



ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent.

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

'Desert Experience' is indeed interestingly educational in several spheres especially physical, mental, emotional, psychological and physiological. I had one such experience recently in Vancouver near Squamish - B.C for a week in November 2020. It was the deep lush green mountainous terrain loaded with grizzly-bear and other wild animals. For fear of being caught by these untimely creatures I skipped my walk most of the days except one. But even that one was very scary to walk in the midst of the deep woods of the thick forest land.

Probably this is how the ancient Israelite people might have felt when they walked from Egypt to Israel when God delivered them from their bondage. The only difference I could notice is that the land they crossed might have been dry rocky ground with plenty of thorn bushes, owls and wild animals. Hopefully certain parts of B.C especially Kamloops might give us a sense of this wilderness experience vibrantly. The Israelites grumbled and made complaints about each and everything. They failed to trust in God.

To-day's scripture is a call for us to walk through the 'desert of our lives'. Pope Benedict explains 'desert' as 'internal & external'. a) Internal is a place especially our conscience to set us right or to make peace, to restore and heal the broken heart. b) External is to get away from our daily routine especially the distractions we are used to and beginning to have a deeper dialogue and intimacy with our god. We begin to introspect into our lives as to what are our struggles and complaints or apathy and indifference. Basically, to analyze and reason out why we are not happy and satisfied?

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Dec 7	8:30am	Int. Marion & Bernie Schneider
Tue	Dec 8	8:30am	✠ Alfred Geismayr
Wed	Dec 9	8:30am	Int. Paul & Noreen Tenechuk Wedding Anniversary
Thu	Dec 10	8:30am	✠ Don Knorr
Fri	Dec 11	8:30am	Int. Tomas Kuhn
Sat	Dec 12	5:00pm	Int. Yessica Mamani & Family
Sun	Dec 13	8:30am	Int. Gabriele Geismayr
		10:30am	✠ Enzo & Carlo Bottoni
		7:00pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

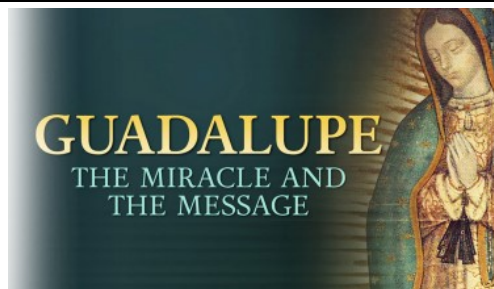
1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
 2nd Reading: Peter 5:16-24
 Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Desert journey takes us away from our normal life and helps us to have a deeper vision of our existence. God visits with us and meets our needs strengthening us with his loving presence. We spent time to recollect our hardships, challenges and difficulties that we face and ask God to help us. Our willing promise to accept his guidance and encouragement trusting in his providence sustains us in this process. T.S Eliot in his 'Wasteland' analyses the 'Spiritual wilderness' of humans especially the 'feeling of absence of God in one's life'. (Cut off himself/herself from God and His Divine Presence) Dryness in prayer life leads to spiritual desert experience.

People of faith become unproductive under such circumstances. Therefore, wilderness experience is necessary to become spiritually fertile to bear good fruits. Advent journey helps us in this process through the reading and reflection of scripture in the quiet of our hearts. May God open up our hearts to His lively invitation.

Blessings in the Lord!
Gabriel

FORMED



As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezal that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.

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SSVP



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/>

MASSES IN-PERSON ARE CANCELLED

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](#).

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

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.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

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 under the subject heading '2020 Advent Vigil', or phone 1-250-489-1702.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

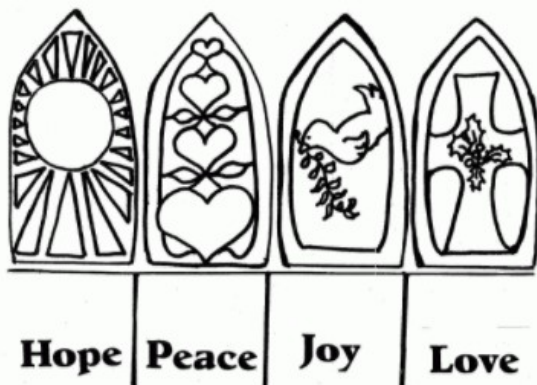
We the Body of Christ, are called to live in solidarity with all peoples. We are called to respect, protect, defend and nurture the oneness of all of God's Creation. God made this Earth as a true gift to His children of all nations.

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.



IRHS—ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greetings from Immaculata! As you may have heard, we are celebrating our 60th anniversary this year! We are working on a number of different initiatives to celebrate the year including 60 acts of service in our community and praying for our 60 grad years. Could you please include the following announcement in your bulletin. If you're able to incorporate either of the attached logos, that would be great too.

PRAYERS FOR ALUMNI

Immaculata Regional High School is celebrating our 60th anniversary this school year. In honour of the 60th, the staff and students at Immaculata prayed the rosary for the graduating classes of 1961, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, and 67 during October. May God continue to bless our school community – past, present, and future. Thank you to our parish communities for your prayers and support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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/>

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

"In this encounter with the risen Lord, He also meets them in the lowest places of their lives and drains from their hearts the poison of this sin and loss and gives them a new heart and a new spirit."

- Bishop Greg Kelly

Are you ready for a new heart filled with His merciful love for you? No matter how dark things seem, and how low you feel you have fallen since the day of the abortion, He is ready to love you back to life. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat.

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250-762-2273

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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

Registration will be on-line

CWL NEWS



REMINDER— 2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues of \$30 for 2021 are due by Dec. 1, 2020. You may pay your membership by:

1. Placing your cheque or cash in an envelope to deposit in the "Donation" box in the church during all weekend Masses (please identify with your name and CWL dues on the envelope);
 2. Leaving it with Carmen at the church office; or
 3. e-transfer from your online bank account to Betty Ann Richard at bettyannrichard@gmail.com
- Thank you for your attention to this.

Pashmina shawls are again available in blue, cream and now black.

Please contact Ana Kraljevic by email to order at: kraljevic.ana@gmail.com

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.

Second Sunday of Advent (B)

Prepare for
Jesus

Mark 1:1-8

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent.
How many candles are lit on the Advent
wreath?

Circle de number



Next Sunday these people have a ques-
tion for John the Baptist. What is it?



Trace the letters

“ WHO
ARE
YOU?”



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

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

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 King 250-868-1311
 Email: paul.king33@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 moving their Gatherings (and meetings) to ICC beginning September 15, 2019

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 250-764-0485
 Readers. Kathleen Baldwin 250-860-4098
 Sacristans Brenda Korby 250-859-0840
 Safe Environment Coordinator Jeremy Orr - jeremy@digitcontracting.ca
 Ushers George Jarrouj 10:30 mass
 Campus Ministry (Kelowna Catholic Collective) email: ubco.focus@gmail.com

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CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN. . . Martha Calderer236-420-1970
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REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES 250-763-7892

Please remember:
 OUR CHURCH IS A **SCENT-FREE ZONE!**

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.***