



St. Charles Garnier Parish

February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent.

Jesus fasted forty day, and was put to the test.

Matthew 4:1-11



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 "God does not tempt and God cannot be tempted" (James 1:13) Jesus underwent temptation as a human being and not as God. Today's Scriptures explain how we are tempted. According to Philosopher Epicurus, there are 3 types of desires. 1. Natural and Necessary for a human: Such as happiness, dressing up & eating & drinking. a) When people do not have satisfaction in life, they live in pain and avoiding pain leads to complications / dissatisfaction in life... b) Dressing up is good and leads to modesty but should not crave for silk or costly materials. Eating food is good, but craving junk food can be avoided. Simple food is pleasurable according to Epicurus. c) Drinking is necessary like water, but one need not crave for expensive drinks like whisky / Vodka. Excessive alcohol & drinks raise one's bodily temperature causing health issues.

2. Natural but not Necessary: Sexual Intimacy. Intimacy is good and one need not avoid it totally. But don't be obsessed with it all the time. Don't expose your body unnecessarily. (Everything in moderation). What triggers your sex drive? Pornographic videos, magazines and nude pictures are to be avoided. It's good to engage one's mind with productive activities rather than the above corruptive materials.

3. Neither Natural nor Necessary: Wearing a tie gives a good look (handsome young man) which is good, but can be modest even with a decent dress. Wealth is good & praiseworthy. But trumpeting one's wealth is unwarranted. Wealth in excess gives a sense of false security. (Born with a silver spoon in one's mouth) It's good to go on vacation but yearly twice or three times is not advisable. One need not show off their wealth or wealthy backgrounds either in dress or in their arrogance.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Feb 27	8:30am	+ Agnes Wloch
Tue	Feb 28	8:30am	Int. Donna Woods
Wed	Mar 1	8:30am	+ Ivan & Zorka Kacic
Thu	Mar 2	8:30am	Int. Pastoral Center Staff
Fri	Mar 3	8:30am	+ Jim Currens
Sat	Mar 4	5:00pm	+ Peter Mlikotic
Sun	Mar 5	8:30am	+ Aurora Hamel
		10:30	Int. Knights of Columbus PSCG

Next Week's Readings

1	Genesis —	12:1-4
2	2 Timothy —	1:8b-10
Gospel	Matthew —	17:1-9

Desire is the 'root cause' of temptation. Temptation is a 'lure / enticement /allurement that attracts. Ex: A hunter hunting a bird/animal (prey). The English Word 'lure' explains: It has the power to attract and to run after. Ex: The bait in the fishhook / the object that attracts. Certainly, one cannot resist the temptation especially Wealth, Fame, Glory, Honor and Power. What about the lure of 'ice cream, chips, chocolates & junk foods?

Benefits of Temptation: 1) It gives us the Will Power to Resist. (Eating cake, cheese or Mobbin etc; and Drinking Coffee in bed, because it can't be avoided due to its flavor.

2)Temptations Build our Character: Refrain from stealing parents' cupboards or others property. Avoiding human trafficking (robbing innocent lives leads to lust of the flesh, which could be avoided)

3.Helps to withstand the Allurement to Power: Don't crave endlessly for honor, glory, recognition, fame & position. Humility is the virtue that sustains us before God.

When we are able to deal with these issues, we are given courage to withstand bullying & intimidation, because we have learnt to endure our challenges and built our character. Therefore, Jesus teaches today to resist such lures / allurements. He was a real model of endurance. He felt hungry, but he made an option & commitment to be able to withstand it. He also teaches us to honor God in our daily and ordinary life by attending diligently to the things that we are called for. In all things Jesus was willing to accept the plan of God willingly and went about doing good. He is instructing us to follow His role model for a happy & healthy life!

All the best.

Affectionately in Christ!

Gabriel

ANNOUNCEMENT

****Our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service will be celebrated on Thursday, 09th March 2023 between 3:00 & 4:30 PM. All our Kelowna Priests will be present to assist us. Could you kindly avail this opportunity to prepare for the upcoming feast of Easter.**

****The Holy Thursday Foot washing Ceremony is a Special Blessing for our people. We will Celebrate the Foot Washing Ceremony on Thursday 06th April 2023 at the Lord's Last Supper Mass. If you wish to have your foot washed this year, kindly talk to Fr. Gabriel.**

****Alms Giving is a wonderful way of making atonement. We encourage all our parishioners to get involved with this Spiritual Activity during this Lenten season. A basket will be kept at the foot of the Altar for collection of food items, which will be distributed to those in need by our SVP members.**

****Every Friday around 5:00 PM, St. Charles Garnier will walk the Stations of the Cross inside the Church. If you wish to walk the stations in our property, you are most welcome during the day. Station materials are kept at the foyer of the parish, and you may avail them as you wish.**



Catholic Moms Connect is back!
Wednesday mornings @
9:30 to 11:00 am
St. Charles Garnier Hall
Childcare provided!
Contact Abbey Ackerman
for more information:
250-899-4384
or aerackerman@gmail.com

SCG—Guide to Giving		2023			
February	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)					
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	3,642	4,144	3,470		
E-transfers received					
Monthly total to date	3,642	7,786	11,256		

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 physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse find healing. The next retreat is May 23 – 27, 2023 in Kelowna. For more information please email or call: Confidential: 250-808-6403.

griegtograncelowna@gmail.com

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



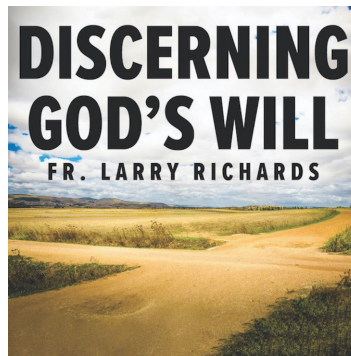
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DONATIONS BY E-TRANSFER OR CREDIT CARD

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.



FORMED



Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories! , Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life.

Enjoy a free subscription:

stcharlesgarnier.formed.org

Don't have an account? Click on Register and enter your email and create a password.

Please contact Nicole Horsman at:

nicolehorsman@telus.net

if you have any further questions about

Formed.org

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Are you ready for

CRAIC

What is "CRAIC" you ask? It's the Irish word for FUN; entertainment, and enjoyable times!

CELTIC FUSION will supply all of the above and more!

You don't want to miss this family friendly entertainment .

Tuesday, May 9, 2023
Kelowna Community Theatre
Doors @ 5:30 pm
Performance @ 6:30 pm
Tickets: \$33
Available at: BoxOffice@Kelowna.ca

Proceeds in support of Seton House of Prayer.



Knights of Columbus - St. Charles Garnier Parish

You are invited to the Best Breakfast in town this Sunday after both 8:30 am & 10:30 am Mass at St. Charles Garnier Parish - Hall

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Breakfast is served by the Knights of Columbus!

All funds raised go to Knights Charities!



St. Charles Garnier

FAMILY NIGHT:
Soup & Stations
of the Cross

Please join us for
Potluck dinner of
soup followed by
praying a family
friendly Stations of
the Cross!



PIC•COLLAGE

March 1, 8, & 15th
5:00pm

2022 TAX RECEIPTS

2022 Income Tax Receipts are ready to pick up at the church foyer



DONATIONS FOR TURKEY AND SYRIA

If you wish to donate to our brothers and sisters in Turkey and Syria please see the following links:

Development and Peace:

[Development and Peace – 55 years of solidarity. \(devp.org\)](http://devp.org)

Red Cross:

[Helping To Strengthen Resiliency - Canadian Red Cross](#)

PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, February 26	8:30 am 10:30	Mass—K of C—Pancake breakfast after Mass Mass—K of C—Pancake breakfast after Mass
Monday to Friday	8:30 am	Mass—Confessions after Mass
Monday, February 27	1:00—4:00 pm	Card Social Group
Wednesday, March 1	9:30 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Catholic Moms Connect Catechism—1st Communion Family night
Thursday, March 2	5:15 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday, March 3	5:00 pm 6:00—8:30	CWL—Stations of the Cross—church Girls / Boys Lent Retreat
Sunday, March 5	8:30 am 10:30 am 3:00 pm	Mass Mass Parish Hall—The Letter a message for our earth

RACHEL'S CORNER

"I came here full of fear and discovered that I could release all my pain here, and now I feel an immense peace and relief. I have learned on this retreat, that I am worthwhile... what I did is in the past and does not define who I am."

-Testimonial from Retreat

Have you believed that your abortion experience defined who you were? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and release all that keeps you from His tender and merciful love, which is the only definition you need.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna
250-762-2273



ABORTION HEALING SPRING RETREAT:

Many women, men, couples and grandparents who have had an abortion experience, suffer emotional & spiritual pain, afraid to reveal their deep secret. We are now registering for our Spring Retreat Weekend. Come and experience God's mercy, compassion & grace replacing shame, guilt, anger, & grief. Confidentiality assured.

www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

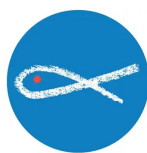
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LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULES

Parish	Date	Time
Corpus Christi	Wednesday, March 1 st	6pm
Our Lady of Lourdes	Thursday, March 2 nd	4-6pm
St. Charles Garnier	Thursday, March 9 th	3-4:30pm
St. Edwards	Wednesday, March 15 th	4-6pm
St. Pius X	Thursday March 16 th	5pm
St. Francis of Assisi	Thursday, March 23 rd	3:30-5pm
Immaculate Conception	Thursday, March 30 th	3pm

SSVP



Help honours when, to the bread that nourishes, it adds the visit that consoles, the advice that enlightens, the friendly shake of the hand that lifts up sinking courage, when it treats the poor with respect, not only as an equal but as a superior, since (s)he is suffering that which we would perhaps not be able to bear ourselves;" Frederic Ozanam.

Please keep our outreach work and the quest for new volunteer members in your prayers.

Thank you.

Junior Youth Lent Retreat

Fri, Mar. 3 6:00-8:30 pm

St. Charles Garnier

To sign up, contact Laura S

smith.landri@gmail.com



Senior Youth Lent Retreat

Fri, Mar. 3 -Sat. Mar. 4

Seton House of Prayer

\$35.00 (meals & accommodation)

Click [here](#) to sign up.

For more information:

email David Z (david@icckelowna.ca),

Laura S (smith.landri@gmail.com),

Leanne H (leanne@icckelowna.ca) or

Nicole H (horsmanfamily@telus.net)



A Million Reasons for Hope

A free screening of *The Letter*, a visually-stunning documentary film that tells the story of the journey to Rome of diverse leaders committed to ecology and various social causes, to discuss the call to action *Laudato Si'* with Pope Francis. The film explores how spiritual values unite us in the face of a planetary emergency. This builds on our ongoing initiatives to protect the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters.

The event will take place on March 5 at 3pm in the parish hall and last for about two hours. It will include prayer, refreshments, conversation, and a decision about how we'll take action together.

More information is available at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/a-million-reasons-for-hope-free-screening-of-the-letter-tickets-527899972027>

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.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



**marriage
encounter**

World Wide Marriage Encounter is hosting a weekend retreat April 14 -16, 2023 in Kamloops!

Come join us to live your best life in love, renew your marriage and rekindle romance.

For more information and to register visit: Behold Vancouver website:

<https://beholdvancouver.org/events/virtual-worldwide-marriage-encounter-8#overview>

Registration closes Mar 28, 2023

check out the WWME video on Youtube:

<https://youtu.be/VvQUEZ35Ufg>

Frist Sunday of Lent (A)

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus is tested!

Jesus stayed in the wilderness for 40 days and nights

6	10	8	6
10	4	0	8
6	10	8	6

Color the squares with the following numbers -6,8,10

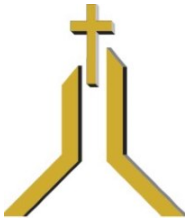
What number is left? _____

Jesus was very hungry!

Which things do not belong in this wilderness picture?
Circle them!



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Pastor—Fr. Gabriel
Chair—
Liturgy—JoAnn Young
Financial—Kevin Schmidt
Maintenance—Don Korby
SSVP—Arnie Schneider
K of C—Duncan Boyczuk
CWL—Deborah Cloutier
Outreach—Stephen Horsman

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

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: Jarrod Stocker 250-869-2219
 Email: jjstocker@shaw.ca

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

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
 Catholic Moms Connect Group Abbey 250-899-4384
 Music JoAnn Young. 250-317-8965
 Readers. Marlene Crane. 250-861-4085
 Sacristans Brenda Korby 250-859-0840
 Safe Environment Coordinator Jeremy Orr - jeremy@digitcontracting.ca
 Ushers Gino Servedio 250-764-3182
 Pilgrimage of Faith Rhonda Sali - rhondasali@gmail.com
 Development and Peace Karen Krout—karenikrout@gmail.com
 Hospital Visitation Ethel Robidoux 250-860-2101
 Home Care Visitation Christine Schmidt 250-763-4798

CONTACT NUMBERS

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN Penticton-Barb. 250-493-1145
CLUBHOUSE DAYCARE 250-860-4393
CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE 250-491-1088
DIOCESE OF NELSON—Catholic Pastoral Centre 250-448-2725
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
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REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES 250-763-7892
reachoutokanagan@gmail.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.