



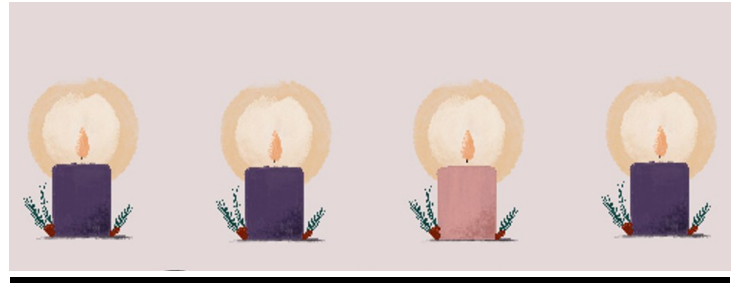
St. Charles Garnier Parish

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent.

“Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you”

Luke 1:26-38



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SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

This Sunday we reflect on the 'In-break of God's Power in Human History'. Prophet Nathan was prompted by God to speak to King David (2 Sam 7:11-13) "The Lord will make you a House. He will raise up your offspring. He shall build a House". This continuation of David's line has been an everlasting dynasty, which enabled Israel to become God's people. Solomon, David's Son was able to build a temple (1 Chro 22:7-10) and God assured His Divine favour to the dynasty of David through Solomon and his descendants. God has been showing His love & benevolence through His Steadfastness throughout our Human history. Therefore, Paul in Romans 16:25-27 reminded God's people of a vibrant Christian way of life, which is "to be planted and rooted in Christ" (Col 2:6) 'be built on Him & hold firm by Faith'. Christian Way of life should be according to the teachings & practice of our 'Faith, Hope & Charity'. (1 Cor 13:13)

Let our Faith be expressed through our Love for God & people". (Gal 5:8) When we engage in good works and walk extra miles to do good works, 'the in-break of God's Power is realized'.

The best example of 'in-break of God's Power' in human history was experienced by the Israelite people around 540 BC when they were released from their bondage/slavery in Babylon. It was a great surprise because God raised the Persian King 'Cyrus' who made an edict to release the Israelites unconditionally. God also blessed this King to open up his Royal Treasury to sanction funds to rebuild their broken Jerusalem Temple on their return to Israel. God attentively listened to the frustrating groanings of the Israelites in captivity (Psalm 137) and broke His Silence which gave them excitement.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Dec 25	8:30 am 10:30 am	Int. Leona Stocker Int. Beverly Nikiforuk
Tue	Dec 26	8:30 am	Int. For all Priest
Wed	Dec 27	8:30 am	+ Mary Gross
Thu	Dec 28	8:30 am	For All Souls
Fri	Dec 29	8:30 am	Holy Souls in the Purgatory
Sat	Dec 30	4:00pm	+ Joe Mlikotic
Sun	Dec 31	8:30am	+ Adrian van De Mosselaer
		4:00 pm	Int. Cameron & Nicole & + River Jones

Next Week's Readings

1	Sirach —	3:2-6, 12-14
2	Colossians —	3:12-21
Gospel	Luke —	2:22-40

God also promised to raise up a leader like David (Charismatic), who would be able to establish Justice and Build a vast / large Empire promising Peace. (Ps 9:5) Charismatic Leaders are those who are motivated by 'Divine Power' (King Saul 1Sam 11:6) King Saul was moved by the Spirit of God to deliver the Israelites that day! Whenever the Peace of Israel was threatened, God moved the Spirit of the Leaders of Israel especially, the Judges & Kings (1 Sam 10:10) Kings of Israel were anointed and because of their anointing they were moved by the Spirit. (Anointing Confirms the Spirit). The Spirit of God stirred the Prophets to engage in oracles who delivered the message to God's people in a timely manner.

Prophets Isaiah (11: 1-10 & Jeremiah 23: 5) were moved by the spirit of God to Speak about the Coming of the Messiah. This Messiah will be a 'Branch / Shoot from the Stump of Jesse. This Messiah is the Symbol of God's Favor! Here 'favor is to be understood as 'the goodness of God'. God has shown his goodness at various stages of our human history. The best example is from Genesis 16:11 "The Angel said to Hagar when he heard her cry and frustration of running away with her Son Ismael from Sarah. God comforted her saying, "I will make your descendants too numerous to be counted". God showed His In-break when the Israelites cried out to God in their distress and frustration through the Prophet Nathan (Is 7:14) "A Virgin shall conceive and bring forth a son, whose Name will be Immanuel" (Immanuel would be God's Presence among His People) God inaugurates His Redemptive Presence in the Glorious Birth of Christ. We can also have an in-break of God's presence in our lives provided we are tuned to His grace at this sacred time.

All the best.

In the Service of the Word!

Gabriel



JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

“Journey through Advent” Video 4 of the series are available on the CCCB website:

English: <https://www.cccb.ca/oec/journey-through-advent/>

French: <https://www.cecc.ca/oec/cheminer-ensemble-durant-lavent/>

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)			9,300			
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	4,033	6,360	7,727			
E-transfers received						
Monthly total to date	4,033	10,393	27,420			

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*** Looking for an affordable suite for rent, with two bedrooms.

If you have one or know someone please call the office @ 250-860-6776

SCGP—DONATIONS BY E-TRANSFER OR CREDIT CARD



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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](#).

CHALICE



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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

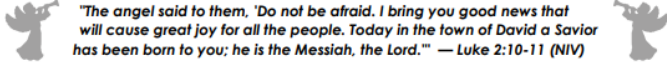
January 1

New Years Mass

Time: 10:30 am

December 19, 2023

Dear Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Diocese Community:



As the Advent season ends, with joyful anticipation we fix our gazes on the manger. On behalf of CISND I extend my heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to each member of our Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Diocese family.


Christmas holds profound significance for us because we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. His arrival, marked by humility and love, reminds us of the true meaning of the season – eternal life, hope, and grace given in the form of a child as a gift from our Lord.

Let us reflect on the teachings of Christ, focusing on the virtues of charity, kindness, peace and joy. May they inspire us to reach out to one another with open hands and hearts. Despite challenges or uncertainties, our community is strengthened when we continue to share the Gospel, and of ourselves in this holy season and throughout the year.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to Catholic education. Through this gift, we continue to nurture the minds and spirits of our students in the light of God's love.

May the blessings of Christmas be with you and your loved ones.

In faith and gratitude,


 Pamela Guilbault,
 Superintendent of Schools



CRANBROOK St. Mary's Elementary School	KELOWNA St. Joseph Elementary School	KELOWNA Immaculata Regional High School	NELSON St. Joseph Elementary School	PENTICTON Holy Cross Elementary School	TRAIL St. Michael's Elementary School	WEST KELOWNA Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School
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The 12 Days of Christmas

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.

Enjoy a free subscription:
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PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, December 23	4:00 pm 6:30 pm	Sunday Masses
Sunday, December 24	8:30 am	Sunday Mass
Sunday, December 24	4:00 pm 6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Mass—Children/Young Families Christmas Eve Mass
Monday, December 25	8:30 am 10:30 am	Christmas Day Mass Christmas Day Mass
Tuesday, December 26	8:30 am	Mass is canceled
Wednesday, December 27	8:30 am	Mass is canceled
December, 28 & 29	8:30 am	Mass
December 25 to Jan 9		Office will be closed.

RACHEL'S CORNER

"It is I, I, who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses; your sins I remember no more."

Isaiah 43:25

It is painful to realize that if God remembers them no more, why are you still holding on to them? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard© Retreat for men and women, and be free of that burden, so you can finally live in peace and know with all certainty that you are forgiven

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023/24 Missals

Please do not remove them from the church pews. We have a few missals available for purchase at the church office.

2024 Offering Envelopes

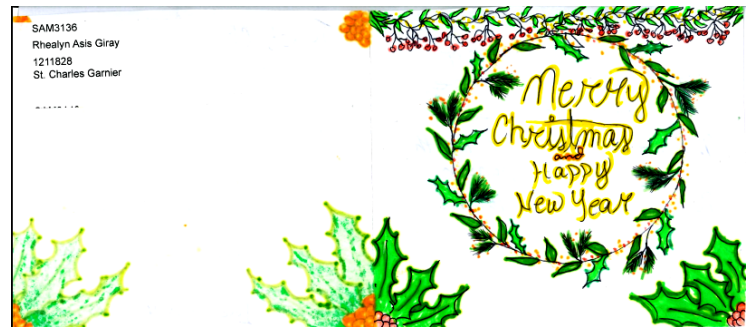
Envelopes are available at the church foyer, if your name is not there, please contact the office @ 250-860-6776 or scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org - after January 9th 2024.

Envelope numbers change every year! Please, do not take envelopes does do not belong to you.

2024 Calendars are available at the church foyer compliment of Springfield Funeral Home.

Have a Merry Christmas and Blessings to you and all your family!
Carmen.

CHALICE—CHILDREN



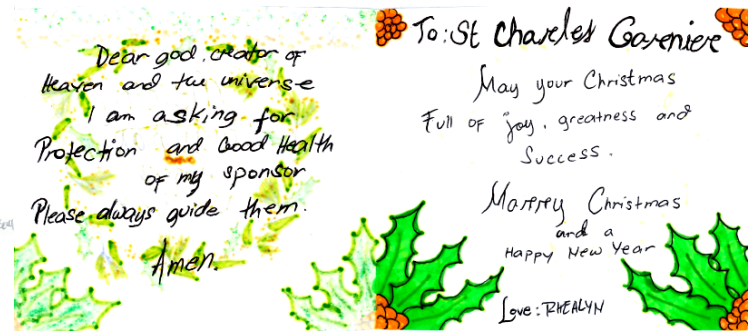
Dear St. Charles Garnier,

Good day! How are you? I hope this message finds you well. As we approach the festive season I wanted to reach out but and exciting spirit of Christmas has always been a time of togetherness and love and celebration we will organize a fun and interactive activities that will bring out the laughter and bonding we sometimes miss in our lives

Thank you for Always supporting me I Always pray for ur good Health and Safety Always

Merry Christmas

Love; Neil Venue A P124
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Office of the Bishop

Christmas 2023

"They set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy." (Matthew 2.9-12)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every Christmas, we read about the star that led the three Wise Men to Jesus. In times past and even today, stars serve as beacons to guide people on their way.

In a world where it is becoming more and more difficult to navigate, we need to remember that we have Jesus, "The Star" God sent us, to help guide and steer us on our life journey.

May Jesus, our "Star," shine brightly in your hearts and in your lives, not only to guide you, but also so that you too will be stars for others, especially those who have lost their way.

Merry Christmas everyone!

✠ Gregory J Bittman
Bishop of Nelson

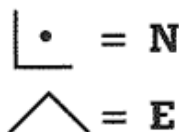
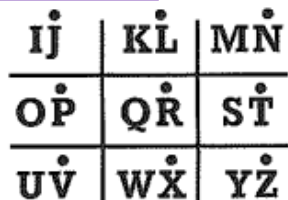
Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

Luke 1:26-38

God's messenger!

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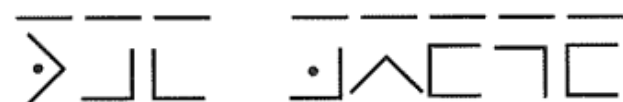
The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary with a message from God



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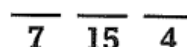
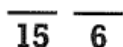
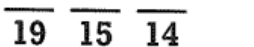
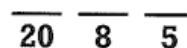
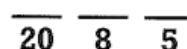
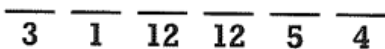
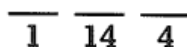
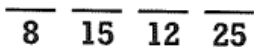
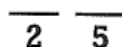
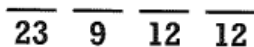
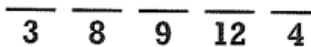
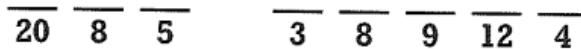
Gabriel told Mary even more...

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Luke 1:35

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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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

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If you wish to become involved contact the Parish Office 250-860-6776

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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/

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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.