



St. Charles Garnier Parish

October 15, 2023

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.

Matthew 22:1-14



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SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

"All are invited to the Banqueting Table of the Lord". God extends a cordial invitation to everyone to come to His Banquet. Those who accept and come are ministered to by God himself. But we all have our excuses (Lk 14:19) a) I have bought a piece of land, and I must go and see it. b) I have bought 5 yokes of oxens and I am going to try them. c) I have just married and so I am unable to come.

God's Invitation goes out to everyone in the society (Rich & Poor, Literate & illiterate, Sick & Healthy) referring to all the Jews of Jesus' time especially the 'Elders of the Jewish Community' like the Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes, Rabbis, Tax collectors and the crowd / the common folk. Since this is a Royal Wedding, all people are invited. (Mt 22:1-14) God reaches out to everyone. But God's invitation seems to be ultimately rejected by those who considered themselves important. They excused themselves saying they were occupied, giving unforeseen reasons.

God then extended an invitation to the bystanders (Gentiles, who were considered outcastes) God called all those who were avoided by the society, especially the bystanders (the beggars, prostitutes, blind, lame and the destitutes) God also gave a Wedding Garment to everyone who accepted His Invitation to benefit the Royal Company. (According to the Book of Zephonia 1:7-8, around 631 B.C, the ancient Kings provided wedding Garments / Gowns for the citizens to attend the Royal Wedding.

Wedding Dress is a 'Special Dress', specially designed for the occasion (as we have in our culture for the Bride & Groom, the Best Man & Brides Maids) The Church refers to this as a 'Special dress' (Clean White Dress) Western Wedding dresses are white. But wearing a white dress in France would mean attending a funeral. For the French, White symbolizes 'mourning.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Oct 16	8:00am	+ Reg Humphries
Tue	Oct 17	8:00am	Int. Benita Spencer
Wed	Oct 18	8:00am	Int. Gobbo Family
Thu	Oct 19	8:00am	+ Mena Ammaturo
Fri	Oct 20	8:00am	Int. Joe & Maria Vieira
Sat	Oct 21	5:00pm	+ Peter Mlikotic
Sun	Oct 22	8:30am	+ Helen Stoneman
		10:30 am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

Next Week's Readings

1	Isaiah —	45:1, 4-6
2	1 Thessalonians —	1:1-5ab
Gospel	Matthew —	22:15-21

But for the English, White Gowns are for wedding Ceremonies. It was Queen Victoria who popularized this custom of wearing White for the occasion of her wedding in 1840. 'It was her Majesty, the Queen's choice!'. Colour White symbolizes 'Virginity'. Colour 'Blue' symbolizes, 'Purity & Innocence'. White Gown according to the Scripture is the Christening colour, 'Baptismal colour'. The Book of Revelation 7:9-14 Explained, 'those who have washed their robes in the Blood of the Lamb. Special Dress Codes are available for meeting dignitaries like the Queen, the Pope, the Prime Minister & etc; So, dress code has to be followed in high places. Otherwise, entry may be denied.

Christ the Lord gives us this 'White Garment', symbolizing 'Innocence & Purity'. This garment cannot be purchased in the open market. White Garment is the pure grace of God and it is given to those who receive the Sacrament of Baptism. It symbolizes the 'Holiness of Life', referring to our 'right living & bearing good fruits' (not sour ones). We are also reminded to keep this 'white garment' undefiled until our last day.

Jesus' parable tells that the King was looking for the 'Wedding Garment' among his invited guests and was able to spot someone without a 'Wedding Garment'...seems to be absurd to the modern mind. How could such a good God look for someone without a 'wedding garment' (which seems to be below his dignity), but the real nuance of the parable is that 'God was looking at our heart and not at our external appearance'. Humans are worried about the Externals, whereas the good God looks at our Internal dispositions to merit His grace. May our Holiness of Life be preserved despite all the untimely challenges we face in our modern busyness of life.

All the best.

In the Service of the Word!

Gabriel



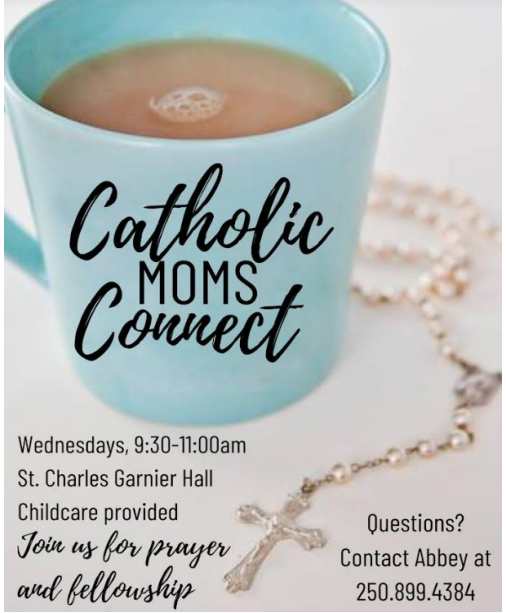
Save the date, and come prepared to enjoy the best of both worlds – a day filled with faith, fun, and the festive spirit of Oktoberfest!



Parish Feast Day and Oktoberfest

October 19, 2023
 Location: St Charles Garnier
 4:30 PM: Mass
 Afterwards: Food, live music & dance

**Last day for sign up is
 Tuesday, October 17, 2023**



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

SCG—Guide to Giving		2023				
October	1	8	15	22	29	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	5,137	4,137				
E-transfers received						
Monthly total to date	5,137	9,274				

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.SC GK@nelsondiocese.org
 no password is required.



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



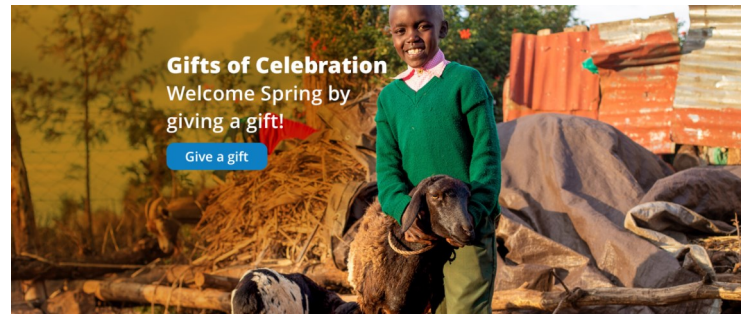
News and Announcements from Diocese of Nelson please click [here](#).



For Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website click [here](#).

Statement by the Most Rev. William T. McGrattan—Recent escalation of conflict in the Holy Land [here](#).

CHALICE



[Click here](#)

KELOWNA CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP



If you are in grades 7-12 and want to deepen your faith with other Catholic teens, please join us!

Upcoming events ...

Sun, Oct. 22 Altaration Series on the Mass 6:15 to 8:15 pm

Sun, Oct. 29 Cosmic Bowling, Pizza and Living Rosary 4:00 to 7:00 pm

Registration form and sign-up REQUIRED.

For more details, sign-up links and/or registration forms, go to www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca

RACHEL'S CORNER

"Yesterday was the last day of the past. The best thing you can do is leave it there."

- Dr. Amen

Easier said than done? Has the burden of your involvement in an abortion decision in the past, continued to be a part of your present? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and discover how you really can let that go.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273

Rachel's Vineyard Fall Retreat

Is a life-giving journey for women, men or anyone who struggles with the emotional and spiritual pain caused by abortion. Our retreats offer the mercy and compassion of God as well as a pathway to forgiveness, transforming the pain of the past into hope for the future. To register please contact:

Vicki @250-762 2273

Confidentiality assured.

ST. EDWARD'S—FALL FAIR

Will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Featuring Tea Room, Baking, Crafts, gifts and so much more! Everyone is welcome.

1123 Okanagan Centre Road East in Lake Country.



Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

CHRISTMAS 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 Saturday, November 4, 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 Betty Ann Richard 250-859-2888 or email bettyannrichard@gmail.com** so that we can ensure there will be enough supplies.



Saint Teresa of Avila: a Study in Perseverance

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

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
Saturday, October 14	5:00 pm	Sunday Mass
Sunday, October 15	8:30 am 10:30 am 2:00 pm	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass—Children's Liturgy Knights Of Columbus Meeting —Church and Hall
Tuesday and Wednesdays	After morning Mass	Confessions
Monday to Friday	8:30 am	Mass—Rosary after Mass
Monday, October 16	1:00 pm	Card Social Group
Wednesday, October 18	9:15 am 9:30 am 4:30 pm—5:30 pm 7:00 pm—8:00 pm	SSVP Meeting—Church Hall Catholic Moms Connect Catechism— 1st Reconciliation/Communion Catechism—Confirmation
Thursday, October 19	9:30 am 4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Bible Study Mass—St. Charles Garnier Parish Feast Day and Octoberfest Food—Live Music—Dance
Friday, October 20	10:30 am	Mass—Mission Creek

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE



Agroecology as means of building resilience to climate change in Burundi, read the full article [here](#).

LEAVING A LEGACY?

Have you thought about leaving a legacy? You can help ensure that the vitality of the Diocese of Nelson and its mission to spread the Gospel are sustained well into the future with a Legacy Gift. You may make a bequest through your will, a trust, retirement assets, privately held securities, real estate, a life insurance policy, shares or stocks.

Legacy Gifts provide future financial support to the Diocese and affirm the importance of faith in the life of the donor.

Donations can be made to the Catholic Foundation of the Nelson Diocese Society which provides vital support for evangelization, retired Priests, vocations, building preservation, the poor and Catholic education. Donations can also be made to your Parish.

For more information or assistance contact the Diocesan Appeals Office at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. phone: 250-448-2725 ext. 240 email:

plannedgiving@nelsondiocese.org



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.

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:

griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com

or make a confidential call to: 250-808-6403



To conclude the month of October, **MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY**, a Mass and Living Rosary will be Celebrated on Tuesday October 31st at Immaculate Conception Church.

Please join us for this special Mass being offered for the clergy & religious of our Diocese.

Confession from 4:30-5:00 pm.

Holy Mass at 5:15pm.

LIVING ROSARY at 6:15 pm, followed by an outdoor procession, tentatively scheduled, with prayers and hymns.

If you want to play a part in the Living Rosary, please arrive by 6:00 pm (we need ~ 60 people).

Bring your children, family and friends!

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



Our Lord Jesus is inviting you to visit Him in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

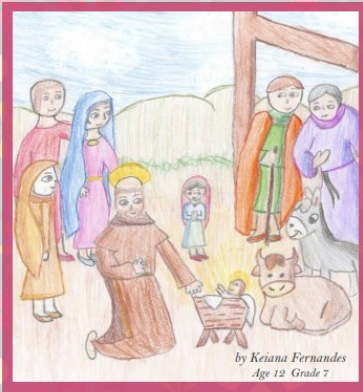


Scheduled Hours available are:

TUES	7 AM	WED	2 AM, 3 AM & 2 PM
THURS	4 AM & 3 PM	FRI	12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM
SAT	1 AM, 4 AM	SUN	7 PM

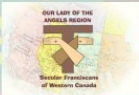
Spares are always needed. Shared times available!
For information phone **Lorie** 250-448-5633

7th Annual Franciscan
FINE ARTS & POSTER CONTEST 2023
The Greccio Nativity Scene



by Keiana Fernandes
Age 12 Grade 7

Our Lady of the Angels Regional Council invites children and youth to participate in our 7th Franciscan FINE ARTS & POSTER CONTEST held on December 3, 2023. This year marks the 800th Anniversary of the Christmas Greccio, in which St Francis of Assisi is credited with creating the first nativity scene in 1223 in a cave near Greccio, Italy.



Scan for more details & Entry Form



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!**



**62nd ANNUAL
CHARITY APPEAL**

Click here For Council 9845

WIN \$100,000 in prizes including a
2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid Grand Prize

PRIZES

1st Prize 2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid
2nd Prize \$30,000 **4th Prize** \$5,000
3rd Prize \$10,000 **5th to 14th** \$1,000 each! --> *Early Bird Draws*

TICKETS
1 for \$5
10 for \$25
50 for \$50



Limited Tickets!
BUY TODAY for Council 9845
Total Prizes \$100,000

Sales Oct 1, 2023 to Dec 16, 2023, 8pm
Early Bird Draws
Oct 9 (2x\$1000), Oct 23 (2x\$1000), Nov 6 (2x\$1000)
Nov 20 (2x\$1000), Dec 2 (2x\$1000)
Main Draw Saturday December 16, 2023, 8:01pm

An annual charity appeal of the Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation
WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER
Thank you for your Support!

For general inquiries call 604-216-7272 BC Gaming Event License #: 144568
Chances are 1 in 410,000 (total tickets for sale) to win a grand prize. Actual odds depend on number of tickets sold. 19+ to play.
Problem Gambling Help Line 1-888-795-6111 www.bcresponsiblegambling.ca Know your limit. Play within it.
Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery/claiming of prizes.



OKANAGAN VALLEY
**Pregnancy
Care Centre**

Baby Bottle Brigade

How to Donate:

Take a bottle fill it with coins, cash or cheque.
October 8-Oct 29th

Credit Card / E-Transfer Call: 250.763.2112

Mail cash or cheque to:

2046 Pandosy Street, Kelowna, BC V1Y 1S3

Thank you for your support!

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Fill a Bottle Save a Life!

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Matthew 22:1-14

The wedding party

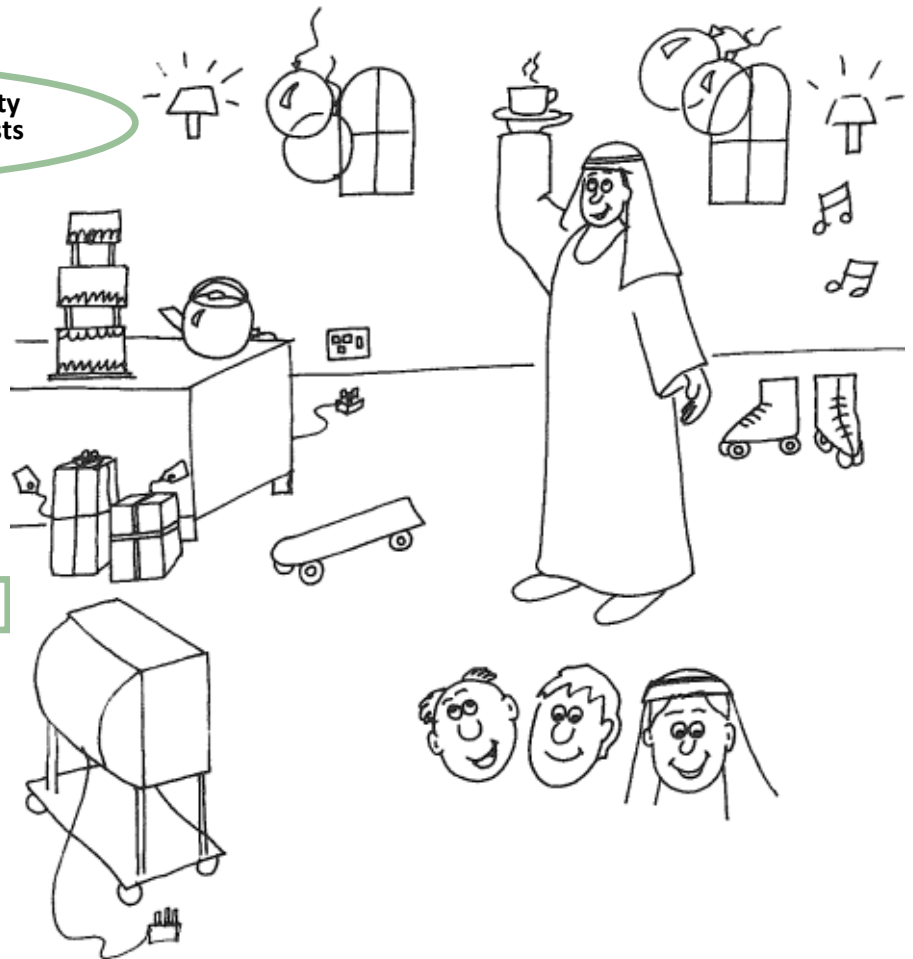


A king sent out some invitations for his son's wedding party but many people did not bother to go!

Answer

How many invitations can you spot?
Write the answer in the box below

So he invited EVERYONE to the party and filled the wedding hall with guests



Which objects do not belong in the picture? Circle them

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

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: Paul Schembri pjaaas@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

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
 Development and Peace Karen Krout—karenkrout@gmail.com
 Hospital Visitation Ethel Robidoux 250-860-2101
 Care-Home Visitation Christine Schmidt 250-763-4798
 Youth Ministry www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca/
 1st Communion Leah Drebit leahdrebit@gmail.com

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CLUBHOUSE DAYCARE 250-860-4393
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
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		
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.