Please bring a snack to share.**

Check out our upcoming events and mark your calendar!  
We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.

## Refresh SCHEDULE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH OUR  
UPCOMING EVENTS

20 FEBRUARY	Adoration, Reconciliation, and Praise & Worship
19 MARCH	We are One Body
16 APRIL	Marian Craft Night
21 MAY	Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise & Worship, and Rosary
18 JUNE	Year-end prayer & social



**“You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself”.**

Luke 10:27

Every year there is a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year it will be January 18 to 25, 2024.

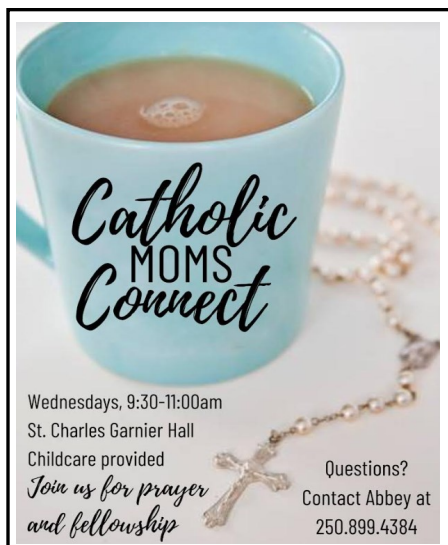
The Catholic Women’s League invites all women to participate in Daily reflections and prayers.

(which will be provided to you to pray at home) with a 1 hour Adoration, prayers, readings and songs with a social with coffee and treats afterwards on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 9:00 am.

We encourage you to come to the 8:30 am Mass on this day as well.

More information will follow but wanted you to mark the week and day on your calendar.

God bless you. Margaret Radi 250-801-7411



**Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth**

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

**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.

Contact Nicole Horsman at:

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

If you have any further questions about

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



**PARISH EVENTS**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, January 13	5:00 pm	Sunday Mass
Sunday, January 14	8:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday Masses
Monday, January 15	1:00 pm	Card Social group
Tuesday, January 16	7:00—9:00 pm	Women’s Ministry—Refresh
Wednesday, January 17	9:30 am 4:30—5:30 pm 7:00—8:00 pm	Catholic Mom’s Connect Catechism—1st Reconciliation/1st Communion Catechism—Confirmation
Thursday, January 18	9:30 am	Bible Study—Church Hall
Friday, January 19	10:30 am	Mission Wood

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## RACHEL'S CORNER

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“Sometimes God allows us to make a really big mistake, not so I find my identity in what I have done, but so that I find my identity in Him.” Dr. Edward Sri  
Seeing ourselves as God sees us and not as how we see ourselves for what we have done, is hard. Regret, and shame for an abortion decision can only make that more challenging. Join the men and women on a Rachel's Vineyard© Retreat and find out how that can all change as you find your identity in Him.

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[www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com)

f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273



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## LOL

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Please join us for the LOL Black Tie Gala! Come out for a night of great food, dancing and a live and silent auction! This event sells out every year, so get your tickets soon!

When: Feb 10, 2024 at 6pm

Where: LOL School, 2547 Hebert Rd

Tickets are \$75 and are available by emailing Carly at [lolbookkeeper@cisnd.ca](mailto:lolbookkeeper@cisnd.ca)

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## SSVP

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On behalf of our neighbours receiving Christmas Hampers, we would like to thank the congregation at St Charles Garnier Parish for your generous donations! (Tax receipts will be issued in February 2024.)

78 households serving 125 adults and 60 children were given 'grocery gift card' hampers and enjoyed a luncheon December 16th.

Special thankyou's are extended to Crowe Mackay LLP for children's gifts, the Knights of Columbus for winter coats for children, the CWL for their help and to the children of our parish Mom's Group who lovingly wrote heartfelt greetings in hand made Christmas cards.

May the blessings of our Father be with you throughout 2024.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 2023/24 Missals

Please do not remove them from the church pews. We have a few missals available for purchase at the church office.

### 2024 Offering Envelopes

Envelopes are available at the church foyer, if your name is not there, please contact the office @ 250-860-6776 or [scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org)

**Envelope numbers change every year!** Please, do not take envelopes does do not belong to you.

**\*\*Do not use old envelopes.** If you use old envelopes, please add your name on it.

**2024 Calendars** are available at the church foyer compliment of Springfield Funeral Home.

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## CARE OF CREATION

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Wishing a happy and blessed 2024 for all our parishioners, the Care of Creation Circle would like to have more active partners to consider how we can be a greener church.

We are very green already—you might have noticed that we use no plastic flowers or bowls in church or at CWL sponsored coffees and funerals and meetings, all our church lights are LED. Another thing we can do is turn off lights that we don't need, for instance when no one is in the bathroom, turn off the light.

Many of us are already buying less, using earth-friendly fuels such as solar or heat pumps if we're building a new home. What can we do more?

Would it be of interest to have a Care of Creation Circle meeting now that COVID is more or less controlled and we're back to live meetings. We could study Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si', a very readable document which is available free online, and his latest document, Laudate Deum, in which he points out the urgency of the climate crisis. 2023 was the hottest year worldwide in the past 150 years. We can change that. All we need is hope and we can turn to God for that, as the attached article explains. We can change, not for ourselves but for God, who is in everything and everyone. If you would like to be involved, please contact Karen Krout, [karenjkrou@gmail.com](mailto:karenjkrou@gmail.com), Care of Creation Circle.

<https://cac.org/daily-meditations/what-is-our-task-care-and-hope/>

## MADE FOR MORE



**TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASS**  
kelownam4m.eventbrite.com

**Immaculata Regional High School**  
1493 K. L. O. Road Kelowna, BC V1W 3N8 Canada

Thursday  
**Feb. 8**  
2024, 7-9:30pm

**MADE FOR MORE**  
VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND

with **CHRISTOPHER WEST** MUSIC BY **MIKE MANGIONE**

MADE FOR MORE with Christopher West and Mike Mangione is coming to Immaculata High School. If you have heard of the theology of the body or Christopher West, then you know the great potential of this event. Please spread the word and invite your family and friends. This is an excellent opportunity to grow deeper in our faith as a community as well as invite and welcome new people in. Tickets are on sale this weekend at the church foyer after Saturday & Sunday Masses. Seating is limited and will sell out so get your tickets if you want to ensure a spot. Tickets are \$35.

## IRHS

The Immaculata High School grad class of 2024 is presenting their one and only fundraiser to help offset the costs of prom and graduation. "Moments in Time" is a variety show put on by the grade 12 students with several different musical acts, combined with trivia for the audience, on Friday, February 2 at 6:30pm. The evening will have a beer/wine bar, concession, silent auction, and our "Grapes for Grads" wall of wine and spirits. This promises to be a fun, social event so please bring your friends and family – all ages are invited!



## BLESSED MARIE ANNE BLONDIN BURSARY

**BLESSED MARIE ANNE BLONDIN BURSARY** The Catholic Foundation is accepting applications for the Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary. Please submit applications to: CatholicFoundation@nelsondiocese.org or mail to: Catholic Foundation, 3665 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna, BC V1W 4M7 Applications will be accepted until January 31, 2024. Bursary details/applications can be found in the church entrance or on our parish website (icckelowna.ca) under the Bulletins and Notices Tab.

## PERM



### *Discerning a Vocation to Permanent Diaconate?*

The Diocese of Nelson is hosting an online information session, for Catholic men aged 35 to 60 who are interested in learning more about being a deacon. If you feel God is calling you to become a permanent deacon, consider attending an **Online Information Session:**

**6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

You are encouraged to attend with your spouse (if applicable).

**Register no later than Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

by emailing [rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org)

A link to join the online session will be sent once you are registered.

## CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Please consider sponsoring a child at 25.00 per month, tax receipts are available. 100% goes to the child, "No Administration Fees" See the pictures and the information at the kids corner on the bulletin board in the church foyer.

## YOUTH GROUP

Kelowna Catholic Youth Group

If you are in grades 7-12 and want to deepen your faith with other Catholic teens, please join us!

Upcoming events ...

Sun, Jan. 7, 14 & 28: The Search

(a dynamic weekly video series for teens)

Sun, Jan. 21: Night Hike and Snow Taffy

Youth Group Registration Form and Event Sign-Up required.

For more details, sign-up links and/or our registration form, go to:

[www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca](http://www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca)



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

John 1:39-42

*We have found the Messiah*



## 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—**NOTE:** Sep-Oct-Nov @ 6:30 PM  
 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: . . . . . Paul Schembri . . . . . [pjaaas@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sforeec10@gmail.com)

### 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

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## 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
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Safe Environment Coordinator . . . . .		
Ushers . . . . .	Gino Servedio . . . . .	250-764-3182
Pilgrimage of Faith . . . . .	Rhonda Sali <a href="mailto:rhondasali@gmail.com">rhondasali@gmail.com</a>	
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Religious Ed Coordinator . . . . .	Amanda Tian Seng . . . . .	

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Immaculata Regional High School . . . . .	250-762-2730
Clubhouse Daycare . . . . .	250-860-4393
Elizabeth Seton House of Prayer . . . . .	250-764-4333
Freedom's Door . . <a href="mailto:info@freedomdoorKelowna.com">info@freedomdoorKelowna.com</a> . . . . .	250-717-0472
Grief to Grace . . . . . <a href="http://www.GriefftoGrace.org">www.GriefftoGrace.org</a> . . . . .	250-870-8517
Kelowna Right to Life . <a href="mailto:kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com">kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com</a> . . . . .	250-870-4103
Ozanam House . . . <a href="mailto:manager@ozanamhouse.com">manager@ozanamhouse.com</a> . . . . .	250-762-4673
Pregnancy Care Centre . . . . .	250-763-2112
Rachel's Vineyard . . . <a href="mailto:info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com">info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com</a> . . . . .	250-762-2273
Reach Out Youth Counselling & Family Services . . . . .	250-763-7892
<a href="mailto:reachoutokanagan@gmail.com">reachoutokanagan@gmail.com</a>	
Canadian Food for Children . . . <a href="http://www.canadianfoodforchildren.ca">www.canadianfoodforchildren.ca</a>	
Creighton Model Fertility Care . . <a href="https://creightonmodel.com/">https://creightonmodel.com/</a>	

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](http://www.stcharlesgarnier.ca) where you can sign up for the bulletin to be emailed to you each week.