



St. Charles Garnier Parish

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent.

All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Luke 3



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Almighty God Extends His Hands to the Humans!

This week's Scriptures help us understand the Fatherly Love of God. Like a loving dad/parent, God extends his hands to reach out to the humans when we pass through challenging times in our life. The best picturesque example is Michael Angelo's drawing on the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican - Rome. This world-famous picture explains God's Love and Mercy in a creative way and helps perceive His amazing steadfast love and care. God reaches out to the humans.

This coming week we will celebrate God's Mercy through Sacramental Reconciliation in our parish. God extends his grace and mercy to his children to purify themselves to welcome him into their life and to our world. The Power of the Holy Spirit purifies, cleanses our heart, mind and soul in order to become worthy of Him. The Holy Spirit empowers us to become fit for the indwelling of God and makes us His Temple. Michael Angelo's famous piece of art has a great impact on the believers and also on the world at large, 'God Reaches out extending His Hand'.

The Prophet Baruch (582 B.C) was a Secretary of Prophet Jeremiah. He explained the distress of the Hebrew people and gave them the Hope that God will be their source of redemption if they were able to seek His Mercy. He also said that God would 'Intervene on their behalf and Restore them to their Original Glory'. He will accompany them in their life. Therefore 'Repentance' is our 'New Exodus' leading across another Sinai desert to a New and more Glorious Promised Land (Is 41:17-20) of prosperity and plenty.

The Evangelist Luke describes this passage as a wilderness or desert experience which helps us share the passion and death of Christ, leading us to the Promised Land.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Dec 6	8:30am	✝ William Green
Tue	Dec 7	8:30am	✝ John Guy
Wed	Dec 8	8:30am	✝ Shiloh Maria Guidi Int. Ashley Maria Garnot
Thu	Dec 9	8:30am	✝ Ernest Worle
Fri	Dec 10	8:30am	Int. Kathy Ferguson
Sat	Dec 11	5:00pm	✝ Alfred Geismayr
Sun	Dec 12	8:30am	✝ Int. Pryce Family
		10:30am	✝ Shiloh Maria Guidi

Next Week's Readings

1	<i>Zephaniah</i> —	3:14-18a
2	<i>Philippians</i> —	4:4-7
Gospel	<i>Luke</i> —	3:10-18

This privilege is gained through Jesus' Resurrection. We share in the Resurrection of Christ through our Baptism and enter into the promised land. Repentance provides us with that ability to become sharers of God's Grace & His Kingdom.

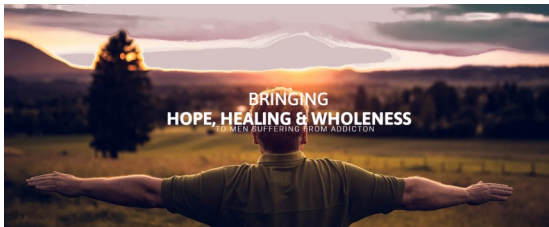
Today's liturgy therefore explores the possibility of our Creative ways and intelligence (like the 'Chinese Ice City' built on Ice blocks every year, but has a lasting impact on the World around) benefitting from the grace of God's reaching out to us. During these days of Advent, how can we be able to prepare to receive Christ, the Messiah to be born in our human world. In the busyness of the World we are caught up with the consumerist culture that reaches out with their creative endeavors like toys, lights, costumes and desserts. Can the Christian faithful explore Creative Ways of Reaching out to their Sisters and Brothers to make this Great Goodnews of Christ, the Messiah's Birth available to their families and friends around the World?

All the best!

Affectionately in Jesus!

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.St. Charles Parish Reconciliation Service has changed to Monday December 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM (Service with adoration) Please inform all your friends and family.

2.Our Advent Festival will be on Wednesday, December 15. 2021 starting at 6:30 pm, after the Music & Singing we will have a fellowship in our Hall. Everyone is invited!

3.Thank you for all the parishioners who donated and supported the decoration of the church. Also, a big shout out to our Sacristans and helpers who did the wonderful decorations in our church.

4.Christmas Mass times are posted in our Parish Webpage, Parish Entrance Door and also published every week in Our Bulletin. Kindly inform all our Senior Parishioners and visitors who may inquire this info. .

5. The Calvary Chapel Initiative invites interested Parishioners to Donate \$ 75/- 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.

6. 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		
November	7	14	21	28
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	41,500	41,500	41,500	41,500
Collection/Sag/e-transfers received this month to date. (*)	8,710	6,201	5,704	
Average collection to date	8,710	7,455	6,871	
Sunday Collection only (*included)	6,732	4,223	5,704	
Needs of the Church in Holy Land	40			
World Mission		125		

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](#).

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES



Each week, beginning on Sunday, 21 November 2021, the Solemnity of Christ the King, the CCCB will release a video of a Bishop reflecting on the Gospel Reading for each Sunday until Christmas. This year's reflections were inspired by the Indigenous Delegation which will be meeting with Pope Francis at the Vatican from 17-20 December 2021. Each video reflection is based one of the five essential stages of reconciliation: examen, confession, repentance, reparation (making amends), and reconciliation. Please see [here](#).

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).



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.

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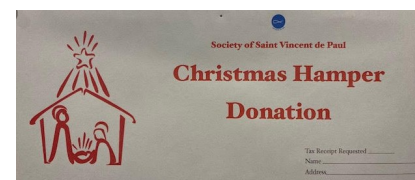


SSVP



The Society of St Vincent de Paul has launched 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 listed in the bulletin and choosing the Christmas campaign.





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

No Saturday Evening 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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD



"I have to say it was my abortion too, not just hers. An abortion takes a child out of your life, and the abortion took my child out of my life, so I can say it was my abortion too."
 RP

It can be so healing to finally say out loud..."It was my child too." Join other men who also grieved the loss of their child due to an abortion decision, and by receiving God's healing on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, they have found great peace.

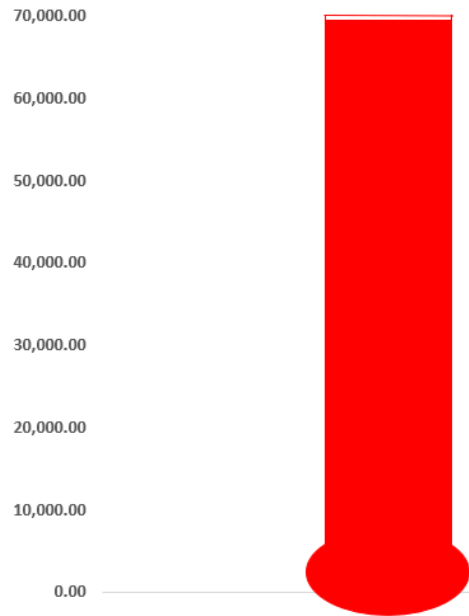
info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com

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PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

Goal \$ 70,150.00



Goal	70,150.00
Progress to date	69,575.12
We are almost there!!	574.88

WHAT IS ADVENT

Pope Benedict explained 'advent is a time in which we experience the Presence of Eternity and eagerly await its arrival'. It's a time of Joy, an interior joy that no suffering can snatch or take away. It's a joy which we carry within us, giving us courage to continue forward into the future with confidence. Therefore 'advent' is translated as, presence, arrival and coming', says the Pope. We pause in silence to 'behold & understand this presence'. Technically the term 'advent' indicates the arrival of an Official, or visit of the King, or Emperor to a Province. It is celebrated during this season for the "Coming of the Divinity". Christians used the word 'advent' to express their relationship with Christ". Jesus the King entered the poor Province called the Earth, to visit with the Humankind.

Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever". Advent is a call to experience the Presence of God in Human History. It extends an invitation to 'Journey with the Divine'. During these days of grace, we relive the 'hopes and dreams of the ancient Israelite people' who journeyed with the Divine for the Birth of the Messiah. They were drawn to the grandeur of Mt. Zion where they experienced the Glory of God. The Prophet Elijah saw God's glory in this mountain. Every person and nation gathered at Mt. Zion perceived the majesty of God revealed in that mountain. The mountain of God became the goal of all the Nations in ancient times.

For us, advent is a period of "Eager Expectation" to make a hope filled journey in the foot-steps of Christ. We are encouraged to be 'Active Participants and just the Passive Recipients of this Hope". We are invited to make a New Beginning with Mother Mary, as she Rejoices with Christ". We reflect on God's initiative to come among us through the cooperation of a Human Mother called Mary, and with her consent, God, who is the Word, becomes Human. Because of this wonderful gift of life, the young Mother Mary Rejoices, and we join with her these days with our own eager expectation to 'Behold the face of God', in the Baby Jesus', says Bishop Gerald Wiesner OMI.

Jn 1:14 "The Word became Flesh. He lived among us"

Lk 1:28 "Rejoice, so highly favored. The Lord is with you".

Have a pleasant Advent Journey!!

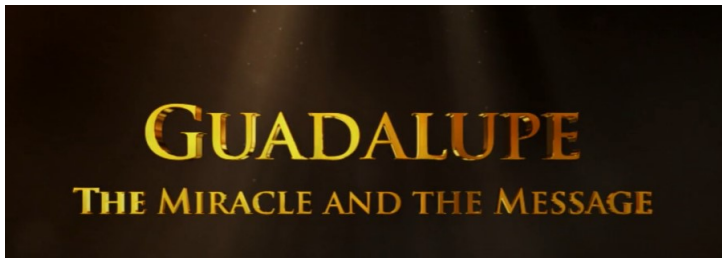
Affectionately in Our Bl. Mother!

Gabriel

IRHS TURKEY DRIVE

Immaculata Regional High School is holding its annual **Turkey Drive on Friday December 10th** from 6 – 10:00 am at 1493 KLO Road. Donations of frozen turkeys or cash for the purchase of turkeys is being collected to support the Central Okanagan Food Bank Christmas Hamper program.





Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message traces the history of this transformative event from the 16th century to the present. Featuring interviews with leading theologians, historians, and experts on the scientific inquiries into the miraculous image, this gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image, and the continued relevance of the Guadalupe apparition to the modern world.

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Early Bird Draw Saturday Dec 4, 2021, 7:15pm

Main Draw Saturday January 29, 2022, 7:15pm

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WASTE AND RECYCLING BINS

Garbage bins, Recycling bins, yard and kitchen waste composting bins are designated for the Church use only.

No one is allowed to bring onto church property to deposit any material into above listed bins.

We hope all parishioners will abide by this request. SCG – Parish Council



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.

Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Luke 3:1-6

Making a fresh start

God sent John the Baptist to show people the way to Jesus



Help the people to find their way to John

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent.
How many candles do we light today?

Trace the flames and color the picture.



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: jstocker@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

Please remember:

OUR CHURCH IS A **SCENT-FREE ZONE!** *Avoid wearing perfume, after-shave or heavily scented personal care products*

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

If you wish to become involved contact the Parish Office 250-860-6776
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reachoutokanagan@gmail.com

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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?

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> CWL | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knights of Columbus | <input type="checkbox"/> Reader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. Vincent de Paul | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.**