



St. Charles Garnier Parish

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent.

If a grain of wheat falls into the earth
and dies, it bears much fruit.

John 3



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Mar 22	8:30am	✝ Madeline Price
Tue	Mar 23	8:30am	✝ Pauline Friend
Wed	Mar 24	8:30am	✝ Kurt Sommer
Thu	Mar 25	8:30am	✝ Cornelius & Caroline Pyne
Fri	Mar 26	8:30am	✝ Margaret Horner
Sat	Mar 27	5:00pm	✝ Joseph & Josephina Mlikotic
Sun	Mar 28	8:30am	Int. Geismayr Grandchildren
		10:30am	Int. Donna Woods
		7:00pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

Next Week's Readings

1	Isaiah—	50.4-7
2	Philippians—	2.6-11
Gospel	Mark—	14.1-15.47

Guide to Giving

March 2021

Monthly Parish Collection Budget	41,500.00
Collection/Sag received this month to date	11,315.83
Average weekly collection for March	14,197.67

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"Grain of Wheat" (Jn 12:24) "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies it remains a single grain. If it dies, it yields a rich harvest". 'Grain of wheat' is an expression for selflessness which leads us to engage in generous and good will gestures towards others. It is losing ourselves in the care of our sisters and brothers. Selflessness is opposed to selfishness, which does not allow us to sacrifice but promotes to hoard our gifts, talents and treasures.

Pope Benedict XVI explained this concept of 'Grain of Wheat' as God choosing the best of the Seed, in the person of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, in human history. He planted Jesus in our human family in order to give us a vibrant role model for all humans to imitate. Since Christ was the best of Seed, he produced a 'bumper harvest, a wonderful crop' in human history and paved a way for a lasting Transformation, through his salient principles of Love of God and Neighbour', written in his Biblical Theology.

He taught the World the value system of generosity, unconditional love, non-judgmental attitudes and interactions. He went out of himself to reach out to all people without any reservation to befriend people through goodwill gestures. He initiated this transformation by his life and gave expression by his death. Therefore, he actually became a 'source of life and new beginnings 'for all who express their faith and love in him.

Today's Scripture is a vehicle through which the Church remembers his death with gratitude, as Jesus introduces his death in a colourful way using the natural farming imagery of the 'Seed at this Spring time', as gardeners are busy selecting their seeds this year for their bumper crop in the coming days'.

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'Good Gardeners are experts in choosing their seeds from among the varieties of the same type of grain, flower or fruit that might give them a great satisfaction through a 'bumper crop and rich harvest' at thanksgiving. So quality seed is a precondition for a bumper harvest.

Jesus was dead and buried. But in his death 'he sprouted' and his movement became a reality through his disciples, who went out to the entire known world of their time to propagate his message of human transformation. Those in authority and who were responsible for his death thought that with the death of Christ and his burial, they had put an end to his movement. But before their dream could die out, Jesus germinated, he rose from the dead and challenged them more through his presence and appearances. That's how he strengthened his disciples to spread his ideals and values among people.

Today he is inviting us to become his Best Seed to propagate his mandate. Are we ready? Let us ask the Lord's guidance & strength during this Celebration. All the best!

Affectionately in Jesus!

Fr. Gabriel.

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

“He pulled me up from the seething chasm, from the mud of the mire. He set my feet on rock and made my footsteps firm.”
- Psalm 40:2

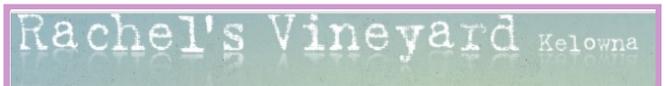
Before your involvement in an abortion decision, you may not have known how you would feel afterwards. Maybe you thought she would be the only one. Join the men and women on a Rachel© Retreat and discover how you can get your feet back on solid ground and be free from any burden you still carry since that day.

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St. Charles Garnier Parish

<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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Today, misconceptions surrounding mental illness can prevent us from responding well to those suffering. This eight-session course explores the realities of mental illness, as well as the need for faith-based conversations about this topic.

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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

We all breathe...

Take a slow deep breath and think of how it nourishes you. Thank God for this air that you breathe. Look up and see if there is smog or if the air is clear. We all want to breathe clean air.

What can you do to help clean the air? In the first video you will see some ways we can help our planet. In the second you will see how you can take action. We are stewards of the earth.

[Video 1](#)

[Video 2](#)

If you would like to become involved in our Green Team, known as Care of Creation Circle, you will be very welcome. More people = more ideas. Please contact Karen @ karenjkrou@gmail.com



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

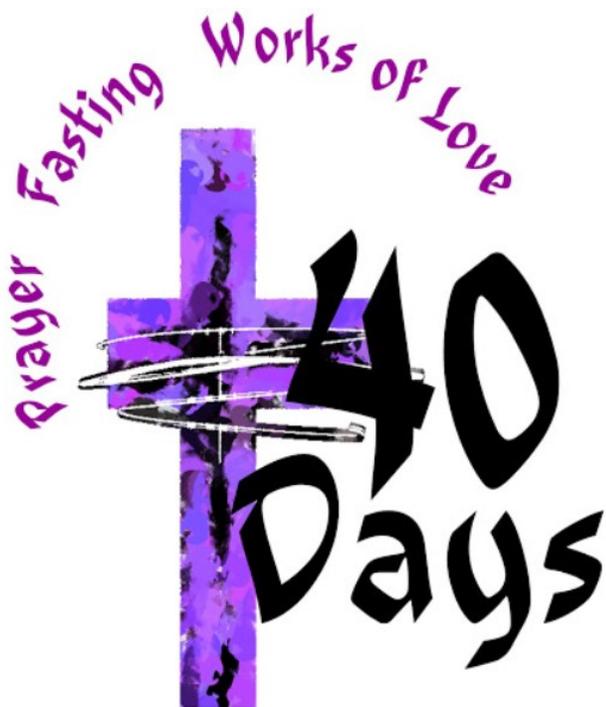
irhs.ahc@cisnd.ca

Share Lent—Share Love 2021

In his recent encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis calls upon us to live the love that would make us “one great family, where all of us can feel at home”; a love that “exudes compassion and dignity.” (Fratelli Tutti, 62.)

With the entire human family suffering from COVID-19, the Share Lent campaign invites us to share love and express solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South, whose vulnerabilities are being exacerbated by the pandemic. Remembering the inherent dignity of all human beings, let us heed the Pope’s reminder that “justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day.” (Fratelli Tutti, 11.)

[Video](#)



Parking lot attendants are required for the following masses:

Palm Sunday Mar 28 - 8:30 & 10:30

Holy Thursday - 7pm

Good Friday - 3pm

Holy Saturday - 7pm

Easter Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30

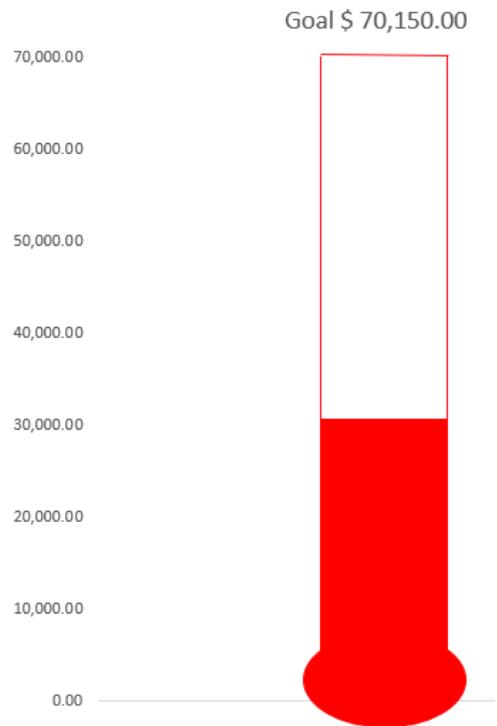


If you are able to help please contact:

George Jarrouj - 250 300 8493

georgejarrouj@gmail.com

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2021



Goal - \$ 70,150.00

To date - 30,700.00

Donation forms are available at the office, please call or email.

Or click [here](#) to download it.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Schedules:

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 without a mask.

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

John 12:20-30

A seed dies

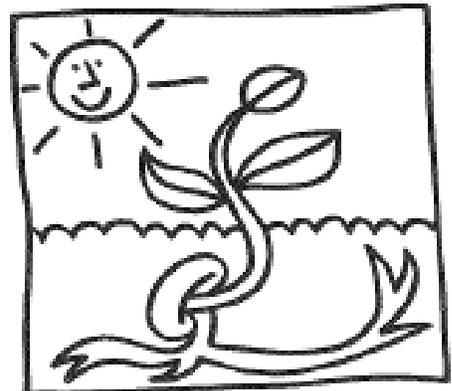
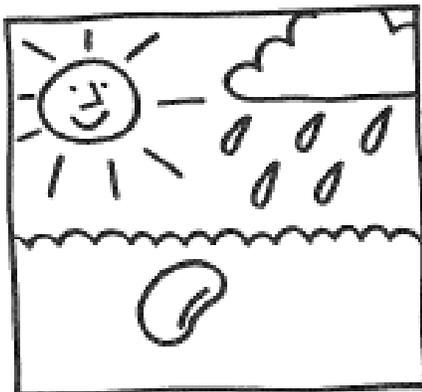
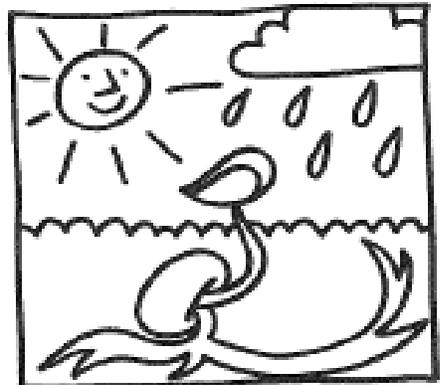
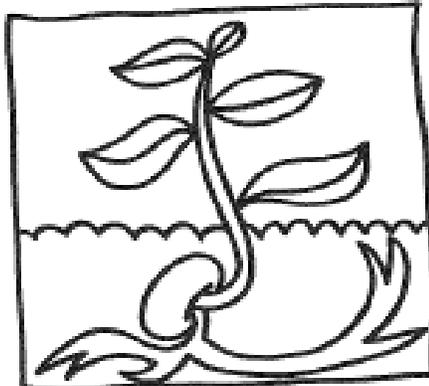


Jesus knew that soon he would be put to death

Join the dots

A seed must die to give new life and rich harvest

These pictures are jumbled up. Can you put them in the right order and number them 1, 2, 3, 4?



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

CONTACT NUMBERS

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN. . . . Martha Calderer 236-420-1970
CLUBHOUSE DAYCARE 250-860-4393
CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE 250-491-1088
CURSILLO John Schlosser. 250-764-7007
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ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER 250-764-4333
FREEDOM'S DOOR freedomdoor@shaw.ca 250-717-0472
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KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE. . . . kelownarighttolife@telus.net . . . 250-862-8202
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

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?

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| <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.***