



St. Charles Garnier Parish

First Sunday of Advent.

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

Mark 13:33



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SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

'Humans are a work of Art' (Ge 2:7) "The Lord God formed humans from the dust of the ground, and breathed into their nostrils the breath of life, and they became a living being". Prophet Jeremiah wrote, "We are like clay in God's hands" (Jer 18:7) God the artist designs us according to His plan & creates us through our lives, shaping and reshaping us each day through our activities. The English Poet John Keats in 1818 wrote, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever". Michealangelo's work of art, 'God touching the human hand' at the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican, is said to be the best art in the world. Beautiful things leave an indelible mark in our minds and enhance our eternal admiration by boosting our joy & happiness. John Milton's "Paradise Lost & Paradise Regained", was considered to be a masterpiece of art in English literature. In 2013 Alice Munro, an 83-year-old Canadian Writer, won the Nobel Prize for literature by presenting simple life stories of the people of this land in an artistic way & impacted greatly the readers & influenced their culture. Today's Scriptures explain this Concept of God working in our lives with this thought provoking metaphor/simile of 'a potter working on the potter's wheel'. The Great Prophet Isaiah told us in Chapters 63 & 64 'We are a lump of clay, in the Hands of God', like the ancient Israelites, because Israel means to be 'Governed by God'... who shapes, reshapes, transforms, renews & modifies/alters our destinies. As the lump of clay allows itself to be shaped and reshaped by the potter, we humans are invited during this time of Advent, which is a grace filled time to allow ourselves to be formed by God. Jeremiah 29:11 reminds all God's children, "I know the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Dec 4	8:30 am	+ Dorothy Shembri
Tue	Dec 5	8:30 am	+ Roseanne Bliss
Wed	Dec 6	8:30 am	Int. Leona Stocker
Thu	Dec 7	8:30 am	+ Greg Holdt
Fri	Dec 8	8:30 am	+ Concetta Fargo + Concetta D' Anzica
Sat	Dec 9	5:00pm	+ Rudolf Ziegler
Sun	Dec 10	8:30am	Int. Tony Slivinski
		10:30 am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

Next Week's Readings

1	Isaiah —	40:1-5, 9-11
2	2 Peter —	3:8-14
Gospel	Mark —	1:1-8

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Plans for Peace, not disaster, reserving a future full of Hope for you". If we allow ourselves to accept God's Plan & Design, he will be able to shape us 'beautiful persons' as a potter makes artistic vessels out of a lump of clay.

Apostle James suggests a few steps (1:18-19) for our consideration during this period.

1) Be quick to listen to the Word of God. God's word has the power to shape us. The Book of Hebrews 4:12 reads, 'The Word of God is a double-edged sword'. Let the Word of God become our guiding principle. Let's be eager to listen to God's Word. 2) Be active to live the Word of God. Create a space for that Word. The best example to consider at this time is the 'Young Virgin Mary', said Pope Benedict XVI. Luke 1:30- 32 "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will Name Him Jesus". Evangelist John Wrote: (Jn 1:14) "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us". Let us allow Christ to pitch His tent in our hearts and minds so that He can mold us into His likeness. Therefore, be optimistic to practice the Word. "Let the Eyes of our Mind be Opened" (Eph 1:17) so that we can become the doers of the Word, not mere hearers only. May the good Lord Jesus help us in this journey!

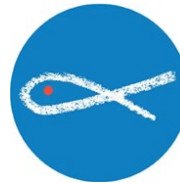
All the best.

In the Service of the Word!

Gabriel



SCG—Guide to Giving		2023			
November	5	12	19	26	Total
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	8,350	8,350	8,350	8,350	33,400
Monthly automatic bank donations received (SAG)			9,151		
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	5,151	3,085	4,250	16,445	
E-transfers received				1,655	
Monthly total to date	5,151	8,236	21,637	39,737	119%



The Society of St Vincent de Paul is launching the annual Christmas Hamper campaign. Like last year, we will be delivering a 'gift card hamper' and gifts for children to households that we have helped throughout the year. We thank you in advance for taking a donation envelope from the foyer and returning it anytime to the office or to one of the Vincentians at mass. Or donate online by accessing the Canada Helps donating website:

www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-stcharles-garnier-conference/listed

**The CATHOLIC Women's League
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Recipe: for JOY

Ingredients:

- ✦ One amazing guest speaker
- ✦ A day of faith & fellowship
- ✦ Delicious Food
- ✦ Door prizes

Directions:

Meet Holly Routley our guest speaker. Holly is a remarkable Catholic mother of six and a proud grandmother of one, thus far.... As a former registered nurse, she skilfully applies her medical expertise in her current work within the medical field, maintaining a commitment to caring for others.

Beyond her medical contributions, Holly's philanthropic spirit shone as she actively participated in fundraising for the new St. Joseph school, making a significant impact on our community. Her accomplishments extend locally and internationally, where she has captivated audiences as an accomplished public speaker, passionately sharing insights on matters of faith.

Holly is a dedicated volunteer, she devotes her time and energy to causes that matter most to her—faith, family and community. Through her unwavering faith, she has discovered the resilience to remain joyful even in the face of adversity and challenges. Holly's life is a testament to the power of prayer, forgiveness and hope.

Join us for a day of faith and fellowship as Holly shares her **Recipe for Joy**.

*This event is **not** exclusive to CWL members*
ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED
Tuesday, December 12th, 2023
 St. Charles Garnier Parish Hall
 Meeting at 11:00 am
 Guest Speaker at 11:30 am
 Luncheon 12:00 pm
 Door Prizes ✦ 50/50 Draw
 Tickets \$25
 Tickets available for sale after masses
 or at the Parish Office
 Deadline for purchasing tickets is December 6th.

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



Be the Beginning
Christmas Gift Catalogue

[Give a gift](#)

POLISH MASS

Fr. Waldemar Karciarz will be visiting Immaculate Conception Church in December to celebrate mass and hear confession for our Polish Community (in Polish).

SCHEDULE

Reconciliations: Friday December 15th, 4:00—7:00

Saturday December 16th, 12:30—3:00

Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 pm.

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.SCGK@nelsondiocese.org

no password is required.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Christmas Lights—November 18, 2023

Knights of Columbus men: Paul Schembri, Jerome Gorges, Russ Radi, Paul King, Tim Schneider, Mike Jacobs, Val Cylwa & Brian Petracek installed Christmas lights on a chilly, but sunny, Saturday morning. Thank you so much for lighting up our church.

God bless you.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity gathers monthly for prayer, formation, and fellowship.
For more information, contact:

Sandy Kavanagh at: 250-212-3596.





SHARE the WORDS
HEALING

As Catholic Women’s League members, we help to heal
injustice through advocacy,
illness through prayer,
hate with love
and loneliness with care.

You cannot stay away from the healing process if you are a
Catholic woman. **Join us today!**



Catholic All Year at Home w/Kendra Tierney
Kendra shares her favorite recipes and traditions for
celebrating the feast of St. Nicholas (a.k.a. Santa!).
Learn how to make mulled wine and cider, speculaas
cookies, and deep-fried Dutch meatballs.



Enjoy a free subscription:
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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
Saturday, December 2	5:00 pm	Sunday Mass
Sunday, December 3	8:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass—St. Nicholas Party
Monday to Friday	8:30 am	Mass—Rosary after Mass
Monday, December 4	1:00 pm	Card Social Group
Tuesday, December 5	9:00 am	CWL—Executive Meeting
Wednesday, December 6	9:15 am 9:30 am 4:30—5:30 pm 7:00—8:30 pm	SSVP Meeting Catholic Moms Connect Catechism—1st Reconciliation/Communion Catechism—Confirmation
Thursday, December 7	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Bible Study Music Rehearsal for Advent Festival
Friday, December 8	1:00 pm	CWL Retreat set up

CWL CHRISTMAS



St. Charles Garnier Parish

CWL Christmas Luncheon

Meeting: 11:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Holly Routley "Recipe for Joy"

Lunch: 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Tickets available at the church office!

RACHEL'S CORNER

"In this encounter with the risen Lord, He also meets them in the lowest places of their lives and drains from their hearts the poison of this sin and loss and gives them a new heart and a new spirit."

- Bishop Greg Kelly

Are you ready for a new heart filled with His merciful love for you? No matter how dark things seem, and how low you feel you have fallen since the day of the abortion, He is ready to love you back to life. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat. Vineyard™ Retreat.

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www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com

f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273



Restore, Renew and Heal
-our support team is here for you...

ALERT

SCAMMERS are active again!
Please do not open links, suspicious emails or text messages!
If any questions please talk to Fr. Gerald or call the office.



SCAM ALERT

CATHOLIC MOMS CONNECT

Catholic Moms Connect Presents:

PEACE & PREPARATION *Womens Advent Retreat*

WHERE: SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER

WHEN: DECEMBER 8-9 2023

COST: OVERNIGHT \$120 / DAY RATE \$50

INCLUDES: ADORATION, PRAYER AND WORSHIP, OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATION AT SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER, BREAKFAST & LUNCH ON SATURDAY



SPECTACULAR SPEAKERS:

FR. SYLVESTER ,

FR. GERALD

MARCIA LAWRENCE &

ALANET MCKINNON

TO REGISTER: SEND E-TRANSFER TO
DUCHARMEMDM@GMAIL.COM,
PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME &
EMAIL ADDRESS IN THE NOTES.
REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE
EMAILED TO YOU

QUESTIONS? TEXT MARY 778-581-9898



Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am

St. Charles Garnier Hall

Childcare provided

*Join us for prayer
and fellowship*

Questions?

Contact Abbey at
250.899.4384

Advent & Christmas Music Festival



Sunday, December 10, 2023

2:00 pm

St. Charles Garnier Church
3645 Benvoulin Road

Bring the entire family! No charge!
Fellowship to follow.

Please bring a tray of fruit or goodies to share!
Coffee and juice will be provided.



Bake Sale Nov 18 & 19, 2023

It was an amazing weekend. Thank you for your gifts of your time (baking), talents (preparing & organizing the bake sale) and almsgiving (purchasing baked goods). Through your generosity, \$ 1,250.00 was raised to help with Catholic educational programs. God bless you.

MADE FOR MORE

with CHRISTOPHER WEST MUSIC BY MIKE MANGIONE

Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024
7-9:30pm

Immaculata Regional High School
kelownam4m.eventbrite.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!



Feed a Family... Feel the Joy!

6th Annual Kelowna Christmas Turkey Drive

Immaculata Regional High School
1493 KLO Road

Proudly Hosted by
IMMACULATA
Regional High School

In Support Of
Central Okanagan
Food Bank

December 15th
6:30am - 10:00 am

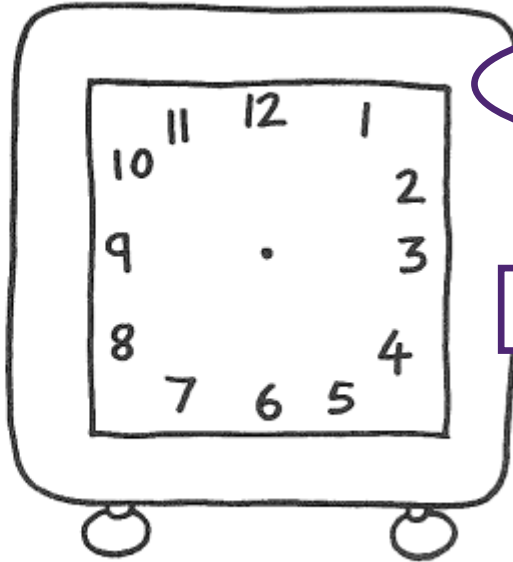
Accepting both frozen turkeys and monetary donations for the direct purchase of turkeys.

CASTANET **K 96.3** **save on foods**

First Sunday of Advent (B)

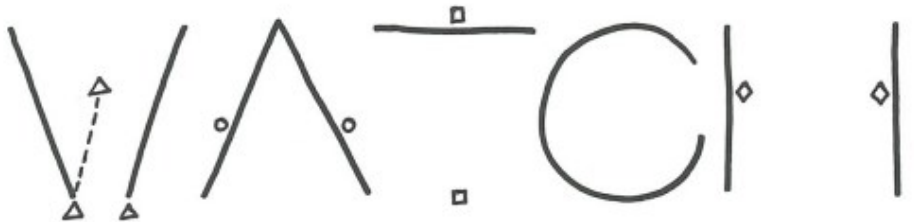
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Stay awake!



Only God knows when Jesus will come again!

Write today's date on the calendar and draw some hands on the clock to show the time



We must watch for Jesus and be ready to welcome him whenever he returns!

Draw lines to match the same shapes



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 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: 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/	
Religious Ed Coordinator	Amanda Tian Seng	

250-860-6776 -Ext: 202 or formation.scg.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org

CONTACT NUMBERS

DIocese of Nelson—Catholic Pastoral Centre	250-448-2725
St. Joseph Catholic School	250-763-3371
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	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.