



St. Charles Garnier Parish

March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent.

God sent his only-begotten Son so that the world might be saved through him.

John 3



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

Moses lifted a serpent up in the wilderness, in order to give healing to the Israelites who were bitten by the snakes. (Nu 21:4-9) as per the command of God. The serpent image gave temporary life and health to those who looked at it. The snake cult was popular in the Canaanite's culture and they believed that worshipping the snake would promote their fertility. The bite of the serpent would be deadly, but in ancient times such people who were bitten by the snakes were asked to look at the lifted-up snake image for relief.

Jesus uses this expression 'lifted up' in today's gospel (Jn3:14-21) We understand that God lifted Christ, the Messiah up on the Cross, in order to give life and health to those who look at him. Jesus has the power to heal all our infirmities & ailments including spiritual ones. Evangelist John uses this expression (Jn3:14) "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself". Christ draws all of us to himself as a magnet attracts all objects to itself. Jesus has this wonderful gift and capacity to invite everyone to His Divine Love, Mercy & Compassion.

Karen Blixen, an Anglican Theologian from Africa in her book, "A Shooting Accident" explains the above temporary temporal relief given by the snake, and the theological aspects of the lasting Divine gift by Jesus, the Messiah. Today we have about 7.7 Billion people in the world. Out of this population, a vast majority follow his path and the rest are in the process of hearing his word and responding to his call.

We are today wondering whether Christ has drawn all people into his life as he said? Can he do this by himself. Of course, 'Yes' with our cooperation. Therefore, it is

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Mar 15	8:30am	✠ Ken, Mickey & Kody Nicholls
Tue	Mar 16	8:30am	✠ Arnie Buhman
Wed	Mar 17	8:30am	✠ Helen Stoneman
Thu	Mar 18	8:30am	✠ Jack & Joe Finegan
Fri	Mar 19	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sat	Mar 20	5:00pm	Int. Margaret Wachla
Sun	Mar 21	8:30am	Int. Sue & Richard Morris
		10:30am	✠ Catherine Taillon
		7:00pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1st Reading: - Jeremiah 31:31-34++

2nd Reading: - Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: - John 12:20-33

our present responsibility to make disciples for him who would be willing to experience his loving and timely healing touch. We are empowered by Christ to bring people to Him through our gentle gestures of care and share. We are invited by the church to impact the modern world by reaching out to those who are bitten by the worldly ailments of corruption, consumerism, cheating, fabricating with falsehoods and killing the disadvantaged people and so on. The recent visit of the Pope gave a New Impetus to the Church to reach out to those who hurt, and show the love of Christ through our living presence for the love and reconciliation of our human world from all these ailments.

Christ lifted up has a global potentiality to extend His Reign to everyone. We are invited to be his partners. Are we ready and willing? May the good Lord open up His treasures to give us this perspective during these days of grace.

With my prayerful greetings & blessings in the Lord!
Gabriel.



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ST. CHARLES FACEBOOK

St. Charles Garnier has a new Facebook page!

Please join our online community at:

www.facebook.com/groups/stcharlesgarnier/

We look forward to virtually connecting with you.



We can all see loosening of pandemic restrictions in the future. This will be such welcome news to the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. We look forward to meeting our neighbours in need in their homes rather than outside. Our bi weekly meetings have recently taken place digitally when needed, otherwise communication among the members is one on one.

Have you ever given thought to joining the Society? What would it involve? First and foremost, a love for and commitment to neighbours in our community who struggle financially. We take weekly turns responding to calls and meet the second and fourth Wednesdays to report and tend to other business. We hope that you will consider joining us for a meeting, when regular meetings start up again.

“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 man with respect, not only as an equal but as a superior, since he is suffering that which we would perhaps not be able to bear ourselves; since he is among us as the messenger of God, sent to put our justice and charity to the test, and to save us by our works.”

(Frédéric Ozanam, from an article in L'Ère nouvelle, October 21, 1848.)

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

“Hope in Me, and you will be protected from depression and self-pity. Hope is like a golden cord connecting you to heaven. The more you cling to this cord, the more I bear the weight of your burdens; thus, you are lightened. Heaviness is not of My kingdom. Cling to hope, and My rays of light will reach you through the darkness.

-Jesus Calling/by Sarah Young

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and re-discover what it feels like to have hope in your life again as you encounter His mercy.

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<http://stcharlesgarnier.ca/>

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being
live-streamed Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am

Livestream click [here](#)

Roman Catholic Diocese of

Nelson website:

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

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass & Devotions

Live stream click [here](#):

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As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday this week, join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in praying the chaplet and asking God to shower his mercy upon us. This video features breathtaking footage that sheds light on the beauty and breadth of the Catholic Church.

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KIDS ON SALT & LIGHT TV

A kid-friendly approach to the Sunday Mass readings and homily. Whether you are worshipping at home due to the pandemic or just looking for a way to boost your family's life of faith, you won't want to miss this brand new series!

[Click here](#)

SEASON OF CREATION

Let's talk about dirt. Yes, the dirt in your garden or under your grass. It's amazing how just putting some seeds in the ground and offering them regular water will create food for you and your family. It's important to keep the dirt clean, and no, that's not a contradiction. Clean dirt has no chemicals which will run off into our drinking water, Okanagan Lake. You can buy clean dirt or peat for planting at many stores in our area. If you know someone with a cow, the manure makes excellent fertilizer without chemicals, assuming the cow has been eating good clean feed. If you put your leaves in a compost pile in the fall, you will have free dirt in the spring. Another recommended option is to buy an enclosed composter for your backyard (enclosed to avoid attracting rats). Why not add a rain barrel and collect free water for watering your garden while you're at it? If you live in a condo or apartment, you can plant a salad garden in a couple of pots. For the young and not so young, try some of the games on Sustainable Shaun, with this link:

<https://shaunthesheep.com/games/sustainable-shaun>

NEEDED: HOST FAMILIES—CISND

Immaculata is looking for homestay families for our international students arriving in September. If you would like to learn about another culture and share your home with a student, this is a great opportunity! We pay \$925 per month in exchange for a private bedroom, meals and school transportation (bus or car) for a student. If you're interested, please contact Shelley Brodeur

irhs.ahc@cisnd.ca

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

When I go to confession, it is in order to be healed, to heal my soul.

To leave with greater spiritual health. To pass from misery to mercy.

The center of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need.

The center of confession is Jesus who waits for us, who listens to us and forgives us.

Remember this: In the heart of God, we come before our mistakes.

And let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God. And let us pray that God may give his Church merciful priests and not torturers.

CWL

Did you know?

Any Catholic female over the age of 16 can join. We are a sisterhood where each is valued and needed.

We are not just meetings or working in the kitchen. We are involved in Faith, Service and Social Justice as well it's a great place to meet new friends. Want to know more?

Follow us on social media at:

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/CWLNational>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cwlnational>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CWLNational>

Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.ca/cwlnational>

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Contact: Betty Ann Richard @

bettyannrichard@gmail.com



1. With the view of Reopening the Church for Services in the coming months, the Liturgy Council would like to extend a warm welcome to Revamp its Ministries. Those involved presently and those who would like to be involved in the various ministries may kindly approach Sister Nancy for further details.

2. Here are the Holy Week Service with Livestream Schedules:

Date	Event	Times
Mar 28 th	Palm Sunday (Passion of Christ)	8:30 & 10:30 AM
Apr 1 st	Holy Thursday	7:00 PM
Apr 2 nd	Good Friday	3:00 PM
Apr 3 rd	Easter Vigil	7:00 PM
Apr 4 th	Easter Sunday	8:30 & 10:30 AM

3. Parishioners are kindly requested to adhere to the Covid protocols in the Parking Lot when they come for Communion. There is surveillance by City Bylaw Officers from time to time. Please don't come out of the Vehicles to interact with your friends, and also keep your children with you in the vehicle during the time of communion. Don't allow them to run.

4. The Entrance of the Church is locked during Service. May we kindly request those who wish to use the washroom to approach it through the Parish Hall Door. (Kindly follow the signposts)

5. This week Wednesday (17th March 2021) morning Mass is cancelled. In the evening of Wednesday 17th March 2021 Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 PM

6. If you wish to be part of our livestream operation team & wish to share your technical skills with the parish community, kindly contact the office and schedule a training session. Please come with the personal mask. Without mask you may wait for normal times... cannot participate at this time with-out a mask.

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

John 3:14-21

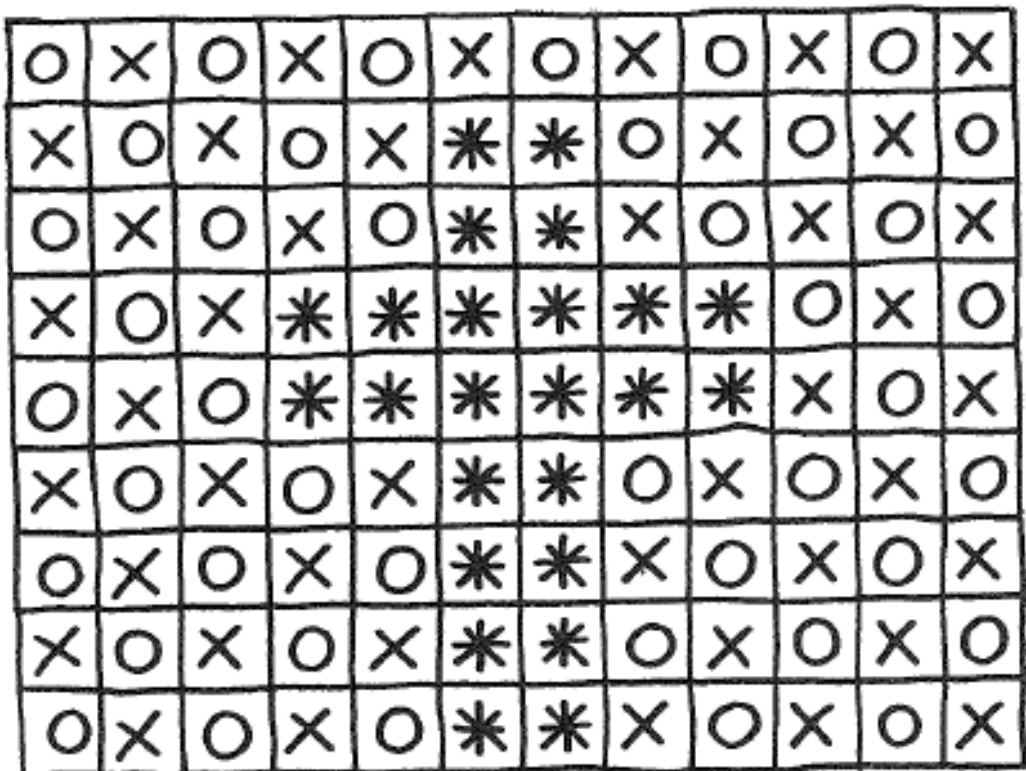
God loves the world

God loves the world and everyone
in it!



Who did God
send to save us?

J e s u s



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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GRIEF TO GRACE www.GriefftoGrace.org250-878-7603
KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE . . . kelownarighttolife@telus.net . . .250-862-8202
OZANAM HOUSE . . . hope@ozanamhouse.com250-762-4673(HOPE)
PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE250-763-2112
RACHEL'S VINEYARD . . . info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com . . .250-762-2273
REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES 250-763-7892

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 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?

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| <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.**