



# St. Charles Garnier Parish

April 16, 2023

## Divine Mercy Sunday

After eight days Jesus came and stood among them.

John 20.19-31



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### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

This week we celebrate 'Divine Mercy Sunday'. Divine Mercy is understood from the confession of St. Thomas who proclaimed the Resurrection Faith: "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28) The Risen Christ is the Lord, as attested by St. Paul in his letter to Philippians 2:11. Every tongue should acclaim, "Jesus Christ as Lord, to the Glory of God the Father." Divine Mercy flows from the heart of Jesus who prayed, "Father forgive them for they know not what they are doing" (Lk 23:34) Pope Francis often said, 'The essence of the Gospel of Christ is Mercy'. "Be Merciful / Compassionate as your Heavenly Father is Compassionate/ Merciful". (Lk 6;36)

Shakespeare the playwright wrote, "The quality of mercy is not strained. It blesses the one who gives and blesses the one who receives." The Great Prophet Isaiah wrote: "As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for eating, so the Word that goes from the mouth of God (It does not return to Him empty, without carrying out his will and achieving what it was sent to do); so, does mercy. (Is 55:10-11) Mercy reveals the very heart of God. Mercy is also known as compassion and, in the Beatitudes we read in Matthew 5:7: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

Paul in his letter to Romans 3:21-26 discusses the Justice of God. Everyone, including the Jew and the Gentiles sinned and forfeited the glory of God. But God justified everyone through the free gift of

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Apr 17	8:30am	+ Vern McGovern
Tue	Apr 18	8:30am	+ Neda Buric
Wed	Apr 19	8:30am	+ August & Muriel Casorso
Thu	Apr 20	8:30am	Int McKenzie Family
Fri	Apr 21	8:30am	+ John Gallacher
Sat	Apr 22	5:00pm	+ Peter Mlikotic + Joe Mlikotic
Sun	Apr 23	8:30am	Int Bonnie & Len Pelland
		10:30 am	Parish of St. Charles Garnier

### Next Week's Readings

1	<b>Acts</b> — 2.14, 22b-28
2	<b>1 Peter</b> — 1.17-21
Gospel	<b>Luke</b> — 24.13-35

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His grace by the death of Jesus Christ, so that we all could be reconciled in faith (this is the Justice of God). John wrote in 3:16: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may have Eternal life. God did not send his Son to condemn the world, rather to save the world. (Divine Justice is too unfathomable) Jesus gave expression to the Mercy of God through his painful death on the Cross and redeemed the world from the punishment of sin and death.

Since we all believe in the mercy of God, we are invited to imitate Him in our human endeavors, such as forgiving and embracing our offenders and accusers. Welcoming those who humiliate and hurt us. We should become the vehicle of mercy in our activities. St. James advises to rise up to the occasion to clothe the naked (those who shiver in cold), give drink to a stranger who is thirsty. Let us do this with love and not as an obligation. Let mercy build up our community of faith to become Christlike.

Let us break bread together. Let us be hospitable to our friends and families. Let us welcome people for our fellowship, especially those who are new and who are strangers among us. Let strangers become friends through our fellowship and those who are new among us may have the joy of becoming friends with us. May the Divine Mercy of Christ, make us move forward to make a difference in our life for His love, poured out on the cross for our redemption.

All the best.  
Affectionately in Christ!  
Gabriel

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### LITTLE FLOWERS OF ST. FRANCIS

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Men and women who wish to deepen their Catholic faith in the charism of St. Francis of Assisi are welcome to explore the vocation of the Secular Franciscan Order. Secular Franciscans are an Order within the Roman Catholic Church.

The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity gathers monthly for prayer, formation, and fellowship. For more information, contact:  
Sandy Kavanagh at: 250-212-3596.

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### CATHOLIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE

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Come with Your Power and Might Conference  
April 21-22, 2023

West Kelowna BC - Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Join Fathers Obi Ibekwe and Gerald Sekanga as they examine the Word of God from Isaiah 61:1, "Rise up in Splendour! Your light has come. The Glory of the Lord shines upon you."

Come, worship and rejoice in the Lord as we experience the Word of God, living and active in us, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Register April 21, 5-6:30 on site.

There is no registration fee, but a love offering will be accepted.

Look for poster and brochure in your parish, or visit our web:

<https://www.holyspiritbaptizer.com/conference>

More information: call/email Marcia Lawrence 1 (250) 768-2546

[2samuel22.17@telus.net](mailto:2samuel22.17@telus.net)

All are welcome: Young adults (18-35) focus/program for children (4+)

Friday Dinner & Saturday Lunch provided. Closing mass: 5 p.m.

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)



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### ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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St. Joseph Catholic School has been nominated for "Best in Kelowna 2023" and would appreciate your support in voting for our Catholic school. This can be done online at <https://bestof.kelownanow.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



[Click here](#)

### DONATIONS BY E-TRANSFER OR CREDIT CARD

E-transfers are accepted at St. Charles Garnier Parish. Send your offering via e-transfer to: [etransfer.SC GK@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.SC GK@nelsondiocese.org) no password is required.



### FORMED



**God's School of Trust / Divine Mercy Episode:** The sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, has distorted the way we see God. But God hasn't given up on us. In fact, he has tirelessly worked to heal our distorted image of him through his "School of Trust", beginning with his Chosen People in the Old Testament.

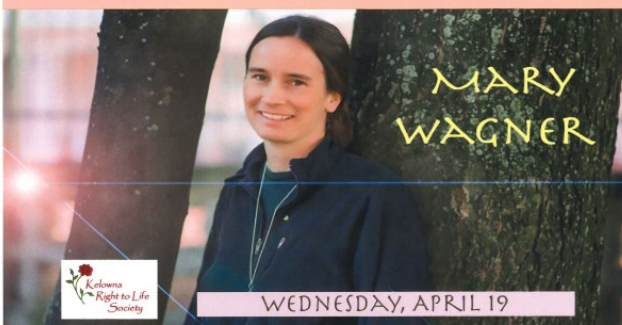
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Don't have an account? Click on Register and enter your email and create a password. Please contact Nicole Horsman at: [nicolehorsman@telus.net](mailto:nicolehorsman@telus.net) if you have any further questions about [Formed.org](http://Formed.org)



### THE KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE SOCIETY

presents:



BC resident Mary Wagner has served six years in Canadian prisons during her 10-year legal battle to bring legal protection for pre-born children.

ST. PIUS X PARISH HALL

Doors open @ 6:00 pm

- GALA DINNER -

TICKETS: \$30 EACH

AVAILABLE ONLINE @ [PROLIFEKELOWNA.CA](http://PROLIFEKELOWNA.CA), CALL 250 870-4103, OR PICK UP AT LOAVES & FISHES, 591 LAWENCE AVENUE KELOWNA.

## PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, April 16	2:00 pm	K of C —4th Degree
Monday to Friday	8:30 am Mass	Mass—Confessions before/after Mass
Monday, April 17	1:00—4:00 pm 7:00—10:00	Card Social Women's Ministry
Tuesday, April 18	7:00 pm	Confirmation Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 19	9:30 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	C.M.C. Catechism—1st Communion Family Night
Sunday, April 23	10:30 am	Confirmation with Bishop Bittman

### SHARE the WORDS



### CHANGE

Are you ready to transform your spiritual life, serve others and act on social justice issues? This change is possible when you join the Catholic Women's League. It has all these values at the heart of its mission.



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul.** We do not usually try to locate housing itself for people, but here is a case where we are coming to you, our faithful supporters, to see if you have resources or knowledge to help a refugee family from Turkey. We have been working with the family now for 4 months, and there has been only one place they could have rented for what they can afford. They declined it at the time as it was far from the present school. Since November, when the pipes in their first house froze and the house flooded, they have been staying in a 1-bedroom motel suite at a price already beyond their means. The adults have work permits and are accepted as refugee claimants. They are not sponsored by any church or civic group, as they entered as asylum seekers. They are in great need of support and St. Vincent de Paul invites you to join us in helping.

They need to have a place where there is a school nearby and that is on a bus route to have access to stores and work. Although they will make a 2-bedroom place work for them, landlords have their pick of tenants, sometimes among dozens of people; because the family is not chosen, they are now critically in need of a place to rent by the end of the month when the motel will cost far too much for them to remain. If you are or if you know any property manager, owner or landlord, please consider making a recommendation to accept this family as tenants. Please contact Peggy at 250-718-1575 or [icc.ssvp@gmail.com](mailto:icc.ssvp@gmail.com) if you have a rental connection.

St Vincent de Paul volunteers have spent many hours with the family, arranging and visiting rental homes, calling landlords and seeking other information about skills, experience and interests of the adults and children. In spite of 5 people sharing a motel unit, their place is always tidy and clean; we are offered tea and a snack and treated to beautiful stories of customs and family in their homeland. They are a lovely, lovely family, very desirous of making a good life in Canada, but are now feeling discouraged that Canada does not seem to be able to welcome them, especially because of the children! These are very dear and well-behaved children — a girl who will be in middle school come September and two boys, 9 and 7 years of age. The couple has a dependable, if modest, income afforded to immigrant families in their situation. They live very economically and are skilled at budgeting.

Thank you for considering this,

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Invincible Housing team  
Okanagan Valley Particular Council

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### CONFIRMATION

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### 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](mailto:nicolehorsman@telus.net)  
250-681-0091

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### GRIEF TO GRACE

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Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse find healing. The next retreat is May 23 – 27, 2023 in Kelowna.

For more information please email or call:  
Confidential: 250-808-6403.  
[griegtograckelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtograckelowna@gmail.com)

St. Charles Garnier Women's Ministry

# REFRESH

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

## Craft Night Wall Rosary

April 17th  
7 - 9 PM

In preparation for the month of May, we will be making beautiful felt ball wall Rosaries. We will begin praying the Rosary followed by crafting. The cost for supplies is \$40.

**\*\*RSVP & send an e-transfer to  
joelleandkevinschmidt@gmail.com  
by April 9.**

Please bring a snack to share.



Felt balls will be 2.5 cm each with over 35 colours to choose from. Upon receipt of RSVP & payment you will be contacted to choose your rosary colours. These Rosaries make a beautiful accent to your home or a thoughtful gift!

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 ½" 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)

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### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

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Hello, parishioners at St. Charles Garnier parish. If you are interested in leading the parish in activities which work for climate and social justice, please visit the Laudato Si' link for the free Animator course online. It's very informative and helpful.

<https://laudatosianimators.org/>

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### MASS FOR LIFE

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The Annual MASS FOR LIFE will be celebrated on Thurs, May 11, 7:00 pm @ Immaculate Conception. Bishop Gregory Bittman will preside and local priests will concelebrate.

The theme for this year's National Campaign is STAND FIRM. This phrase from Ephesians 6:14 encourages us that the violence of abortion and euthanasia must be met with the Gospel of Peace! Coffee, goodies and a video presentation will follow in the parish centre. Join us. Put on the Armour of Christ. Fortify yourself with Truth, Justice & Faith! Everyone is encouraged to join us STAND FOR LIFE!



## 2nd Sunday of Easter (A)

John 20:19-31

The disciple called Thomas was not there when Jesus appeared. He would not believe what the other disciples told him!

Use the code breaker to find his words



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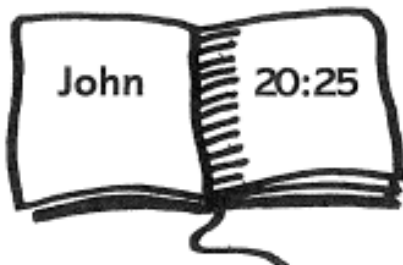
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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**



**Pastor**—Fr. Gabriel  
**Chair**—Stephen Horsman  
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**Outreach**—  
**Recorder**—Leah Drebit  
**Special Activities**—Carmen & Alan Walisser

**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: [jjstocker@shaw.ca](mailto:jjstocker@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**

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 Care-Home Visitation . . . . .  
 Youth Ministry . . . . . [www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca/](http://www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca/)  
 1st Communion . . . . . Leah Drebit . . . . . [leahdrebit@gmail.com](mailto:leahdrebit@gmail.com)

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**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  
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**PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE** . . . . . 250-763-2112  
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[reachoutokanagan@gmail.com](mailto:reachoutokanagan@gmail.com)  
**CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN** . . . [www.canadianfoodforchildren.ca](http://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)	

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.