



St. Charles Garnier Parish

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent.

Destroy this temple, and in three days
I will raise it up.
John 2



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord!

The Cross of Christ is the best-known Christian symbol which has its origin in the primitive Ariyan Civilization. Cross reminds us of the gruesome death, causing horror and disgusting scenes of suffering and the public display of the criminal's execution.

Encyclopedia Britannica reports that in 519 B.C King Darius of Persia executed 3000 political prisoners through crucifixion. Emperor Alexander the Great executed 800 Jews in Israel through Crucifixion during his time. Therefore, the Cross has come to be known as a curse for people. (1Cor 1:18-25) The Cross was considered a stumbling block for the Jews and Greeks.

Paul as a Jew was aware of the fact that Jesus had been crucified on the Cross & hung on it. Therefore, Jesus had been cursed. Deuteronomy 21.23 Codifies, "If someone is guilty of a capital offense and is put to death on the Cross/tree, his body must not remain on the tree overnight"

As a Pharisee, Paul could not accept Jesus as a Messiah, since the Jews expected a political messiah, a liberator to free the Jewish people from the tyranny of the Romans. Therefore, Jesus' Cross was a stumbling block for him. But Paul was helped out by Christ on the Road to Damascus (Acts 19:1-19) through the Spectacular Lightning & Revelation by Christ.

Paul perceived that in the Cross of Christ, which is an instrument of curse, and is a stumbling block for the Jews, God's wisdom and power has been revealed. True wisdom comes from the Cross (which is suffering) The Greek Philosophy ascertains, "Suffering is the best teacher". Therefore, the message of the Cross is suffering. Suffering is a great mystery which is fully expressed in Jesus' passion.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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| Mon | Mar 8 | 8:30am | ✚ Pauline Friend |
| Tue | Mar 9 | 8:30am | ✚ Helen Stoneman |
| Wed | Mar 10 | 8:30am | ✚ Jim Spencer |
| Thu | Mar 11 | 8:30am | ✚ Alfred Geismayr |
| Fri | Mar 12 | 8:30am | ✚ Peter Wachla |
| Sat | Mar 13 | 5:00pm | ✚ Ivan Mlikotic |
| Sun | Mar 14 | 8:30am | Int. Pryce Family |
| | | 10:30am | Int. Don Woods |
| | | 7:00pm | Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier |

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1st Reading: - 2 Chronicles 36:14-17a, 19-23++

2nd Reading: - Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: - John 3:14-21

People wish to escape suffering and oftentimes consider it as an absurdity. But suffering is inevitable and cannot be avoided. God seems to be unjust when we see the suffering of the innocent people. The wisdom of the Cross reveals the mindset of God (Phil 2:5-6) We learn the lesson that God's standards are quite different from worldly standards. Worldly standards might color our judgement and lead to spiritual immaturity. Whereas the wisdom of the Cross might appear to be weak and foolish, but it gives strength and power to those who believe in its merits.

The modern fashion industry popularized the use of the Cross without even knowing the real meaning of it. It has become a huge commercial commodity in the consumerist culture. Crosses of several sizes and shapes are readily available all over the world proclaiming its power and glory. Artists, poets, writers, columnists, sculptures, cartoonists capture the beauty and elegance of the Cross. Jewelers and designers evolve new designs and methods every day to attract the attention of people.

This fine day, Pope Francis said, "Wearing a Cross is good, but practicing the Cross is better". Shall we look at the Cross and draw strength to our fallen humanity. Let us remember. "When I am weak then I am strong" (2 Cor 12:10)

Affectionately in Jesus,
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

“Grieving your abortion losses is one of the most important tasks you will do in your lifetime. It starts as you stop denying your pain, and it continues until you reach a point of reconciliation.”

A Season to Heal by Luci Freed &

Penny Yvonne Salazar.

Have you been denying what you really feel about your involvement in an abortion decision, trying to be strong for everyone else, yet feeling like you are falling apart inside? Join the men and women on a Rachel's Vineyard© Retreat.

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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](#)

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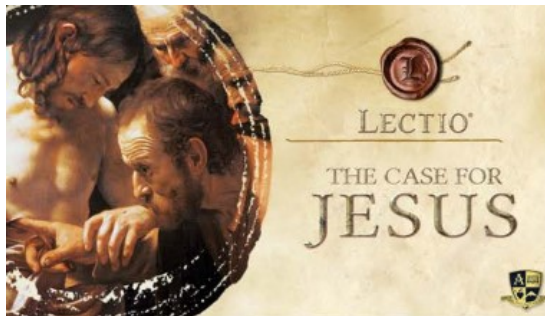
Nelson website:

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RECEPTION OF THE EUCHARIST (PARKING-LOT)

* Kindly participate in the Live-Stream Mass in your residence or in our daily mass through the radio reception at 100.3 FM Monday to Saturday from our parking lot.

Reception of the Eucharist @ 9:00 am

Sundays live-stream:

8:30am Eucharist/Mass (Communion at 9:15)

10:30am Eucharist/Mass (Communion at 11:15)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Stations of the Cross is a Holy tradition of the Christian people at this time, which helps us walk in the footsteps of Christ. We may not conduct the Stations of the Cross this time due to the Government orders, but you may participate in our livestream **Stations of the Cross @ 4:30pm on Fridays of Lent** mass to follow @ 5:00pm

2. 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.

LENT

Less talk more prayer/listen.

Emulate the serving love of Christ/Be an example.

Nobility of Heart & Mind to reach out to touch others.

Tenderness of being together/Be thankful for everything.

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>

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The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Contact: Betty Ann Richard @

bettyannrichard@gmail.com



Truth telling on a teabag: "In all of nature there is something of the marvelous." -Aristotle. Exodus 17:3: "In the wilderness the people thirsted for water..."

For this third week of Lent, let's consider water. Take a walk by some water, of which there seems to be an abundance in the Okanagan. As we look more closely however, we see that this is a semi-arid landscape, dependent on irrigation for growing food and that water is a precious resource.

There's a feeling of well-being which come to a person as they walk near rushing water (think Mission Creek, Mill Creek Regional Park, a windy day by Okanagan Lake). As you walk, here are some questions to ponder. How do I feel when I'm near water? Close your eyes and consider how the water sounds; does it have an odor? Put your hand in, or your bare foot (if you have the fortitude at this time of year) and notice how it feels.

Now pray by the water for a few minutes and consider its importance to life. Is this water ours to use as we see fit, regardless of the creatures around us? How many indigenous communities in Canada have been on boil water notices for 25 years? Is it right to bottle water and sell it at inflated prices? Do you know if any of our communities are putting untreated water into the lake? As Mother Earth warms, glaciers are melting. Where will our water come from when the glaciers are gone? Water is something we drink, wash in, swim or drown in, get flooded by, or die from the lack of.

According to the Center for Food Safety, "one pound of industrial beef requires 1799 gallons of water...The United Nations has identified animal factories as major contributors to depletion of water". John 4:5-42 "A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her 'Give me a drink' "How can we give the world a drink?"


Please join our Green Team, Care of Creation Circle. Contact:

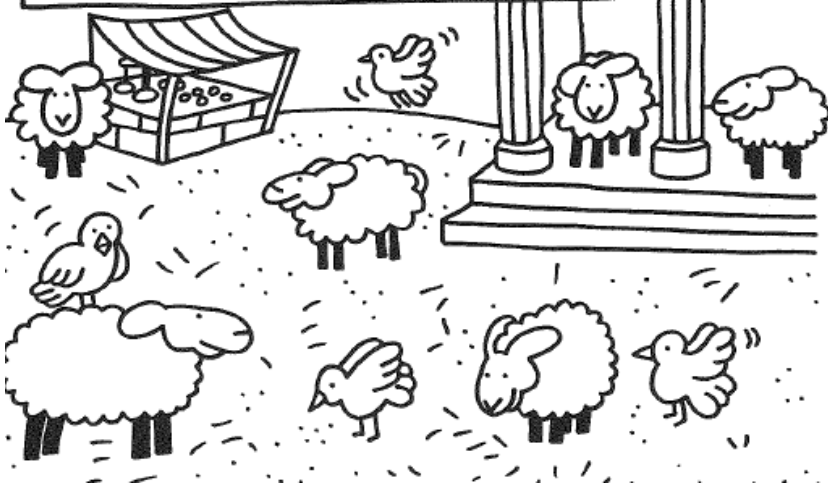
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Third Sunday of Lent (B)

John 2:13-25

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Anger in the Temple!

The temple was full of animals and lots of people were making money!

Jesus was furious and drove them out of the temple.



Give Jesus an  face!

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

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MINISTRY COORDINATORS

If you wish to become involved contact the Parish Office 250-860-6776
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REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES 250-763-7892

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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 | |
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| Name(s) | D.O.B.— (yyyy/mm/dd) |
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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.***