



# St. Charles Garnier Parish

Reflection, repentance, renewal

Fourth Sunday  
of  
**Lent**

March 10, 2024

“...everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

John 3:14-21

### CONTACT US:

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### SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

"Jesus was Lifted up" (Jn 13:14-21) on the Cross to give life, health, and wellbeing to those who look at him. Moses, the liberator of the exiled Hebrews, 'lifted a bronze serpent up in the wildernesses to give temporary relief to those who were bitten by the snakes'. (Nu 21:4-9) The serpents were venomous reptiles as their bites cause inflammation. The bite of a serpent would have been painful & deadly especially in olden days (in modern times there are snake bite vaccines available for a cure). So, God ordered Moses to mount a serpent on a pole and help the snake bitten Hebrews to look at that raised serpent. Those who looked at it experienced relief. God raised Christ the Messiah on the Cross to give life (Eternal life). Jesus has the power to heal all our infirmities & ailments including Spiritual ones.

Karen Blixen, an Anglican Theologian from Africa in her book, 'A Shooting Accident' wrote about serpents. In her opinion, in the symbol of the serpent, 'the Hebrews found a temporary relief and comfort despite their discomfort & misfortune'. The Hebrews were bitten by poisonous serpents when they spoke against God & Moses. They said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt just to put us to death in the wilderness?... For there's neither water nor bread here. We are sick of this unsatisfying food. At this complaint God sent fiery serpents among the people and were bitten by them. People then came to Moses regretting their mistake and asked him to intercede on their behalf to God. When Moses spoke to God, the Divine directed him to make an image of the serpent in bronze and mount it on a pole for the people to look at. All who looked at that serpent image, regained life and wellbeing.

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Mar 11	8:30 am	Int. Rachel Frie & Family
Tue	Mar 12	8:30 am	Int. Emily Buhman
Wed	Mar 13	8:30 am	Int. Benita Spencer
Thu	Mar 14	8:30 am	Int. Connie Cournane
Fri	Mar 15	8:30 am	Int. William Ferguson
Sat	Mar 16	5:00pm	+ Kenneth Whayman
Sun	Mar 17	8:30am	+ Arne Buhman
		10:30 am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

### 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

According to Karen Blixen, some venomous snakes can even kill the elephants within one stroke. According to the amazon News of Snakes, there are about 2900 species of snakes available in the earthly planet and 600 out of them are considered highly venomous. The most venomous / poisonous snakes are found in Australia and called 'Taipan' which are equal to a King Cobra. Other poisonous snakes are 1. Eastern Brown yellow Snake 2. Yellow Bellied Snake 3. The Congo Water Cobra and 4. The Tiger Snake. (Kindly remember that 'snake venom' is used for the cure of cancer according to the medical magazines.

Evangelist John in Chapter 3:14 & 12:32 uses the expression, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself. Like a magnet that draws all objects to itself, Christ has the power and capacity to draw all humans to His Divine love & mercy, wrote Karen Blixen. 'Did Christ draw all people into his life when he was lifted up?'. Christ lifted up has the Global Potentiality to extend His Reign to everyone. We are invited to be in his team. Are we ready and willing? The World has about 8 billion people as of today. Out of this population, a vast majority follow his path and the rest are in the process of hearing His Sacred Word. It becomes our present responsibility to make Christ known to the World. 'We are invited to impact the World positively to bring them to Christ', requests Pope Francis.

All the best.  
In the Service of the Word!  
Gabriel



## LENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Parish/School	Date/Time
St. Joseph's School	Thursday March 14, 2024 10:30 am and 12:40 pm
St. Charles Garnier Parish	Wednesday March 13, 2024 @ 5:00 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Wednesday March 20, 2024 @ 4:00 pm
St. Pius X Parish	Monday March 12, 2024 @ 6:00 pm
St. Edwards Parish	Wednesday March 14, 2024 @ 6:00 pm
Immaculate Conception Parish	Thursday March 21, 2024 @ 3:00 pm
St. Francis of Assisi Parish	Monday March 19, 2024 @ 5:00 pm

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD

"The Lord manifests Himself to those who stop for some time in peace and humility of heart. If you look in murky and turbulent waters, you cannot see the reflection of your face. If you want to see the face of Christ, stop and collect your thoughts in silence, and close the door of your soul to the noise of external things."

- St. Anthony of Padua

Has your participation in an abortion decision left you with turbulent waters that you have tried to deny and hide for a long time? Join the men and women on a Rachel's Vineyard© Retreat.

[info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com)  
[www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com)

f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna  
250-762-2273

## 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](mailto:scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org)

Or contact Ethel @ 250-860-2101



## DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME



**Don't forget!**

March 10, 2024

1 hour forward 2:00 am

# FORMED FEEDBACK SURVEY

Please fill out the survey to assist our parish in understanding the usage history of Formed at our parish in the past year



## 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](#).



Second Sunday of Lent video of the series title "Journey through Lent" is now available:  
<https://www.cccb.ca/lent/>

### ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH—ST. PATRICK TEA PARTY

Saturday March 16, 2024—12:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
In the Parish Hall—11123 Okanagan Centre Rd E.  
Lake Country.  
Come join us for a light lunch, bake sale, cake raffle  
and live Celtic music and singing by Ceol na hEireann.  
Proceeds to support Seton House of Prayer.  
Sponsored by the St. Edward's CWL

Everyone is Welcome!

### THE SHROUD OF TURIN

"The SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBIT will be hosted @ St. Anns's Parish, Penticton, Apr 4 - 7th. Exhibit is open 10 am - 9 pm., following morning mass.  
Fr Andrew Dalton, PhD in Shroud Studies will present talks @ 10 am, 1 & 7 pm on Thurs & Fri. Fr Dalton teaches Shroud studies in Rome. This is an amazing, inspiring Exhibit. A perfect celebration of the Resurrection! Inspiration for Divine Mercy Week.  
Free. Donations appreciated. See posters on the bulletin bd. for details."

### CHALICE



### Ukraine Regional Assistance

### ICC POLISH CONFESSION & MASS

On Saturday March 16th  
Fr. Marian Korzeniowski will be at  
Immaculate Conception Church  
839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna  
To hear confession (in Polish) at 6:00 pm  
To celebrate Polish Mass at 7:00 pm.  
Saturday, March 30th at 12:30  
Fr. Paul will be blessing Easter Food.

### ICC

A Walk from ICC to Seton House  
In Honour of Our Lord's Passion  
Saturday, March 23, 2024  
Leaving ICC at 12pm.  
Stations of the Cross at 3pm. at Seton House  
Those who are not able to walk the distance may meet us at Seton House at 3pm. for the Stations of the Cross  
  
Good Friday Stations of the Cross  
At Immaculata Regional High School  
Beginning at 12pm. on Friday, March 29, 2024

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



SCG—Guide to Giving 2024						
March	3	10	17	24	31	Total
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	6,680	6,680	6,680	6,680	6,680	33,400
Monthly automatic bank donations received (SAG)						
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	4,177					
E-transfers received						
Monthly total to date	4,177					

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

**Week 4: March 10  
Training next-generation farmers in Indonesia**



In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty. Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the

engagement of youths, especially women. This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO. Learn more at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).

**PARISH EVENTS**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday, March 8	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross—SSVP
Saturday, March 9	3:30 pm 5:00 pm	Altar Serving Training Sunday Mass
Sunday, March 10	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, March 11	1:00 pm	Card Social group
Tuesday, March 12	9:00 am	CWL—General Meeting
Wednesday, March 13	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:30—5:00 pm 5:00 pm	SSVP Meeting Catholic Mom’s Connect Catechism—1st Reconciliation/1st Communion Lenten Reconciliation Service
Thursday, March 14	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Bible Study—Church Hall K of C—General Meeting
Friday, March 15	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 16	9:00 am-3:00pm	Re-Lent   Men’s Lenten Retreat

St. Charles Garnier Women's Ministry

# REFRESH

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

## Re-lent Women's Retreat

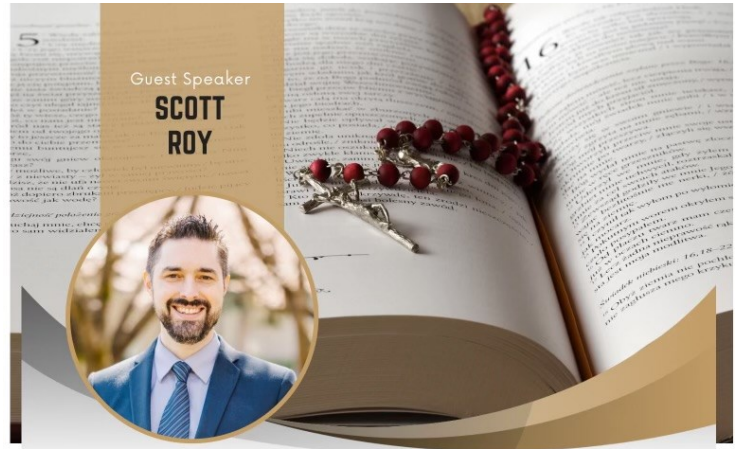
Saturday, March 23  
9 AM - 3 PM

Join our fellow parishioners, along with guest speaker, **Gladys Miller**, for a full-day retreat. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Registration is \$20.

Registration is required by March 18 - email [joelleandkevinschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:joelleandkevinschmidt@gmail.com) for an electronic copy of the form or pick up a physical copy from the church's foyer.

Or register [here](#).



Guest Speaker

**SCOTT  
ROY**

## RE-LENT




### Men's Lenten Retreat

**16** March 2024 | At St. Charles  
Garnier Parish

9:00am - 3:00pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MARCH 11TH  
\$20 REGISTRATION FEE  
LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED

To register please click [here](#).

	Date	Mass Times
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 	Saturday, March 23 Sunday, March 24	5:00 pm 8:30 am & 10:30 am
<b>Holy Thursday</b> 	Thursday, March 28	6:30 pm
<b>Good Friday</b> 	Friday, March 29	12:00 pm & 3:00 pm
<b>Easter Vigil</b> 	Saturday, March 30	6:30 pm
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 	Sunday, March 31	8:30 am & 10:30 am



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent  
@ 6:30pm

ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH

# Lenten Reconciliation Service

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13  
@ 5:00PM

ST. CHARLES GARNIER

## LENTEN FAMILY NIGHTS:



## SOUP & STATIONS

JOIN US FOR A POTLUCK SUPPER OF SOUP,  
FOLLOWED BY PRAYING THE  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAYS @ 5:30

\*STARTING FEB 21 THROUGH LENT



PIC•COLLAGE



## 2024 Spring Gala

April 19, 2024

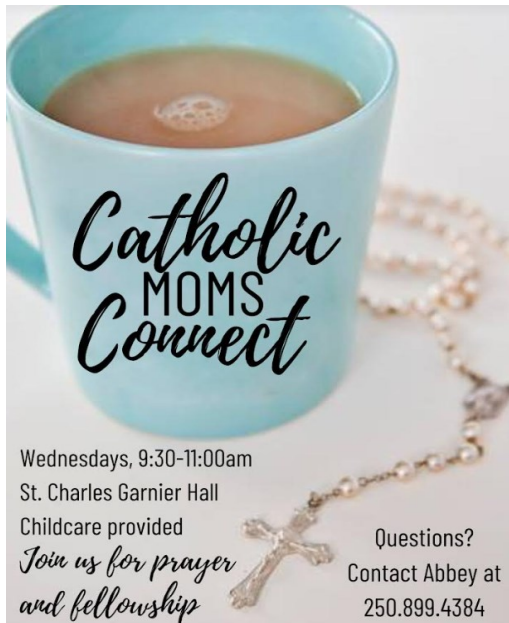
We are proud to announce that  
tickets are available to purchase!

<https://stjoseph.hotlunches.net>

Early Bird Tickets available till  
March 11th for \$65/person

Tickets sold after March 11th will be  
\$75/person

Deadline is March 22 , 2024



Catholic  
MOMS  
Connect

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am

St. Charles Garnier Hall

Childcare provided

Join us for prayer  
and fellowship

Questions?

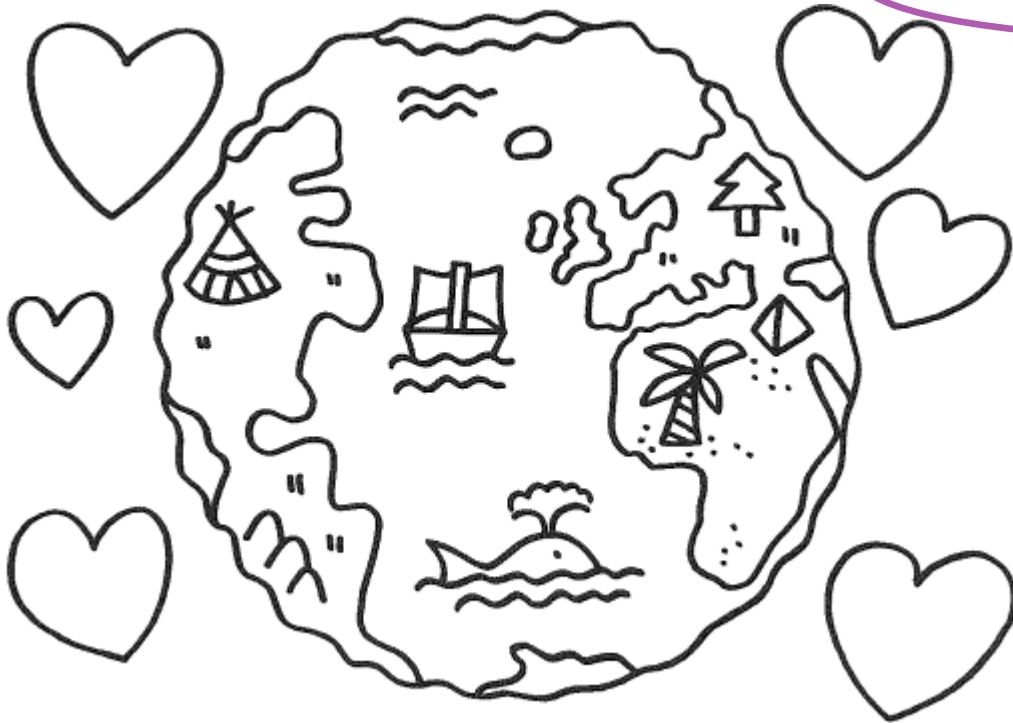
Contact Abbey at  
250.899.4384

# Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

John 3:14-21

## God love the world

Color this picture

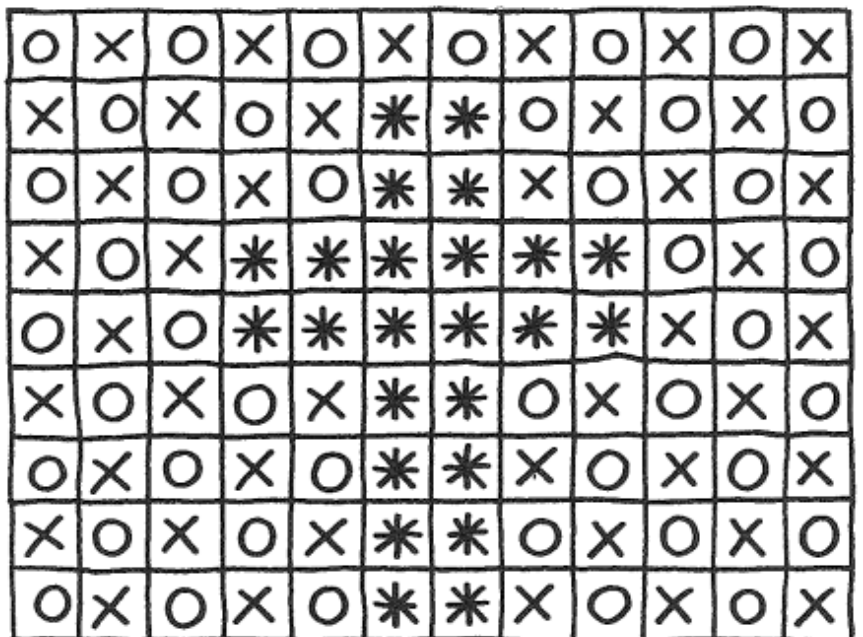


God loves  
The world and everyone in it!

Who did God send to  
save us?

Trace the letters and color the squares with a \*

Jesus



## 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 [pjaas@gmail.com](mailto: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](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

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		
Ushers	Gino Servedio	250-764-3182
Pilgrimage of Faith	Rhonda Sali	<a href="mailto:rhondasali@gmail.com">rhondasali@gmail.com</a>
Development and Peace	Karen Krout	<a href="mailto:karenkrout@gmail.com">karenkrout@gmail.com</a>
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Care-Home Visitation	Christine Schmidt	250-763-4798
Youth Ministry	<a href="http://www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca/">www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca/</a>	
Religious Ed Coordinator	Amanda Tian Seng	

250-860-6776 -Ext: 202 or [formation.scg.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org](http://formation.scg.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)

## CONTACT NUMBERS

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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	<a href="mailto:info@freedomdoorcelowna.com">info@freedomdoorcelowna.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)	

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.