



St. Charles Garnier Parish

May 21, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord

All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.

Matthew 28:16-20



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Ascension Sunday calls us to a New Way of Life! "I am with you always until the end of time" (Mt 28:20) and this assurance is given by the Risen Christ, who ascended to His Father. But Jesus lives in the Church and in the Believers always and everywhere. Our Baptism initiates a New Way of Life and through which we begin to experience the Life of the Messiah very much. The Church gives expression to what Jesus taught and did through his ministry. The activity of the Church is to give a credible witness to the teachings of Christ by overcoming all barriers and challenges. We are therefore invited to build bridges of friendship, goodwill through fellowship, brotherhood and sisterhood communities based on the love of Christ. So that we can demolish all barriers of hatred, violence, war and move forward with courage and optimism to make a difference in our days.

The Gospel of Matthew extends a call (28:19) "Go to the World and Preach the Gospel". The Gospel of Christ invites us for a 'right living'. The world is changing its strategies & standards according to the changing times. The world changes every day according to its pragmatic outlook. Pragmatism, according to Pope Benedict XVI, motivates the world to lose focus on the Truth and paves way for a slippery slope. People begin to trust solely in their skills, abilities and talents while failing to recognize the Blessings of God and acknowledging His Benevolence. Therefore, faith in God is diminishing & slipping away steadily.

Ascension is therefore a call for 'right living' in a pragmatic world with pragmatic culture. According to Pragmatism what is useful is to be desired for a happy life. Pragmatism came into existence during the 2nd half of the 18th Century by William James

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	May 22	8:30am	Int. Emily Buhman
Tue	May 23	8:30am	Int. Ingrid Sivorot & Family
Wed	May 24	8:30am	+ Mark Pearce
Thu	May 25	8:30am	Int. Kevin MacKinnon
Fri	May 26	8:30am	Int. Joanna & Zibgniew Wachla Wedding Anniversary
Sat	May 27	5:00pm	+ Sonja Runjic
Sun	May 28	8:30am	+ Bill Rodden
		10:30 am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

Next Week's Readings

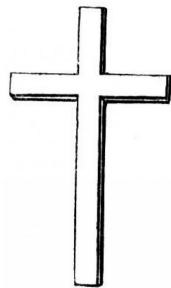
1	Acts —	2:1-11
2	1 Corinthians —	12:3b-7, 19-23
Gospel	John —	20:19-23

(1842-1910) and his companions. Pragmatism is good for business & industries because it could accelerate quick progress, which might promote fast growth in the economy, promising improved lifestyle in the World. But Pragmatism cannot explain the 'Religious Truths' especially moral principles like 'Morality and Truthfulness,' said the Pope. In fact, morality and truthfulness suffer at the hands of pragmatism. Therefore, there's a real crisis in the Church. There's a real and pressing tension between the Gospel Values and the Social Values.

The Catholic Planet (Magazine from Ireland) brought out an article with the title, "Challenges facing the Catholic Church". The Researcher Susan Ayers pointed out that 53% of the Catholics think that the Church should become modern in its doctrines and beliefs in order to thrive in the Society. 'The outmoded practices of the Church should give way for modernity,' was her conclusion.

Pope John Paul II in his Encyclical Letter "Faith and Reason" wrote, 'Pragmatism leads to modernity because faith and reason are complementary, and they do not contradict each other. But today's world is faced with a serious question of 'Right living'. Right Living comes from following one's conscience. This is the primary challenging question that the world faces today.... especially 'how to live and how to die'. When we follow a pragmatic way in religious life, Truth Disappears, and Goodness is replaced by feasibility. Conscience suffers when feasibility sets in. Adjustment Mechanism, which paves way to corrupt practices. Throw away culture comes into effect. Right living goes down. Therefore, the Church conscientizes with the call of right living. Let's adhere to the voice of the Church this Sunday!

All the Best.
Affectionately in Christ!
Gabriel



CWL NEWS

EVENT: CWL Wind-Up — Catered Luncheon

DATE: Tuesday June 13th

TIME:

10:30 am—Short meeting, prize draws, entertainment
12:00 noon—Luncheon

LOCATION: Charles Garnier church hall

INVITED: CWL Members
and all ladies of the Parish

TICKETS: \$20 each

(Available for sale on Sunday in the church and weekdays from Carmen in the office)



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

CONNECTION

My Catholic Women's League council is parish-based yet connected to Canada's Largest women's organization. How connected are you? You will meet women from your region, diocese, province and country by becoming involved in your parish Catholic Women's League council! Your place is among us!

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.



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

THANK YOU

For your tremendous response to the AID UKRAINE PROJECT, displayed at the K of C brekky. Your donations of First Aid Supplies was awesome. Special gratitude to the GIRL GUIDES Troop who brought in 4 large boxes. Our campaign continues as the war goes on. There continues an urgent need for: First Aid supplies, Pain Meds, Burn cream, Polysporin..., Blankets, sleeping bags, floor mats for sleeping on, Baby diapers, food, bottles, & powdered formula. Donations may be dropped off @ ICC office, M - F, 8:30am-12:30 pm. God bless.

SANTACRUZAN 2023

The Filipino Community of The Catholic Parishes of Penticton, will be hosting the Flores de Mayo Festival this May 2023. It is a festival to show our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a month-long festival devoted to the Blessed Mother where we will offer prayers, rosaries and a novena in her honor. Flower offerings will be done before Sunday masses by children during this month. The Santacruzán is the pinnacle of the month-long festival. It can be described as a sort of religious historical beauty pageant. It is held to commemorate the discovery of the Holy Cross, where Jesus was crucified and died, by Saint Helena the mother of Constantine the Great who became the first Christian Roman Emperor. The Santacruzán is a procession of young ladies as queens representing the titles of the Virgin Mary. This year the Santacruzán will be held on Saturday, May 27th, 2023, at 2:30 pm at St. Ann's Parish (1296 Main St., Penticton). A Mass will be held after the procession. The Mass will be presided by Fr. Obi and several priests from the diocese. A fellowship and gathering with dinner will be held in the Parish Hall after Mass. It will be a time for "fiesta" with food music, and games for the kids and young at heart. Join us as we celebrate the rich Filipino traditions and culture.

Limited spots available. Please get your free tickets after the 6pm Mass or by calling the Parish Office at 250-492-3169.

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



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!



FORMED



This captivating film highlights St. Phillip Neri's great love for youth, his warm sense of humor, contagious joy, deep mystical spirituality, and his amazing gift for miracles. Watch this film to learn more about the famous Apostle of Rome.



Enjoy a free subscription:

stcharlesgarnier.formed.org

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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
Sunday, May 21	8:30 am 10:30 am	Pope's Pastoral Works—Special Collection Mass Mass—Children's Liturgy
Monday to Friday	8:30 am Mass	Mass—Confessions before/after Mass
Wednesday, May 24	9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	SSVP—Meeting Catholic Moms Connect Mass @ Missionwood Retirement
Thursday, May 25	10:00 am	Bible Study
Friday, May 19 Monday, May 22		Office closed

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

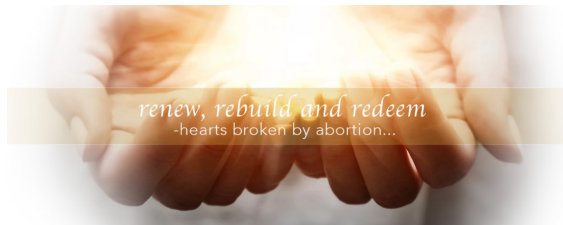
“What a mistake those who do not hope, make! Judas made a huge blunder the day in which he sold Christ for 30 denarii, but he made an even bigger one when he thought that his sin was too great to be forgiven. No sin is too big: any wretchedness, however great, can always be enclosed in infinite mercy”

Pope Saint John I- feast day May 18th

Have you thought that God could not forgive you for your decision to have an abortion? Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and discover His infinite mercy and how that can change your life to know you are truly forgiven and loved.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com
www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273



ROOTED IN FAITH



Rooted in Faith is a Prayer Group for Parents and Caregivers to pray for the students and staff at St. Joe's and Immaculata. We invite you to join us Friday mornings at 8:45am at St. Joseph School. For more information,

contact Julia Suraci at:
julia_tyne@hotmail.com

GATHER IN THE SPIRIT

Fun, Fellowship, Friends: “For you Alone are Holy, You are Great and do Marvellous Things.”

Come! Join us in Kelowna, August 13-18, as we Gather in the Spirit, at Seton House of Prayer. Up-and-coming Catholic speaker Pauline Dumas McGrath is passionate about seeing every person become empowered and fully alive! Inspired with insights from the Holy Spirit, Pauline's unique style combines personal testimonies and creative practical applications which enhance her gift of teaching. Pauline will lead us to partner with the Holy Spirit to be activated in His Gifts and bring God's love to others, often with signs and wonders following! To register, contact Maria McManus 1-250-707-1423, or at

untamedspirit@telus.net

Early Bird Rate: closes June 17, and is \$675 with accommodation at Seton House, (limit 50 people). Commuter rate is \$325. From June 18-July 22, the rate with Seton House is \$725 and \$375 for commuters. Limited financial assistance is available from Pilgrimage of Faith, \$225 for Seton House and \$108.33 for commuters, please confirm with registration. Posters and brochures contain detailed information, and are in your parish and on the web:

<https://www.holyspiritbaptizer.com/gathering-in-the-spirit>

CCCB OFFICE FOR FAMILY LIFE-WEBINAR

The Office for Family and Life of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is organizing a free webinar entitled “Concrete Ways to Renew Practices of Family Holiness” to be held on Saturday, 3 June 2023, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. EDT. This reflection is dedicated to those in dioceses, eparchies, parishes, or to family groups that accompany couples and families in faith.

This free webinar will be presented by Msgr. Philippe Bordeyne, President of the John Paul II Pontifical Theological Institute for the Science of Marriage and the Family, Rome, Italy. The webinar will be recorded for later broadcast and accompanied by simultaneous English translation.

Registration click [here](#).

For any questions, please contact Mrs. Michelle Dabrowski, Director of the CCCB Office for Family and Life (m.dabrowski@cccb.ca).

SSVP



Prayer for Vocations to the Vincen-tian Family - Lord, we ask that you bless our Society by Continuing to call men and women to serve you as full members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. We remember that many years before Vatican II called forth the vocation of the laity, Blessed Frederic Ozanam and his compan-ions recognized their vocation and so became our founders and examples. We pray for an increase in membership for our Conferences. Help us to seek and find those you have called. Help us to encourage them and invite them to join us in serving the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. We ask this through Jesus our brother, Amen

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 Or-der. Secular Franciscans are an Order within the Ro-man 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.



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



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

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



SANCTITY OF LIFE VIDEO SERIES continues @ ICC on the following dates.

WED. MAY 24:

6:30 pm 1 hr. Video

MELISSA OHDEN.

Late term abortion survivor shares her story and Healing ministry

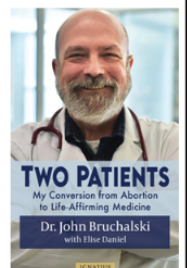


THURS. JUNE 1:

6:30 pm Video

DR JOHN BRUCHALSKI, his personal conversion story from abortionist to

pre-eminent PRO LIFE Ob/Gyn. An inspirational story of love & redemption!

















Coffee & goodies! Everyone welcome!

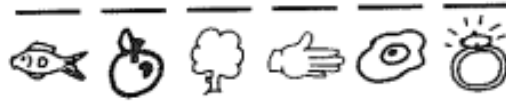
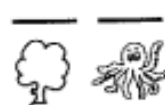
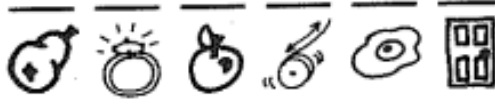
7th Sunday of Easter (A) The

Keep in touch!

Before Jesus left his friends and returned to his heavenly Father, what did he do?

Use this code to find out!

A = 	D = 	E = 	F = 	H = 	I = 	N = 
O = 	P = 	R = 	S = 	T = 	V = 	Y = 



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Pastor—Fr. Gabriel
Chair—Stephen Horsman
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Maintenance—Don Korby/Margaret Radi
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CWL—Debbie Cloutier
Outreach— Abbey Ackerman
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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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 Women's Ministry Joelle Schmidt 250-470-8901
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 Music JoAnn Young 250-317-8965
 Readers Marlene Crane 250-861-4085
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ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER 250-764-4333
FREEDOM'S DOOR . info@freedomdoorkelowna.com 250-717-0472
GRIEF TO GRACE www.GrieffToGrace.org 250-870-8517
KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE . kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com 250-870-4103
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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		
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 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.