



St. Charles Garnier Parish

December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Why has this happened to me,
that the mother of my Lord comes to me?

Luke 1



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord!

"O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, from you shall come forth for me, One who is to rule in Israel" (Micah 5:2-3) Today's Scriptures glorify Bethlehem, the city and its rich heritage. Bethlehem means 'house of bread / house of meat'. It is located just 10 kms away from Jerusalem. It has a population of 65,000 people and it is the Capital of Bethlehem Governorate. Its economy is tourism. Bethlehem was the birthplace of King David & Jesus the Messiah. Bethlehem is a Benjaminite Territory (1 Sm 10:2) and the victor over Goliath is said to be from Bethlehem. (1 Sm 17:1-58) Jesus is called the Lion of Judah.

Bethlehem was a settlement of the Benjaminite Tribe mentioned in Egyptian archives. (Lk 2:5) The City of David is Bethlehem (Mt 2:4) and Bethlehem is glorified by the Birth of the Messiah, which is even today recognized for its glorious tribal history. Bethlehem was destroyed in the 2nd Century A.D and was rebuilt by Empress Helena, the Queen Mother of Constantine the Great. Bethlehem is famous for all the three great World Religions...Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Muslim rule still exists in Bethlehem even after several crusades and conquests. Bethlehem has a significant Palestinian Christian Community.

Tourism peaks during the Christmas season there, since Christians make their pilgrimage to Bethlehem at this time of the year to participate in the Celebration of Christmas from all over the world to the holy Shrine of the Nativity of Christ. Bethlehem is a holy place for the Jewish people because of Rachel's Tomb (She was the wife of Jacob (Ge 29:29) So Jewish people pour into this city at this time of the year. Therefore, the Christmas spirit is vibrant and visible in these pilgrim places. Prof. John B. Keane speaks of Bethlehem and Christmas Spirit in her book 'Urgings of Christmas'.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Dec 20	8:30am	✠ Bernice Junk
Tue	Dec 21	8:30am	Int. Betty Ann Richard
Wed	Dec 22	8:30am	Int. Gabriele Geismayr
Thu	Dec 23	8:30am	Int. Benita Spencer
Fri	Dec 24	4:00pm	Int. Margaret & Russ Radi
		7:30pm	Int. Bill & Ronnie Pihach
Sat	Dec 25	10:30am	✠ Bill & Mary Rose Marjoribanks
		5:00pm	Int. Tom & Mary Ann Smithwick
Sun	Dec 26	8:30am	Int. Gabriele Geismayr
		10:30am	Int. Benita Spencer

Next Week's Readings

1	<i>Sirach</i> —	3:2-5, 12-14
2	<i>Colossians</i> —	3:12-21
Gospel	<i>Luke</i> —	2:41-52

The Christmas Spirit is something Special and we cannot compromise it. It is the Celebration of our Faith in the Son of God who chose to be born in a Human Family as a Child. Christmas spirit cannot be killed by opting to say, 'holiday season'. But it's a glorious birthday of Christ the Lord, that we celebrate and this Spirit should impact and influence our brothers and sisters to connect with our less fortunate sisters and brothers of our communities and in the world around, says Pope Francis. The Christmas Spirit cannot be killed by the consumerist culture of our times. We need to explore to seek more visible means of employing this culture to proclaim the Birth of Christ, Pope Francis urges everyone.

Scripture tells us that 'all things are possible for God' (Lk 1:37) and therefore God chose to be born in the human world through a human mother and help the world to see His goodness. (Jn3:16) This Christmas Spirit has survived for the past 2000 years and it cannot be killed. It had survived the tyrannies of Stalin of Russia, Hiltler of Germany, Mussolini of Italy and many other cruel world leaders. It has survived human greed, jealousy and every human failure. Even the present-day virus cannot reduce the Spirit of Christmas. Let us get ready and celebrate Our Redeemer's Holy Birth!

Affectionately in Christ the Lord!

Gabriel

FREEDOM'S DOOR CHRISTMAS TREE



In the foyer of our church is a Christmas tree erected by Freedom's Door. For many years this tradition has been carried out within our community. Please take a paper bulb from the tree and then return the bulb along with the gift listed on the back of the bulb. Please do not wrap the gift. Leave the gift under the tree and they will be collected and divided between the 64 men who live at Freedom's Door.

We appreciate your generosity and your contribution to bringing joy into the lives of men in recovery during this Christmas season. Merry Christmas and blessings in the new year!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Kindly make it possible to attend the Liturgical Services with Masks covering your nose and mouth for the entire Service, except while receiving Holy Communion. On receiving the Holy Eucharist, please Consume it immediately, and do not walk away with it to your pews. Please do not drop it to the floor. Kindly exercise Caution.
2. The 2023 Synod Questionnaires are available for your use. Interested Parishioners may pick up a questionnaire and write down their answers and drop them off at the Parish office before the End of February 2022 for compiling the answers to the Diocese of Nelson.
3. The Calvary Chapel Initiative invites interested Parishioners to Donate towards the upcoming Stations of the Cross Installation in the Chancery property. 14 Stations will be installed and we request Parishioners to support this most sought out Religious Activity.
4. Our Parish is looking for New Eucharistic Ministers to take up the Care Home Communion Ministry from the New Year 2022. Interested Parishioners may approach Fr. Gabriel. Training will be given and posted to the Care Home of your choice. Could you please consider helping our seniors with a Communion Visit periodically? All are Welcome!

SCG—Guide to Giving 2021				
December	5	12	19	26
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	41,500	41,500	41,500	41,500
Collection/Sag/e-transfers received this month to date. (*)				
Average collection to date				
Sunday Collection only (*included)				
Needs of the Church in Canada				
World Mission				

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 & 10:30am

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

Chalice (Catholic Charity) invites you to share the blessings of Christmas with children in the developing world. Our Christmas Gift Catalogue allows you to purchase a gift for someone in need in honour of a friend or a loved one. A beautiful handwritten card will be sent to the recipient, telling them of the gift that is given. Any gift purchased through the catalogue will receive an official tax receipt. To order gifts, please visit: <https://chalice.ca/gift-catalogue> or call 1-800-776-6855 or [Click here](#)

SSVP



On behalf of our neighbours receiving a Christmas Hamper we wish to acknowledge the generous donations from the parish. Thank you. Tax receipts will be issued in early 2022. Also a thank you to the Knights of Columbus for procuring winter coats

for the children and to the firm of Crowe Mackay, our corporate sponsor, whose employees provided gifts for the children. Note: All monetary donations must be received before December 31, 2021 in order to receive a tax receipt.



CCO RISE-UP CONFERENCE



January 6 – 8, 2022 Rise Up is a conference for young adults hosted by Catholic Christian Outreach, a Canadian university student movement. But Rise Up is more than a conference; it exists to motivate and inspire leaders for the renewal of the world. Registration is available through www.cco.ca/rise-up with early registration pricing until Nov. 30, 2021 (online and in-person options available).

thank
you



ADVENT FESTIVAL

If you wish to watch the beautiful Advent Festival presented by our musicians from St. Charles Garnier on December the 15 please click [here](#).



INDIGENOUS CONNECTION

Advent trivia question: What's commonly considered the first Canadian Christmas carol?

Answer: Jesus Ahatonnia or, as it's often called, Huron Carol.

Written in the 1640s by Jesuit missionary Jean de Brebeuf in Wendat, a Huron language, it tells the story of Jesus' birth in thought forms familiar to the Huron People.

Here are two versions to enjoy on youtube.

Heather Dale: Huron Carol in Four Languages: Huron, French, English, American Sign Language, 4 Language Huron Carol [here](#).

Huron Carol by Tom Jackson, stunning video featuring Northern wilderness scenes, Huron Carol sung by Tom Jackson [here](#).

Enjoy!



You are invited for

Christmas & New Year Celebration

St. Charles Garnier Parish

3645 Benvoulin Road, V1W 4M7 Kelowna, BC

Christmas Eve:

24th December 2021 (Friday)

4:00 PM Christmas Vigil Children's
Mass—Livestream

7:30 PM Christmas Vigil Night Mass

Christmas Day:

25th December 2021 (Saturday)

10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass

5:00 PM Saturday Evening Mass (Sunday Mass)

New Year's Masses:

31st December 2021 (Friday)

5:00 PM

1st January 2022 (Saturday)

10:30 AM

1st January 2022 (Saturday—Sunday Mass)

5:00 PM



renew, rebuild and redeem
-hearts broken by abortion...

“I am going to open your graves; I will make you come up out of your graves, my people. I will put my spirit in you that you may come to life, and I will settle you in your land.”
Ezekiel 37:12, 14

Have you felt like something inside of you died the same day of the loss of a child due to an abortion decision? What would it feel like to come alive again and be free of what has burdened you since that day? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and hear how God can relieve your burden and bring you peace. Give yourself the chance to feel alive again.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com
www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

 Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273

CWL

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

LORD JESUS, you alone can satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart. Through baptism, you have claimed us for yourself, but too often we live as if we belong only to ourselves. May this season of Advent remind us that you have blessed us, so that, in gratitude, we may live the gospel more faithfully. As we prepare to celebrate the miracle of your Incarnation, may we attend to the needs of our suffering brothers and sisters, the body of Christ in our midst.
Amen



At the December 14th CWL Christmas luncheon:
Irene Thomas won the quilt created by **Barbara Roy**.
Congratulations!

FORMED

The True Meaning of Christmas

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This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

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Please contact Nicole Horsman at:

nicolehorsman@telus.net

if you have any further questions about

Formed.org

CATHOLIC MOMS CONNECT

Our mom's group is meeting on Wednesdays from 9:30-11am. We invite any moms who are interested in learning more to contact **Abbey at 250-899-4384**. We are also hoping to find more volunteers to help care for our young children while we are meeting.

We are so grateful to all the "Grandmas" who have helped out the last number of years. If you feel that this could be a good fit for you, please contact:

Julia at 250-718-0060.



GIRLS YOURH GROUP

A new initiative to encourage faith and friendship among young women.

Who: Girls in grade 6-8.

When: Sundays (once a month) from 5-8pm
January 16, February 13th, March, 13th... (further dates to be announced)

Where: St. Charles Garnier

What: A free evening of fun filled with food, games, music, crafts and faith-building activities.

Dinner will be served. We will be working with the Blaze Belong "Walking with Purpose"

Catholic program for the faith component of the evening.

How: Please RSVP to Laura Smith

smith.landri@gmail.com or

Nicole Horsman

horsmanfamily@telus.net

Girls need to register, so we can ensure we have enough food and supplies.



PRAYING WITH THE EUCHARIST

Anima Christi (Soul of Christ)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, heal me.

Blood of Christ, drench me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

Good Jesus, hear me.

In your wounds shelter me.

From turning away keep me.

From the evil one protect me.

At the hour of death call me.

Into your presence lead me,

to praise you with all your saints for ever and ever.

Amen

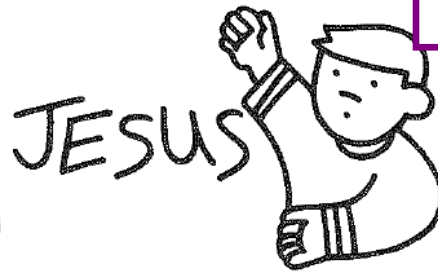
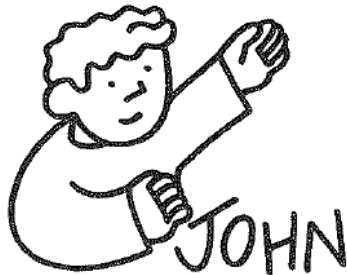
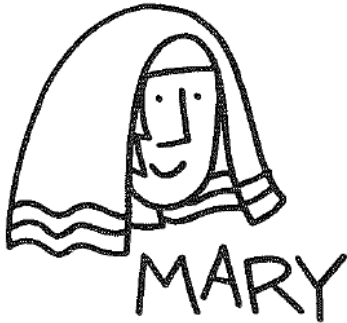


Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

Luke 1:39-44

A special visitor

God chose Mary and Elizabeth to have very special children!



Match each baby with its mother

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Match the candles with the number



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Pastor—Fr. Gabriel
Chair—Bernie Schneider
Liturgist—Sr. Nancy Hurren
Financial—Kevin Schmidt
Maintenance—Marie Cameron
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*).
 St. Peregrine is recognized as the Patron Saint of Cancer Patients and Other illnesses. St. Peregrine's Feast Day is celebrated on May 4. If you have friends/family members with cancer or other illnesses we will add them to our list and pray for them & their family daily. We meet once a month and pray together.
 All are welcome to join us. Also, once a month we offer Mass Intentions for the St. Peregrine prayer list.
 Contact: Christine Reeves, OFS. 250-575-2043 E-mail: breevesac@shaw.ca
SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER - "*The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity*" will be returning to St. Charles when we re-open.
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 250-860-2536
 Meet second and fourth Wednesdays at 9:00 am
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
 Altar Servers Rod Attwell 250-212-3990
 Children's Liturgy Allison Knitting 778-477-3790
 Eucharistic Ministers Dave Crane 250-861-4085
 Hospital Visitation & Eucharist Ethel Robidoux 250-860-2101
 Catholic Moms Connect Group Lindsay Rowe 778-478-1133
 Music JoAnn Young 250-317-8965
 Readers Sr. Nancy 250-808-9805
 Sacristans Brenda Korby 250-859-0840
 Safe Environment Coordinator Jeremy Orr - jeremy@digitcontracting.ca
 Ushers George Jarrouj - georgejarrouj@gmail.com
 Pilgrimage of Faith Rhonda Sali
 Development and Peace Karen Krout - karenjkrout@gmail.com
 Campus Ministry - (Kelowna Catholic Collective) email: ubco.focus@gmail.com

CONTACT NUMBERS

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN . . . Penticton-Linda 250-493-0816
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 freedomdoor@shaw.ca 250-717-0472
GRIEF TO GRACE www.GriefftoGrace.org 250-870-8517
KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE . kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com . 250-870-4103
OZANAM HOUSE . . . hope@ozanamhouse.com 250-762-4673(HOPE)
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

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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please complete this form and leave it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

Name (s): _____ **New Parishioner:** **Information Change:**
 Address: _____ Postal Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

CHILDREN	
Name (s)	D.O.B.— (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

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.***