



St. Charles Garnier Parish

May 7, 2023

5th Sunday of Easter

I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

John 14:1-12



First Communion

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This week's Scriptures explores the possibilities of Christian Discipleship. 'Disciples of Christ' are called Christians. The term 'disciples' had been in use since the inauguration of the Church by Christ. (Acts 11:26) "It was at Antioch that the disciples were called Christians". The 12 selected by Jesus during his ministry were: Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas, and Mathew the tax Collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. Jesus also had a few women disciples who provided for him and his 12 the selected group, like Mary of Magdala, Mary mother of James, and Salome (MK16:1) & the mother of Zebedee's sons (Mt:27:56)

The disciples of Christ were given the mandate 'Go and make disciples of all the nations and teach them to observe all the commandments'. (Mt 28:19-20) History tells us that when the number of disciples increased, the 12 came forward to create their 'helpers or assistants' who are now called 'Deacons'. (Acts 6:1-7) The 12 gave these assistants 'the rule of service' (Sharing in the ministry to the Word / Preaching and to wait at the Table of the Lord. (Celebration of the Eucharist)

They all were committed to spreading the message of Christ to their communities (Jews, Greeks and the Gentiles) In fact Deacons helped the Church to grow faster and rapidly. Enthusiastic Paul and Barnabas joined this group, and they brought many disciples to Christ through their tireless voyages and struggles for the Church.

During the infancy stages of Christianity, many New Christians shed their blood to give witness to their

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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| Mon | May 8 | 8:30am | Int. Elliot Sprague |
| Tue | May 9 | 8:30am | + Hans & Thereza Mandal |
| Wed | May 10 | 8:30am | Int. Emily Buhman |
| Thu | May 11 | 8:30am | + Joe Mlikotic |
| Fri | May 12 | 8:30am | Int. Fr. Gabriel |
| Sat | May 13 | 5:00pm | Int. Jordan & Bob Pisko |
| Sun | May 14 | 8:30am | Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier |
| | | 10:30 am | + William Ferguson |

Next Week's Readings

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| 1 | Acts — 8:5-8—14-17 |
| 2 | 1 Peter — 3:15-18 |
| Gospel | John — 14:15-21 |

faith due to persecution of the Roman Emperors. History also recalls the untimely torture and persecution of Christians during the Crusades. The people who were to escape the persecutions went far and wide to several New Lands and helped to plant the Church. There was a tremendous increase of Christians at that time. So, the disciples organized them as Christian Communities. Saint Peter in his letter (1Pt 2:4-9) qualifies them as a 'Royal Race & Living Stones' and Paul appreciates themes 'God's Farm & of God's Building' (1 Cor 3:9) Paul was optimistic to tell the new Christians 'To get planted and rooted in Christ' (Col 2:6-7) Therefore, we come to understand that 'Faith in God' (Jesus) is a condition for Christian Life, who reveals the 'Fathers' Face fully and who energizes us by the Spirit of the Holy Spirit'. Therefore, today's Scriptures invite us to manifest our Christian Witness by our Unity in our Diversity. Christian Unity despite the several factions and divisions should be our goal in life. There are a lot of our Parishioners who have married our Evangelical counterparts. We welcome their initiatives and pray to the good Lord to bless them. Jesus prayed, " Let all be One, as You and I are One" (Jn 17:21) As Jesus and the Father are One, we should strive to become one in heart and mind with our Christian Counterparts. May the God of Peace inspire and motivate us to achieve this goal through His Grace!

With every good wish!
Affectionately in Christ,
Gabriel

Prayer for Vocations

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



OKANAGAN IRISH SOCIETY PRESENTS

CELTIC FUSION

Are you ready for



Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30pm at Kelowna Community Theatre. Please get your tickets soon for best seating to enjoy a fun, family oriented evening out to support Seton House of Prayer. Tickets may be purchased online at:

<https://theatre.kelowna.ca/upcoming-events/celtic-fusion> click on tickets, choose your seats and follow the prompts. Or, call 250-469-8940. Or, in person at the Kelowna Community Theatre 1375 Water Street in advance of the show (box office hours are Monday to Saturday 10am – 4pm).

It will be a great evening of entertainment and your support is greatly appreciated!



We invite you to join our
St. Charles Garnier Parish
Facebook group!

Use the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stcharlesgarnier>
or Scan the QR code



You will be asked to answer the question "who is our pastor" to be accepted into the group.

See what is happening in our Parish!
See what our Ministries are doing!
See why we need more people to serve!



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.SCGK@nelsondiocese.org no password is required.



OKANAGAN CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMP



Okanagan Catholic Family Camp

September 8-10, 2023
Camp Winfield, Lake Country

Early Bird Registration Opens May 1-15, 2023

Register at www.okanagancatholic.ca

GRIEF TO GRACE

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

LITTLE FLOWERS OF ST. FRANCIS

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.

CWL NEWS

COOKIE DECORATING WORKSHOP

The CWL will be offering a fun, creative morning to learn how to beautifully decorate cookies. Facilitated by our very talented Debbie Cloutier! Please join us on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.

Cost: \$10.00

Bring a small cookie sheet, an apron and a dish cloth or towel.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP a.s.a.p. to Marion at: mschneider.2019@gmail.com so that we can ensure there will be enough supplies.



SHARE the WORDS

CONFIDENCE

The Catholic Women's League relies on the teachings of the Catholic church to guide it.

As a member you can be confident that what you do will further God's kingdom here on earth.
Be confident—come walk with us!

FORMED



The 13th Day

In a world torn apart by persecution, war and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, The 13th Day dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.

Enjoy a free subscription:

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 if you have any further questions about Formed.org



PARISH EVENTS

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
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| Sunday, May 7 | 8:30 am 10:30 am | Mass Mass—First Communion |
| Monday to Friday | 8:30 am Mass | Mass—Confessions before/after Mass |
| Monday, May 8 | 1:00—4:00 pm | Card Social |
| Tuesday, May 9 | 9:30 am—12:00 5:15 pm | CWL General Meeting Parish Council Meeting—Church Hall |
| Wednesday, May 10 | 9:15 am—11:30 9:30 am | SSVP Meeting Catholic Moms Connect |
| Thursday, May 11 | 10:00 am 7:30 pm | Bible Study K of C -Meeting |

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group is holding a bake sale and hosting a lemonade stand NEXT Sunday (May 14) after the 10:30 am Mass on the plaza outside the entrance of the church.

Treat mom to a cold drink and a plate of treats! All items by donation with proceeds going to aiding the people of Ukraine.

Thank you for your support!



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The staff and students of St. Joseph Catholic School invite you to join us for our last two school masses of the year - May 25th and June 23rd, both at 9:30 at ICC. We also encourage you to attend our amateur production of Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat - May 17th and 18th at the Mary Irwin Theatre. Ticket information is available on our website (stjosephkelowna.ca)

RACHEL'S CORNER

“By the grace of God, I came to the correct place to heal and to take these blessings and example of how to live, back to my wife and children. I have hope to be closer to God now and to discover a calmer life with peace. To discover my tranquility in my marriage and with my children, and to be an exemplary father sharing my testimony with others.”

Testimonial

Join the men and women on their next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. You will walk out with a new way of seeing things and a renewed hope that life can be so very different when free of the burden of regret.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com
www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the confirmands class 2022-2023! Eshal, Laura, Liam, Grace, Joanna, Byron, Madeline, Luca

Confirmed by our Most Reverent Bishop Gregory Bittman.

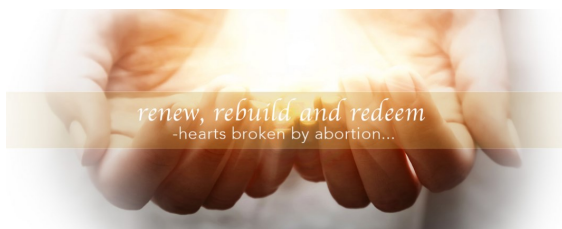
I love those who love me; whoever looks for me can find me.

Proverbs 8:17

DISCALCED CARMELITES

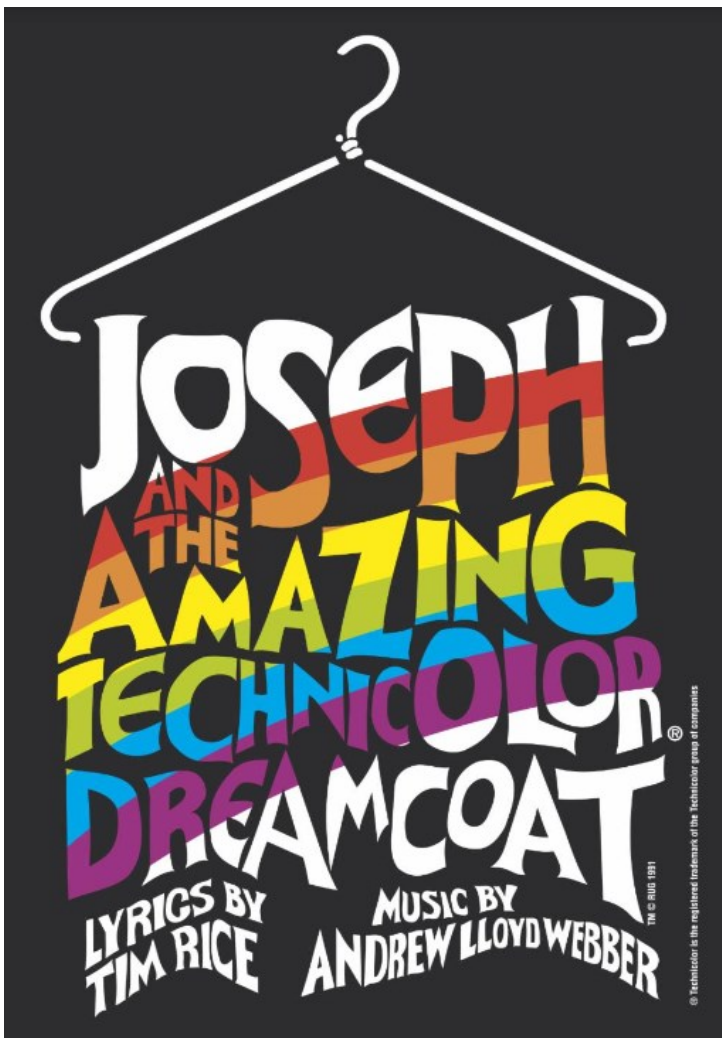
Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCDS) Carmelite Seculars, together with the Friars and Nuns, are sons and daughters of the Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and of St. Teresa of Jesus. As a result, they share the same charism with the religious, each according to their particular way of life. It is one family with the same spiritual possessions, the same call to holiness (cf Eph 1.4; 1Pet 1:15) and the same apostolic mission. Secular members contribute to the Order the benefits proper to their secular state of life (Constitutions #1).

For more information, please contact Laurent 1-778-212-1945 or Loretta 250-448-5633



Catholic Moms Connect!
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





St. Joseph Elementary Amateur Production of
Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
May 17th and 18th

At The Rotary Centre for the Arts

Tickets are now open to the public.

Buy your tickets before they're gone!

Information on how to purchase tickets can be found [here](#)

MARCH FOR LIFE



Dramatic interview with Abby Johnson, Former Planned Parenthood worker. Her eye-opening journey since leaving the abortion industry and crossing over to the LIFE LINE.

Thursday May 11th at ICC hall

following the MASS FOR LIFE at 7:00 pm.

Everyone welcome to join us for coffee & a movie.

STAND FOR LIFE

Life on Film presents The Drop Box. One time screening on Sunday May 7th at 8pm EST

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOFK71kGmIM>

St. Charles Garnier Women's Ministry

REFRESH

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

An Evening with Mary

May 15th
7 - 9 PM

For the month of Mary, we will spend time in prayer, celebration, and learning more about our Blessed Mother. We will be having a Marian "book exchange" so if you have a book about Mary you love, bring it along and you can trade it with another member of our community to read something new!

Please bring a snack to share & wear blue!

STUFF THE BUS FOR UKRAINE!

An AID FOR UKRAINE table will be available at the K of C Breakfast on Sunday May 7th @ ICC.

Bring your First Aid supplies to the K of C breakfast @ ICC Sunday May 7. A display table will be collecting bandages, Gauze, Masks, First Aid Kits, Burn cream, Tylenol, Advil, & Polysporin ointment. Suitcases to ship supplies greatly needed & appreciated. BABY SUPPLIES of diapers, wipes, Formula, Powdered food, blankets & bottles. Donations of cash, cheques and e-transfers also accepted & provided income tax receipts. God bless your generosity & compassion.

OUR NEW UKRAINIAN REFUGEES arrived April 7th. We are seeking:

4 Bicycles: for a man, woman, 13 yr old boy & 7 yr old girl

-lawn chairs & patio table. -microwave oven

-bakeware: cookie trays, cake & loaf pans

-garden tools: rake, spades, shovels

-Bedding plants, vegetable & flowers

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Donations of \$\$, cheques & items welcomed @ ICC office weekdays.



5th Sunday of Easter (A)

John 14:1-12

Jesus is the Way

The disciples were worried because Jesus was going away

Write the next letter of the alphabet above the letters given, to see how Jesus reassured them.

For example, B will be written above A

X N T J M N V S G D
 V Z X S N S G D
 O K Z B D H Z L
 F N H M F



Use the code to find his words below

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| A = △ | G = ◇ | L = △ | T = ∇ |
| C = O | H = < | N = ≈ | U = □ |
| D = ◯ | I = O | O = ◇ | W = ∩L |
| E = △ | K = □ | R = ∩∩ | Y = △ |

Thomas still felt worried, so he asked Jesus a question

△ ∩∩ ◯ ∩L △ ◯ ◇ ≈ ◇ ∇ □ ≈ ◇ ∩L
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Pastor—Fr. Gabriel
Chair—Stephen Horsman
Co-Chair—Christine Schmidt
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Financial—Kevin Schmidt
Maintenance—Don Korby/Margaret Radi
SSVP—Arnie Schneider
K of C—Paul King
CWL—Debbie Cloutier
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

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: Jarrod Stocker 250-869-2219
 Email: 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

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
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OZANAM HOUSE manager@ozanamhouse.com 250-762-4673
PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE 250-763-2112
RACHEL'S VINEYARD . . . info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com 250-762-2273
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 or at the Parish Office.

New Parishioner: ____ **Information Change:** ____

Name (s) : _____ & _____

DOB (yyyy/mm/dd): _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

| CHILDREN | | |
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| 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 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.