



St. Charles Garnier Parish

Second 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

"Prepare the Way of the Lord!" (Is 40:3) 'The way' is a manner of life and John the Baptist broke open the concept of 'right living' according to the Principles of, The Torah, which Moses was able to help the Hebrews/Israelites follow. Today we understand 'Christianity is the Way' because Jesus said, (John 14:6) "I am the Way, The Truth & The Life". The Prophet Micah 6:8 asks the beautiful question: "What does the Lord require of you?" 1. To Love Kindness 2. To Execute Justice & 3. To Walk Humbly with the Lord. St. Paul, in Romans (14:17), explained the same concept in the following verse: "For the Kingdom of God is not food and drink, but Love, Peace and Justice". Christ very clearly explained in Mt 22:37-39 "You shall Love the Lord your God with all your Heart, Soul, Mind & You shall Love your neighbours as yourself". Pope Francis in a very gentle way reminds us, "Be merciful just as your Heavenly Father is merciful".

The Evangelist Mark extends an invitation to all God's Children announcing the "Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God". For Evangelist Mark, 'the gospel is the way' which leads to God. The Gospel is the 'good news' which guides us to our 'salvation in Christ'. This good news is Jesus Himself. The Gospel is an invitation to our 'Witnessing Life' through our discipleship. John the Baptist inaugurated this 'ministry of witnessing' in the wilderness when he called people for repentance (transformation from the old way / style of life to a New Reformed Encounter with the person of Jesus) for a righteous living. His main goal was to establish a friendship with God and to be proactive to do good for others. (Creating New Heaven & Earth. Rev 21:1) God will purify with His Truth all the evil deeds of people and will Refine them for himself by cleansing our wickedness like the waters of purification.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Dec 11	8:30 am	Int. Romuald & Family
Tue	Dec 12	8:30 am	Int. Leona Stocker
Wed	Dec 13	8:30 am	Int. McKenzie Family
Thu	Dec 14	8:30 am	+ Betty Hillis
Fri	Dec 15	8:30 am	+ William Ferguson
Sat	Dec 16	5:00pm	+ Catalina Gonzalez Gaete
Sun	Dec 17	8:30am	+ Pauline Lucovic
		10:30 am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

Next Week's Readings

1	Isaiah —	61:1-2a, 10-11
2	1 Thessalonians —	5:16-24
Gospel	John —	1:6-8, 19-28

Advent is a journey through the 'desert of our lives'. When we walk this journey we will experience the 'Tenderness of God' explained Pope Benedict XVI, because God will Give us Hope by speaking to us softly to motivate us for a renewal experience. Therefore, we are reminded by the Church that our desert experience should be 'Internal & External' referring to our 'Conscience' in the first place to explore the possibilities of our weaknesses & failures this allows ourselves to be healed & restored, to blossom once again with peace & prosperity.

Secondly, we need to get away from our 'distractions' so that we may begin to have a deeper intimacy with the Divine. Perhaps this is how the Israelites were guided in the Wilderness. God visited with them and met their needs, strengthening them through His Presence. Desert journey takes us away from our normal life and prepares us for a deeper vision of our existence. According to G.K Chesterton, "Desert is a land under God's Care". T.S Eliot is of the opinion that 'desert is a wasteland, unfruitful & unproductive". May God help us explore our 'Spiritual wilderness', the feeling of absence of God in our lives especially 'dryness in our prayer life'. May God help us to Bloom & Blossom in His presence through our continued introspection of our lives!



All the best.
In the service of the Word!
Gabriel

SCG—Guide to Giving		2023				
December	3	10	17	24	31	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	4,033					
E-transfers received						
Monthly total to date	4,033					

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.



SSVP



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

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

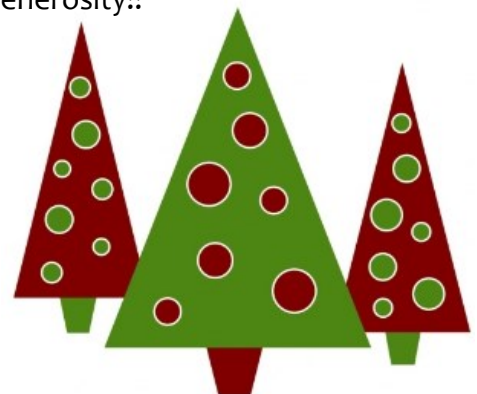


The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity gathers monthly for prayer, formation, and fellowship. For more information, contact: Sandy Kavanagh at: 250-212-3596.

FREEDOM'S DOOR

We have our annual FREEDOM'S DOOR CHRISTMAS TREE on display in the foyer of our church. We invite you to take a paper decoration from our tree. On the back is a stated gift for you to purchase and return next Sunday to place under the tree. Please return the decoration paper and please DON'T wrap the gift. The gifts will be gathered and placed in a Christmas decorated bag for each of the men of Freedom's Door on Christmas morning. There are 94 people currently staying at Freedom's Door and undergoing an addiction recovery program. Your generosity will be such a boost and an outreach to men who have suffered a lot and who have often felt that no one cares. All gifts to be returned by Dec. 18, please.

Help them to have a:
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Thank you for your generosity!!



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](#)

Sunday Masses

REALLYGREATSITE

December 23

Time: 4:00 pm

Time: 6:30 pm

December 24

Time: 8:30 am



UNTO US

a child is born.

ISAIAH 9:6

Christmas Masses

December 24

Christmas Eve

Time: 4:00 pm -

Children/Young Families

Time: 6:30 pm

December 25

Christmas Day Mass

Time: 8:30 am

Time: 10:30 am

Sunday Masses

December 30

Sunday Mass

Time: 5:00 pm

December 31

Sunday Mass

Time: 8:30 am

Time: 10:30 am

January 1

New Years Mass

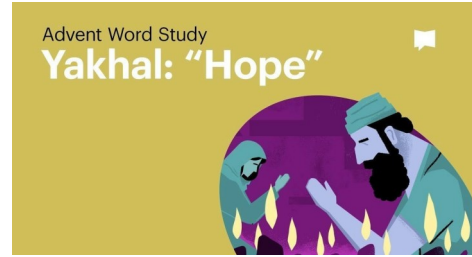
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SHARE the WORDS
HEALING

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!**



Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

In the Bible people who have hope are very different from optimists! In this video, we’ll explore how biblical hope looks to God’s character alone as a basis for trusting that the future will be better than the present.

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Contact Nicole Horsman at:

nicolehorsman@telus.net

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Formed.org



PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday, December 8	6:00 pm	Women’s Advent Retreat—St. Charles Garnier Parish
Saturday, December 9	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Women’s Advent Retreat—St. Charles Garnier Parish Sunday Mass
Sunday, December 10	2:00 pm	Advent & Christmas—Music Festival
Sunday, December 10	8:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass
Monday to Friday	8:30 am	Mass—Rosary after Mass
Monday, December 11	1:00 pm 4:30 pm	Card Social Group—Christmas Party CWL set up for Christmas Luncheon
Tuesday, December 12	10:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Mountainview CWL—Meeting—Guest Speaker Holly Routley “Recipe for Joy” Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday, December 13	9:30 am	Catholic Moms Connect
Thursday, December 14	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Bible Study K of C—General Meeting
Friday, December 15	10:30 am .	Mission Creek St. Charles Garnier Parish—Christmas Party

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 Sunday December 17th at 3:00 pm.

RACHEL'S CORNER

I am so happy I have been able to receive Communion after so many years! I am not more than God to not forgive myself and I need to learn to see myself as God does.”
-Testimonial

Join the men and women on a Rachel' Vineyard Retreat, and let God show you how He sees you, loves you and wants to restore you to the son and daughter He created you to be.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273



ALERT



SCAM 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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

St. Charles Garnier Women's Ministry
REFRESH
*I will refresh the weary & satisfy the faint
Jeremiah 31:25*

Christmas Social

**December 19
7 - 9 PM**

All women are invited to join us in the hall for a social. We will have a Christmas movie playing; bring along your Christmas wrapping to finish; bring a game to play or just come to have a minute to put your feet up and socialize during a busy week!
Please bring a snack to share.

DECEMBER 12—FEAST OF GUADALUPE

Do not be afraid.

Am I not here, I, who am your Mother?

Are you not under my Shadow and Protection?

Are you not in the Hollow of my Mantle, in the Crossing of my arms?

Do you need something more?

Let nothing else Worry you,
disturb you.

May your wish
be Granted!



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.



Bambinelli Sunday

Bring your
Baby Jesus
figures for a blessing!

December 18th, 2023 - 10:30 Mass

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.



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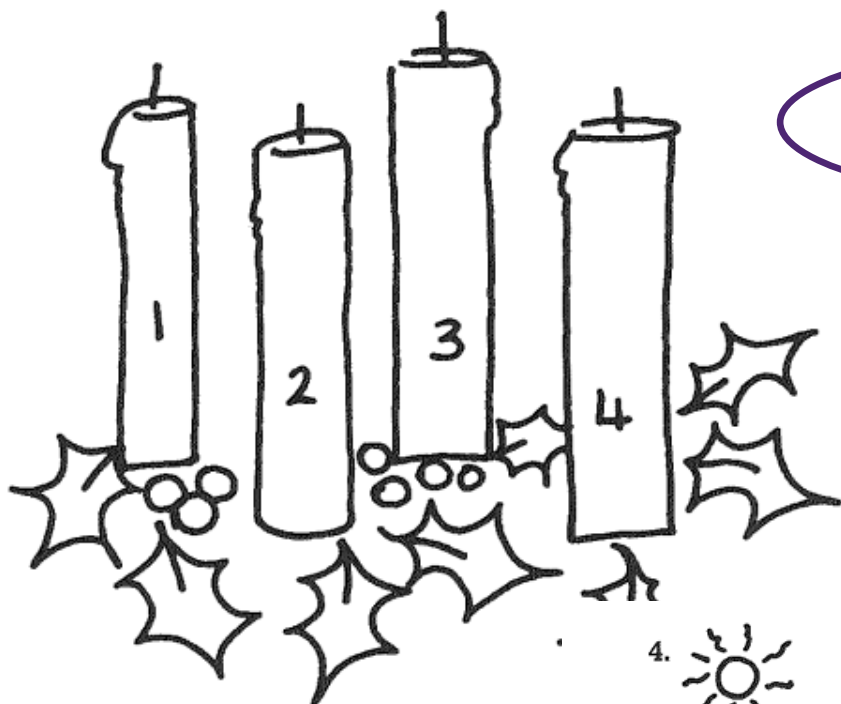
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Second Sunday of Advent (B)

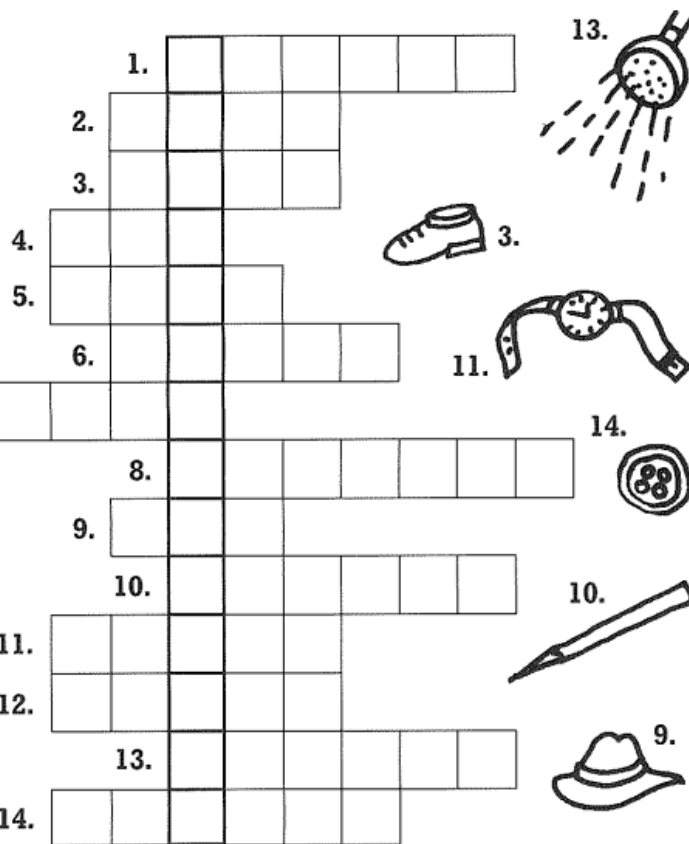
Mark 1:1-8

Prepare for Jesus

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent.
We light two candles on the Advent
wreath as we prepare for Christmas.



Draw two flames and colour the picture



Who was sent to prepare the way for Jesus?

Use the picture clues to find the missing letters.
The answer is hidden in the bold squares! (Mark 1:3-4)

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)	

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.

You may also register on-line @ www.stcharlesgarnier.ca where you can sign up for the bulletin to be emailed to you each week.