



# St. Charles Garnier Parish

July 16, 2023

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary time.

Listen: A sower went out to sow.

Matthew 13:1-23



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### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This week's Scriptures invite us 'To be firmly rooted and built up in faith' (Col 2:6-7) Only those who love God with heart, soul, strength & will (Deut 6:5) truly receive His Word. God's Word is Power. It Creates us anew and we become a New Creation (2 Cor 5:17) If we belong to the believing community, which is the Church (1 Cor 6:15, 8:12) and we become a New Creation. God has created us anew in Christ, giving humanity 'newness of life'.(Rm 6:4) which is our union with the Risen Christ (Gal 2:20). Therefore, Christ lives in us and we live in Him. We are therefore destined to share in the glory of God (Rm 3:23) Psalm 1 Explains the Wisdom of God and the plan of God for humans. All of us are to be 'Planted and Rooted near the running streams of God'. The Jewish people studied and mastered the 'Torah' to get to know God better. Such people who have a deep love for the Torah are said to be planted and rooted near the running streams of God (Wisdom). 'Torah is the simile of a Tree'. This concept of the 'righteous people as a productive tree rooted near abundant water' comes from the Prophet Jeremiah 17:7-8; & Ps 92:13-15. Jesus uses the expression of the 'Sower' in today's Gospel (Mathew 13:1-23) and this Sower is God Himself / Jesus Himself. He is the Word. St. Paul in 1 Cor 1: 21-23 Quotes "Jesus Christ is the Power of God and Wisdom of God". He is the Life Giving Running Stream through His Living Word & Holy Sacraments.

We all observe the sturdy trees and imagine their deep roots in the ground when the soil is rich. St. Peter in his 1st letter calls us as 'living stones' / we are the living trees / living persons planted near the running waters of Christ (Grace / Sacraments).

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Jul 17	8:30am	Holy Souls in the Purgatory
Tue	Jul 18	8:30am	Int. Colin MacKinnon
Wed	Jul 19	8:30am	Int. John & Gabrielle Pashniak 65 Wedding Anniversary
Thu	Jul 20	8:30am	+ Rose & Alan McBurney
Fri	Jul 21	8:30am	+ Frank Marciano
Sat	Jul 22	5:00pm	+ Ivan Mlikotic
Sun	Jul 23	8:30am	+ Emilio D'Anzica + Bill Chahley
		10:30 am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

### Next Week's Readings

1	<b>Wisdom</b> —	12:13, 16-19
2	<b>Romans</b> —	8:26-27
Gospel	<b>Matthew</b> —	13:24-43

We need to develop a daily walk of dependency on God. It's walking with God's word. "As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him. Rooted and built up in Him, and established in His Faith, as have been taught, abounding with thanksgiving". Our Christian foundation is in our roots with Christ, reminding us that these roots can be established by our faith in Jesus. When we believe in the Lord Jesus as our Lord and Savior, our roots start to form and grow in Christ. When we regularly participate in the Liturgy of the Church and its Sacraments, we deepen our roots in our faith. When we participate in the Common fellowship of our believers, we broaden our friendship with our believing community.

There are a few steps given for our help to be planted and rooted in Christ! 1) Spend Time on building your relationship with Christ. Develop a strong desire to read the Word of God daily and spend some quiet time with Christ inviting Him to reveal himself to you. 2. Spend some quiet time with God in Prayer. Alfred Lord Tennyson said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of". Kindly know that prayer can move mountains. God listens to the cry of the poor. (Ps 34) 3. Trust in the Lord & submit to His Holy Will. He knows us through and through. Let us be born again in His love daily. 4. Let us seek the face of the Lord for His guidance to change our course of actions. We no longer want to live the way we used to, for we desire to live a more Holy and righteous life, a life God intends for us to live. Our roots will become even stronger and more established once we find our purpose. 5. God will make us blossom and produce good fruits. We all can produce good fruits by walking with Christ, picking up our cross and following Him daily (Lk 9:23) doing His Holy Will and increasing in our knowledge through his Sacred Word.

All the best.

Affectionately in Christ!

Gabriel

## IS YOUR CHILD READY TO PREPARE FOR A SACRAMENT ?



(Typically) children in grade 2 receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, children in grade 7 receive Confirmation. If your child is ready to prepare for any of their Sacraments in the 2023-24 school year, please pick up a registration form and submit it (with all required documents) to the SCG office asap (September 8, at the latest).

Catechism classes will begin at the beginning of October, 2023.

Forms are available at Church foyer.

Please fill up the forms and dropped them off at the office.

Thank you!

### PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2023

Virgin Mary,  
Mother of faith and hope,  
an example for this humanity bent by indifference,  
make me as willing as You  
to accept the will of God,  
to magnify and praise His Mercy.  
Mary, Mother of fortitude,  
you who knows my heart,  
do not allow me to become discouraged.  
I confidently surrender my life into your hands.  
Heal my wounds.  
May your tenderness accompany me on the way.  
Your presence, Mother of love,  
brings us to experience the joy  
of seeing our families united.  
Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God  
to the grandchildren and youth  
so that, in addition to praying for them,  
we can pray with them.  
Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me:  
sustain my weakness;  
breathe into my heart the consolation  
that I may leave traces of faith among the young,  
bearing witness to the beauty of life,  
knowing that life has a limit  
and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace.  
Amen.

## 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](#)

### 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](mailto: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>

## 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



Catholic Moms Connect!  
 During the summer we will be meeting on Wednesday mornings with our kids at a local park or beach.

Please check our FB page or contact Abbey Ackerman @ 250-899-4384 or [aerackerman@gmail.com](mailto: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**



Where are You? | Forgiven | Session 1 This captivating series explores Catholic themes of redemption, grace, and forgiveness through compelling storytelling and thought-provoking narratives. It offers a profound understanding of the transformative power of forgiveness and its significance in personal growth and spiritual renewal.

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, July 15	5:00 pm	Sunday Mass
Sunday, July 16	8:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass
Monday to Friday	8:30 am	Mass Rosary after Mass



## SHARE the WORDS *FRIENDSHIP*

Catholic Women's League members build enduring friendships. We celebrate new members, anniversaries and special events along the way. Meetings, socials, projects and conventions create bonds of friendship. Meet new friends from your parish and beyond. Your place is among friends.

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## RACHEL'S CORNER

"I am clay in His hands and even though I shattered, God re shaped me and now I know what I am made of and by whom. I went through the heat of the fire which is where I was purified and now am a new creation in Him. I feel very loved by God because He has given me so many blessings that I didn't even know about, and on this retreat I recognized that I am a daughter of God and loved by Him."

Testimonial

Has your heart been shattered by abortion? Allow your loving creator to give you a new heart. Join us on our next 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



## 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 neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next retreat in Canada is October 24 – 28, 2023 in Kelowna.

For more information please email [griegtogracedkelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtogracedkelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to: 250-808-6403



## NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

In order to standardize communications throughout the Diocese, as of July 15, 2023, St. Charles Garnier Parish office will be using a new e-mail address

[scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org)  
We will continue using the old email address, please be patience in the transition of emails.

## FLOWERS

For our summer months we would like to fill our 2 large vases to be placed at the front of the altar for our Saturday/Sunday Masses.

The vases are quite large so would require flowers with large stems such as hydrangeas, roses etc.

If anyone has beautiful flowers in their gardens and would like to contribute to our vases, please call Marj @ 778-363-1918. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated.



## 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.



## PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL

It is that time of year again, that I greet you with our progress to date with Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal. The overall Diocese of Nelson goal for this year (Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2023) is \$565,000. Specifically, our St. Charles parish goal is \$62,500. We are a big parish and so we are given a big goal.

Roughly halfway through the year now, we are about one third of the way to our goal, having collected just shy of \$19,000. So we have some work to do in the second half of the year!

As Bishop Gregory said so well, “Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal reminds us that we are stewards of everything that God gives us. Thus, we are invited to return a portion of those gifts to God by supporting the Church in the Diocese of Nelson. Your generous contribution will not only build up the diocese, but also foster community and communion with one another in Christ.”

We invite you to spend some moments this summer to prayerfully consider a gift. While these are uncertain times in our economy indeed...for everyone...every gift, big or small, is important and appreciated.

May God bless you for your kindness and generosity. Have a wonderful summer everyone.

Rhonda Sali

[etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org) or

online via Canada Helps at Canada Helps:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360>

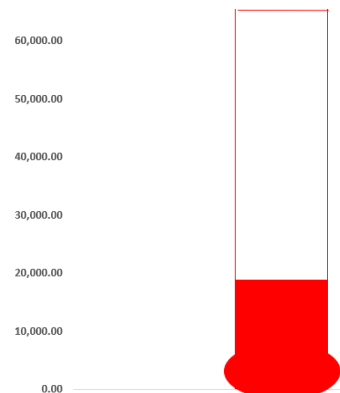
For more information on how to give contact the Pilgrimage of Faith office at the Pastoral Centre at 250-448-2725 ext. 240 or email:

[appeals@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:appeals@nelsondiocese.org) or logon to the Nelson Diocese website:

<https://www.nelsondiocese.org/>

and click on the ‘Donate Now’ button.

Goal \$ 62,650.00

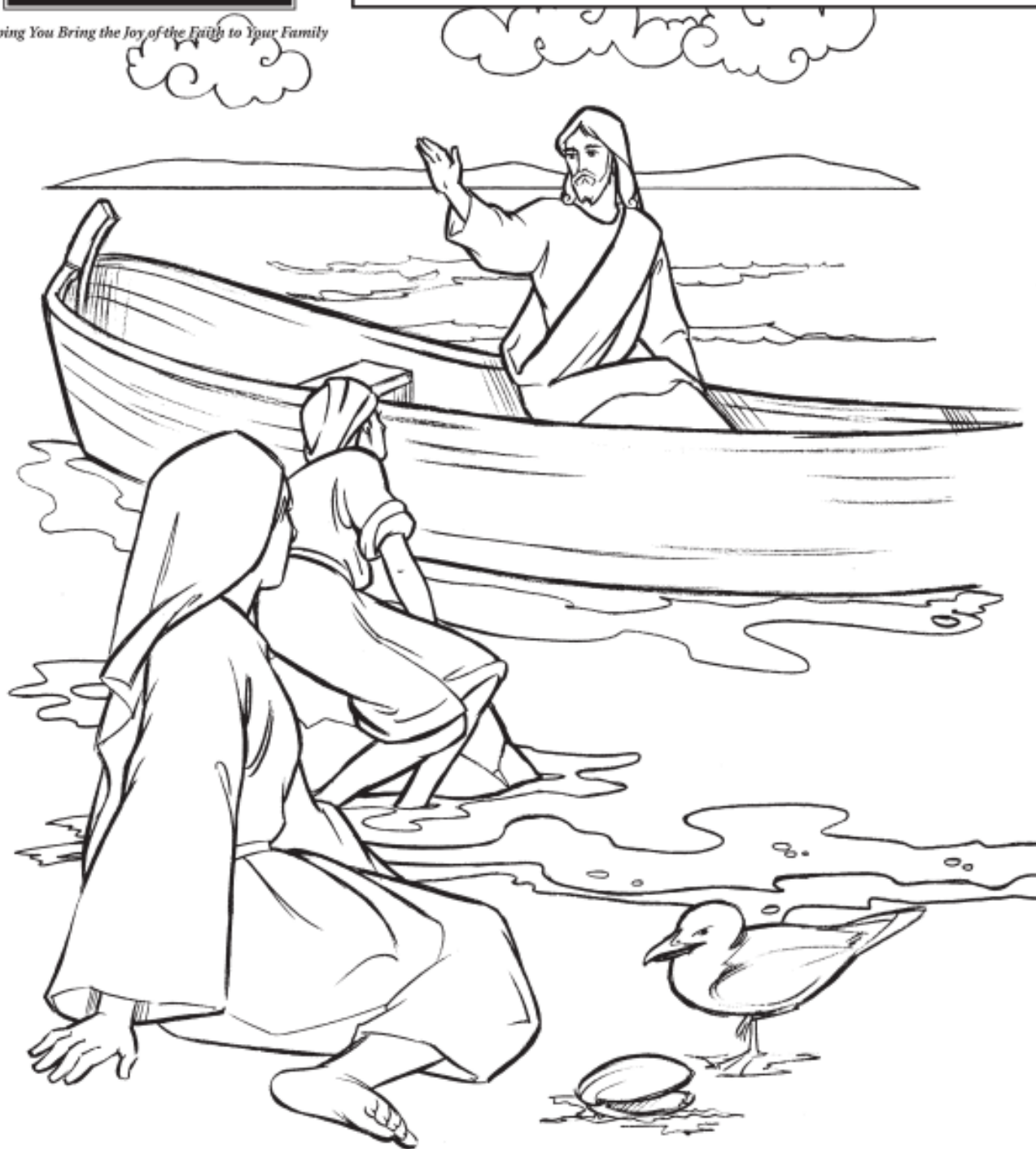


SCG—Guide to Giving		2023				
July	2	9	16	23	30	Total
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	6,680	6,680	6,680	6,680	6,680	33,400
Monthly automatic bank donations received (SAG)						
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	5,649	2,875				
E-transfers received			9,141			
Monthly total to date	5,649	8,524				

**HOLY HEROES**

*Helping You Bring the Joy of the Faith to Your Family*

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 16, 2023



Such large crowds gathered around Jesus that He got into a boat and sat down, ... and He spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." (Mt. 13:2a-9)

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



**Pastor**—Fr. Gerald Sekanga  
**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 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: . . . . . 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: [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

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 [rhondasali@gmail.com](mailto:rhondasali@gmail.com)  
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 Hospital Visitation . . . . . Ethel Robidoux . . . . . 250-860-2101  
 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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**IMMACULATA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL** . . . . . 250-762-2730  
**CLUBHOUSE DAYCARE** . . . . . 250-860-4393  
**ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER** . . . . . 250-764-4333  
**FREEDOM'S DOOR** . . [info@freedomdoorkelowna.com](mailto:info@freedomdoorkelowna.com) . . . . . 250-717-0472  
**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  
**OZANAM HOUSE** . . . [manager@ozanamhouse.com](mailto:manager@ozanamhouse.com) . . . . . 250-762-4673  
**PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE** . . . . . 250-763-2112  
**RACHEL'S VINEYARD** . . [info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com) . . . . . 250-762-2273  
**REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES** . . . . . 250-763-7892  
[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.