



# ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH

December 13, 2020

## Third Sunday of Advent.

Among you stands one whom  
you do not know.

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### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May the Joy of the Lord be with you! This Sunday celebrates the 'Joy of Mother Mary' as in all our families we celebrate the 'Birth of the New Baby'. Every mother experienced the joy of holding the baby in their womb and this Sunday we celebrate the Joy of Christ's Mother Mary & her intense mood of excitement filled with wonder and awe.

In some Middle Eastern cultures, the first pregnancy is celebrated with great festivity. All the near and dear ones of that pregnant woman would be invited to join the celebration. There would be a lot of fun, food and sharing of family stories. The mood of that day would be light and families get together help everyone to reminisce and savor the pleasant moments.

Sigmund Freud in his studies made a reference to the 'Two Great Emotions of JOY & SORROW' that rule human life at large. Joy is more than 'happiness' because happiness is temporary based on circumstances like a 'kiss or hug'. Happiness is born of the mind just like sharing a gift or a wish. Whereas 'Joy' is born of the 'heart' and it is filled with 'gladness, cheerfulness and calm delight' which are based on deeper relationships.

Joy is the gift of the Holy Spirit, explains the Bible. Joy makes our life meaningful and beautiful. Joy helps us get through our untimely challenges and fills our hearts with gladness. 1 Thess 5:16-24 discusses this 'Christian Spirit of Joy' which is oriented towards God. God is the author of Joy and Mother Mary is able to house him in her body. This gave her that intense mood of excitement and today we share her joy.

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Dec 14	8:30am	Int. Amrith Sancto Vincent
Tue	Dec 15	8:30am	Int. Marlene Huges
Wed	Dec 16	8:30am	✠Una Marron
Thu	Dec 17	8:30am	✠Frances & Albert Daniel
Fri	Dec 18	8:30am	✠Joe & Jack Finegan
Sat	Dec 19	5:00pm	✠Bert Lalonde
Sun	Dec 20	8:30am	✠Alfred Geismayr
		10:30am	Int. Thomas & Juliana
		7:00pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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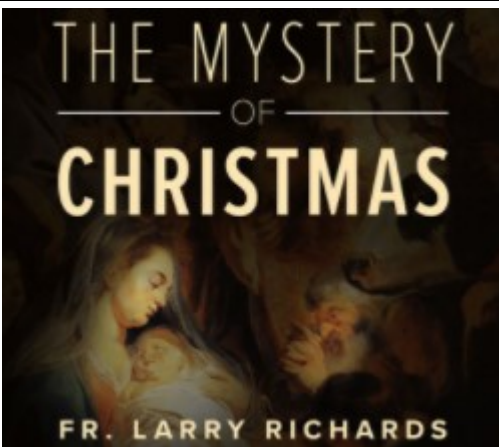
With joy in our heart, the Church today encourages us to reach out to those who are less fortunate and attend to them in the Spirit of Christ with love and care. Can we consider to spend some quality time with our elderly parents or grandparents or those who are nearer to our heart bringing Joy through our timely visit & sharing this moment of Christ's Birth.

With my affectionate wishes,  
Gabriel

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## FORMED

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### THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS

In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift—the gift of his Son to the world.

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## SSVP

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It is just a few weeks before we celebrate what promises to be a Christmas like none of us have experienced celebrated while separated from friends and family and shrouded by concern about an uncertain future. The uncertainty we all feel is magnified for the marginalized we serve for whom uncertainty is a normal condition. We must do more than usual to help the least fortunate among us. For more than 170 years, thanks to your generosity, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul has been distributing Christmas hampers or organizing community meals. Such gestures of compassionate solidarity help less fortunate people to emerge from isolation, and allow them to experience wonderful moments of joy. Not only do we give food, we interact with them on an equal basis as our friends avoiding judgement and always serving with love, respect, justice and joy.

All monetary donations toward our Christmas Hamper will be gratefully accepted. Send a cheque to the church office, place in the offertory basket or SSVP Christmas display basket or contribute on line at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-charles-garnier-conference/>

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## MASSES IN-PERSON ARE CANCELLED

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Fr. Gabriel will celebrate mass in the church and will distribute the Holy Communion in the parking lot.

\*Kindly participate in the Live-Stream Mass in your residence and come to the parking lot every day between 9:15 and 9:30 AM for the Reception of the Eucharist.

As a special service we also facilitate communion (Eucharist) at 11:00 AM on Sundays.

\* When the Priest approaches your car, roll down your window and extend your hands to receive communion. **Please don't come out of your car.**

Please read the latest update from the Office of the Bishop [here](#).

## Roman Catholic Diocese of

### Nelson website:

<https://www.nelsondiocese.org/>

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass & Devotions

Live stream click here:

<http://springfieldfuneralhome.ca/mass/>

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### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

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If you are hospitalized, please be sure to identify yourself as Catholic when being admitted.

For **END OF LIFE** emergencies *for patients in the hospital* only—call the Chaplaincy Phone 250-878-1502.

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### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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We the Body of Christ, are called to live in solidarity with all peoples. We are called to respect, protect, defend and nurture the oneness of all of God's Creation. God made this Earth as a true gift to His children of all nations.

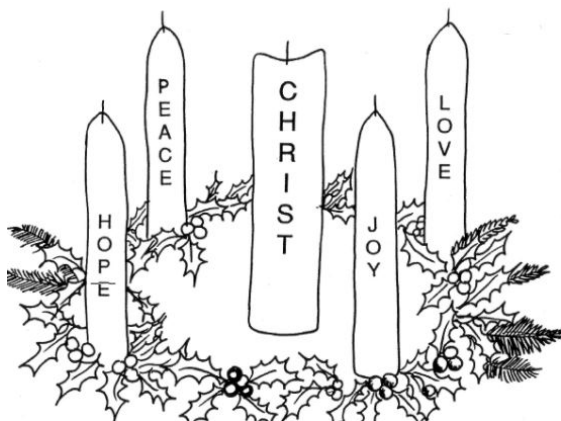
Indigenous people around our world have their creation stories. These stories are about relationships. They teach us about the Earth and it's awakening. God the Creator makes the Earth a good place. He sees a beautiful place with purpose. We acknowledge God as the Creator of all things!

There is also the relationship with all things of the Earth and universe. This is our common home: the moon and stars, the sun, the wind and water, and the land. As people of the Earth we share with one another, each and every day.

God gathers us together in this place.

Let us pray for our indigenous sister and brothers this week.

[The celebration day is December 12, 2020.](#)



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### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

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Charismatic Renewal: Father Dave is Back! Are you hungry for fellowship and reflection this Advent? Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, President, Franciscan University of Stubenville, presents The 2020 Vigil Project. Join us Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. (PST), Dec, 3, 10 and 17 for prayer, praise and worship, Fr. Dave's video, and small group study. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we meet on Zoom. If you have been participating in the Nelson Diocese Zoom Prayer Group this fall, you are on our list and will automatically receive an invitation. If you are a NEW participant, please contact Lynne Williams and provide your email address to receive your invite. Note: You may join us any or all weeks and we will also be offering a weekly prayer group in 2021. [lynnedwilliams50@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnedwilliams50@hotmail.com) under the subject heading '2020 Advent Vigil', or phone 1-250-489-1702.

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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St. Charles Garnier Knights of Columbus need your help to continue with their work to support our parish and community during the pandemic. While the needs of those we serve are greater, our traditional source of fundraising (our breakfasts) have been cancelled. To make up the shortfall, we are asking parishioners, K of C members and all friends of the Knights to consider giving to our Charity Begins at Home campaign. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 so we may continue to support our parish, Catholic education and local charities. Please click on this link to find out more and donate:

<https://www.stcharleskoc.com/2020/11/15/charity-begins-at-home-campaign/>

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### RACHEL'S VINEYARD

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"I was always made fun of as a child, and called, among other things, "la muda" (the mute girl), and then the abortion happened...and I truly had no voice at all. I became the mute girl they had always called me.

I came here knowing you said I would find my voice after having participated in an abortion story. I have given Him not only that burden, but ALL of them. I am loved!! "I am no longer the mute girl! I do accept! I do receive!"

Testimonial

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We now have our own email address for Interac/e-transfer donations to St. Charles Garnier Parish.

When you are sending interac donations please send them to:

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Be sure to indicate clearly to which fund the donation is to be directed in the message box of the e-transfer. For example: Sunday Offering, Special Church Care, Christmas, New Years, and/or one of the Ordered Collections, or if is to be split between two or more of these.

Donations will be automatically deposited directly in the St. Charles Garnier bank account when the transfer is made so a password is NOT required to make the transfer.

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS SCHEDULE**

**December 24th, 2020 Thursday**  
 First Mass 3:00 PM  
 Second Mass 5:00 PM  
 Third Mass 8:00 PM

**Christmas Day Mass**  
 December 25th, 2020 (Friday) 10:00 AM  
 December 26th, 2020 (Saturday) 5:00 PM  
 December 27th, 2020 (Sunday) 8:30 AM  
 10:30 AM & 7:00 PM

**New Year's Eve**  
 December 31, 2020 (Thursday) 5:00 PM

**New Year's Day**  
 January 1, 2021 (Friday) 10:30 AM

**Masses in person are cancelled**

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (PRAYER)**

"My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and long for you in my Soul. Since I cannot now receive you Sacramentally, come at last Spiritually into my Heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you". Amen.

**Third Sunday of Advent (B)**










A witness for Christ

John 1:6-8, 19-28

John came to prepare the people to listen to Jesus. He came as ?


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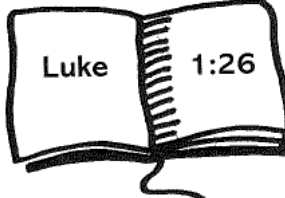
Write the letter that is missing from the second word in the box. Read down to find the answer (John 1:7)

In WALL		but not BALL		
In HAIR		but not HARE		
In HAT		but not HAM		
In NOSE		but not HOSE		
In TEN		but not TIN		
In SHOE		but not HOE		
In STRAW		but not WATER		

Colour the pictures...

Next Sunday God sends a messenger to a town in Galilee called Nazareth. Who is it?

 **FIND OUT**



**Solve the maths problems to check your answer**

A = 8 B = 4 E = 6 G = 12 H = 2 I = 9  
 L = 16 N = 5 R = 14 T = 15

5	10	18	4	8	4	10	4
x3	-8	-12	+4	-3	+8	-4	x4
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9	4	20	7	3	12	8
+3	x2	-16	x2	x3	-6	x2
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