



St. Charles Garnier Parish

May 16, 2021

The Ascension of The Lord.

The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God.

Mark 16



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	May 17	8:30am	✠ Ken, Mickey & Kody Nicholls
Tue	May 18	8:30am	✠ Maria Plachta
Wed	May 19	8:30am	✠ Wladislaw Plachta
Thu	May 20	8:30am	Int. Gabriele Geismayr
Fri	May 21	8:30am	Int. Fr. Gabriel
Sat	May 22	8:30am	✠ Peter Wachla
Sun	May 23	8:30am	Int. Carmen and Family
		10:30am	✠ Fred Brown
		7:00pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

Next Week's Readings

1	Acts —	2:1-11
2	1 Corinthians —	12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel	John—	7:37-39

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters & Brothers in the Lord Jesus!

Grace & Peace! To-day the Universal Church Celebrates the Feast of Ascension of our Lord Jesus! The Scriptures call us for 'Right Living by being Truthful and Eliminating the throw away culture in our life'. The gospel of Mathew 28:19 tells us: "Go out to all the World and Preach the Gospel" (Mt 28:19) The Gospel extends a timely call for Right Living. We are living in a changing world which changes its strategies and standards according to the changing times and cultures. The World changes every day according to its pragmatic outlook. According to Pope Benedict XVI, "Pragmatism motivates the World to lose focus on Truth and leads people on a slippery slope". People begin to trust solely in their skills, abilities and talents and most often fail to acknowledge God's blessings and his benevolence in their lives. Therefore, faith in God is diminishing and going down step by step into moral degradation.

Ascension is a call for 'Right Living' in a pragmatic world & Culture. Pragmatism came into existence in the second half of the 18th Century by William James (1842-1910) and his companions. According to pragmatism what is useful, is to be desired for a happy life. Pragmatism is good for business and industries, because it could accelerate quick progress, which might promote fast growth in the economy, and improve life-style in the modern world. But pragmatism cannot explain religious truths, especially moral principles like Morality and Truthfulness, says the Pope. In fact, morality and truthfulness suffers at the hands of pragmatism. Therefore, there is a real crisis in the church. There is a great tension between the Gospel values and Social values.

The Catholic magazine 'Planet' brought out an article with the title: "Challenges facing the Catholic Church."

The researcher Susan Ayers points out that 53 % of the Catholics think that the Church should become modern in its doctrines and beliefs in order to thrive in Society. The outmoded practices of the church should give way for modernity. In that case the Church will be successful in the modern world.

Pope John Paul in 1998 wrote, "Pragmatism leads to Modernity" in his Faith and Reason Encyclical. Faith and Reason are complementary and they do not contradict each other. But today's world is faced with this serious question of 'Right living'. Right living comes from following one's conscience. This is a serious question that humanity is challenged with in modern times: "How to live & How to die". When we follow the pragmatic way in religious life, 'truth disappears, and goodness is replaced by feasibility'. Conscience suffers when feasibility sets in. Adjustment mechanism paves way to corrupt practices. Throw away culture comes into effect. Right living goes down. Therefore today, we are reminded of our call to live a right life according to the principles of God and the Scriptures. Are we ready to face this challenge? Let us invoke the Lord's Blessings to-day!

All the best!

Fr. Gabriel.

ST. CHARLES GARNIER 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.



OLD GUITARS

The correctional centre in Oliver is in need of used guitars. If anyone can help, please drop them off at the parish office.



RACHEL

"This stone I am holding is like my heart ... made of stone with holes in it and disfigured with scars like my soul and body are. I want Him to keep polishing me... until He finds me to be ready for life again. Rachel's Vineyard helped me see that there is hope and that I can actually invite God to do this in my life." -Testimonial from Retreat

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CATHECHISM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As per his holiness Pope Francis's request, our parish is looking for volunteer Catechisms Techers to help our Parish Faith Formation to Blossom in our Church. "We are the Church" repeats the II Vatican Council and Laity is encouraged to Spearhead the Faith Formation in a Parish Environment. Please join the Ministry of Parish Catechist. Read article [here](#).

SCG—Guide to Giving 2021

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May					
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	41,500	41,500	41,500	41,500	40,500
Collection/Sag/e-transfers received this month to date.	5,655	6,265			
Average collection to date	5,655	5,960			

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

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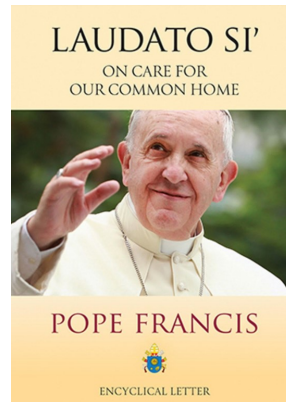
The Parish FORMED subscription can help families build holy habits and create new prayer routines at home.

[Pray at Home](#)

[Divine Mercy Chaplet](#) pray at 3pm daily

[Children's Cartoons](#)

SEASON OF CREATION



This is a very exciting week with Ascension Sunday, World Communications Day, and the beginning of Laudato Si' Week. The good news of Ascension Sunday happens as Creation is coming alive in the spring, and we want to communicate all this to the world!

The Global Catholic Climate Movement is celebrating the sixth anniversary of the publication of Laudato Si', Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home.

At St. Charles Garnier Parish we are going to make available to you a video recording of members of our congregation as well as Father Gabriel and Bishop Bittman reading excerpts from this very beautifully written document.

We welcome new members to the Care of Creation Circle. Please contact karenjkroust@gmail.com



Programming information for the conclusion of the Laudato Si' Special Anniversary Year (16-25 May 2021)

Laudato Si Week click [here](#).

Activities click [here](#).



What Inspires You? CWL members are women of action. They are champions of change and social justice. They are also part of a sisterhood that is over 70,000 members strong. If you are

inspired to live your faith and make a difference in your community and country go to www.cwl.ca to find out how you can join us!

Or contact Betty Ann Richard

bettyannrichard@gmail.com ~ 250-862-9563

We are excited to tell you about the

CWL 2020 Centenary Project:

To commemorate the League's 100th Anniversary (1920—2020) and in keeping with the national theme, every diocesan council across Canada has been asked to plant a tree in a place of honour to help the environment and to be enjoyed by our community.

We have purchased and planted a Dogwood tree and will be having a **dedication service on June 8th at 9:30 am outside**. Bring your lawn chair and we will have coffee available for a social distanced visit afterwards.

Join us in celebrating our "roots" from the past century while we look to the future as we "branch out" into the next century!!



Flowering Dogwood

SSVP OF CENTRAL OKANAGAN

Dear parishioners,

The flood of support - in the form of towels, pillows, face cloths, sheets, mattress pads, small waste baskets, bed skirts and other sundries on behalf of the men at Ozanam Recovery House has been akin to the "miraculous draught of fishes". The linen closet is over-flowing! We may even have to share a few towels, at least, with our neighbours! Thank you for your overwhelming generosity. In some cases, you went to the extent of making purchases for our gentlemen. These and ALL of the donations are very welcome and heart-warming! Many, many thanks

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](#)

The Canadian alternative to EWTN.

Our Mission: To proclaim Jesus Christ and the joy of the Gospel in Canada and globally by telling stories of hope that bring people closer to Christ and the Catholic faith.

What We Are: Born on the wings of the 2002 World Youth Day in Canada, Salt + Light is a unique instrument of the New Evangelization. It is dedicated to being – and helping others become – the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Our mission is to proclaim Jesus Christ and the joy of the Gospel to the world by telling stories of hope that bring people closer to Christ and the Catholic faith.

We share the joys and hopes of the Gospel through television, radio, print, and online media. Our work unites people together through prayer, celebration, reflection, education, authentic dialogue and enquiry, thought-provoking reporting and stories of faith and action. We also challenge believers to grow in the knowledge of the faith and the Catholic tradition in its many expressions. We strive to offer an invitation to all peoples, especially those on the peripheries of faith and the Church, to draw closer to the Lord and experience the community of the Church.

Salt & Light channel is 873 on Telus, available by subscription. It is not available on Shaw. Livestreaming of its programs is available on its website here:

<https://slmedia.org/>

ST. JOSEPH—MAY SHOPPING CARD CHALLENGE



Support your school when you shop by using Cards 4 Kids Gift Cards.

We make 5-15% on every card purchased.

Our goal this year is 100% participation.

Make sure you include your students grades and teachers (Ex: 7B for Grade 7) because the class that gets the closest to 100%

participation will win an ice cream party!

Spring order form [here](#).

cards for KIDS



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. All are cordially invited to the Celebration of Holy Mass:

Monday to Saturday 8:30 am (Except Tuesdays for the month of May, see below)

Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 am—Livestream

You can also tune in your radio from our parking lot 100.3 FM and listen to the mass.

Communion after masses.

Parishioners are kindly requested to adhere to the Covid protocols in the parking lot.

****Please stay in the car with your family.**

2. Office and Church are closed for the public as per Diocesan orders. If you require any assistance, please call the office and leave a message or email at:

charlesgarnier@gmail.com

3. If you wish to do your donations via e-Transfer please send them to:

etransfer.SCGK@nelsondiocese.org

4. Confessions: Monday to Saturday after 8:30 AM mass. Please come inside and see Fr. Gabriel. (Covid protocols in place for confessions)

5. Our First Communion Children are getting ready for the Reception of Sacraments from the 2nd week of May 2021. We earnestly request all our parishioners, to specially pray for our First Communicants, that they may be able to live this faith journey all through their life. Kindly also remember their families especially parents, grandparents and siblings in your prayers.

6. Our Parish is looking for Volunteer Catechism Teachers to help our Parish Faith Formation to Blossom in our Church. "We are the Church" repeats the II Vatican Council and Laity is encouraged to Spearhead the Faith Formation in a Parish Environment. The Parish Council is looking for Six People to form this Faith Formation Circle. Anyone interested may contact the parish office.

7. ****Mass at the Grotto****

Month of May is also known as Mother Mary's Month. We are encouraged to pray and meditate the wonderful example of the Blessed Mother in all our life and activities. In order to honor her, St. Charles Garnier Parish is arranging FOUR SPECIAL ROSARY SESSIONS on all the 4 Tuesdays of the month of May 2021, (4th, 11th, 18th and 25th) in the outdoor setting. The Rosary Prayer will begin at 10:45 AM. After the Rosary Prayer Mass will be Celebrated near the Grotto of Mother Mary at 11:15 AM. Communion will be available after the Mass. (Therefore the 8:30 AM early Morning Mass is cancelled for these four Tuesdays)

The Rosary Prayer will be recited from the PA System inside the Church. 50 People can be accommodated in the Parish Lawn. If people come in large numbers, they can be seated in their cars. Kindly follow the Covid-19 protocols whether you are in the car or in the lawn.

Volunteers are needed to arrange the chairs in the lawn.

After the mass collect the chairs, sanitize and place them in the hall.

Fr. Gabriel



IRHS

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 2000 – 2007 during April. We prayed for our former students' health, safety and well-being. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our Immaculata community.

God Bless!



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

ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph Catholic School is now accepting applications for September 2021 enrolment. St. Joseph provides a supportive, caring, and safe environment for students in Kindergarten through Grade 7. Our mission is to foster the development of the total child in spirit, mind and body. Through Jesus, we encourage the pursuit of excellence in a community of love and respect.

With over 80 years of academic excellence and the best Kindergarten program in Kelowna we invite your family to join our family!

For more information, visit our website at:

stjosephkelowna.ca

email us at:

sjkoffice@cisnd.ca

or call 250-763-3371



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our friend **Rod Attwell** towards his journey to **Diaconate**.



NELSON DIOCESE CHARISMATIC

Good news! Deepen your Spiritual Life and meet new friends from across Canada!

2021 Gathering in the Spirit (GIS) – August 8-12, 6-8 p.m. PDT (7-9 p.m. MDT) – an annual opportunity to deepen your experience with the Lord!

Join us on ZOOM for an interactive week of discipleship formation as Catholic Lay Evangelist, John Connelly, presents the theme: Joy, Peace, and Hope in Turbulent Times, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13). Praise and Worship, John’s talks, and group discussion are included in this 13th annual the GIS experience. Please register ASAP by contacting Maria McManus untamedspirit@telus.net 1-250-707-1423. Cost \$25.00. For detailed information, [visit](#)

or contact Gladys: 250-442-8589

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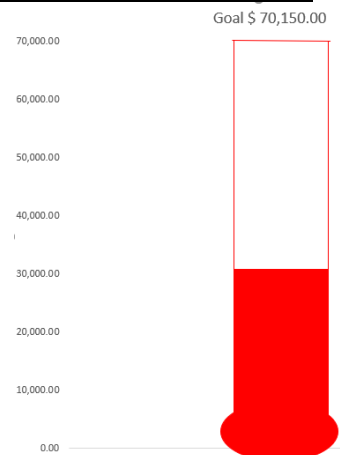
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Goal - \$ 70,150.00

To date - 30,777.90

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

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

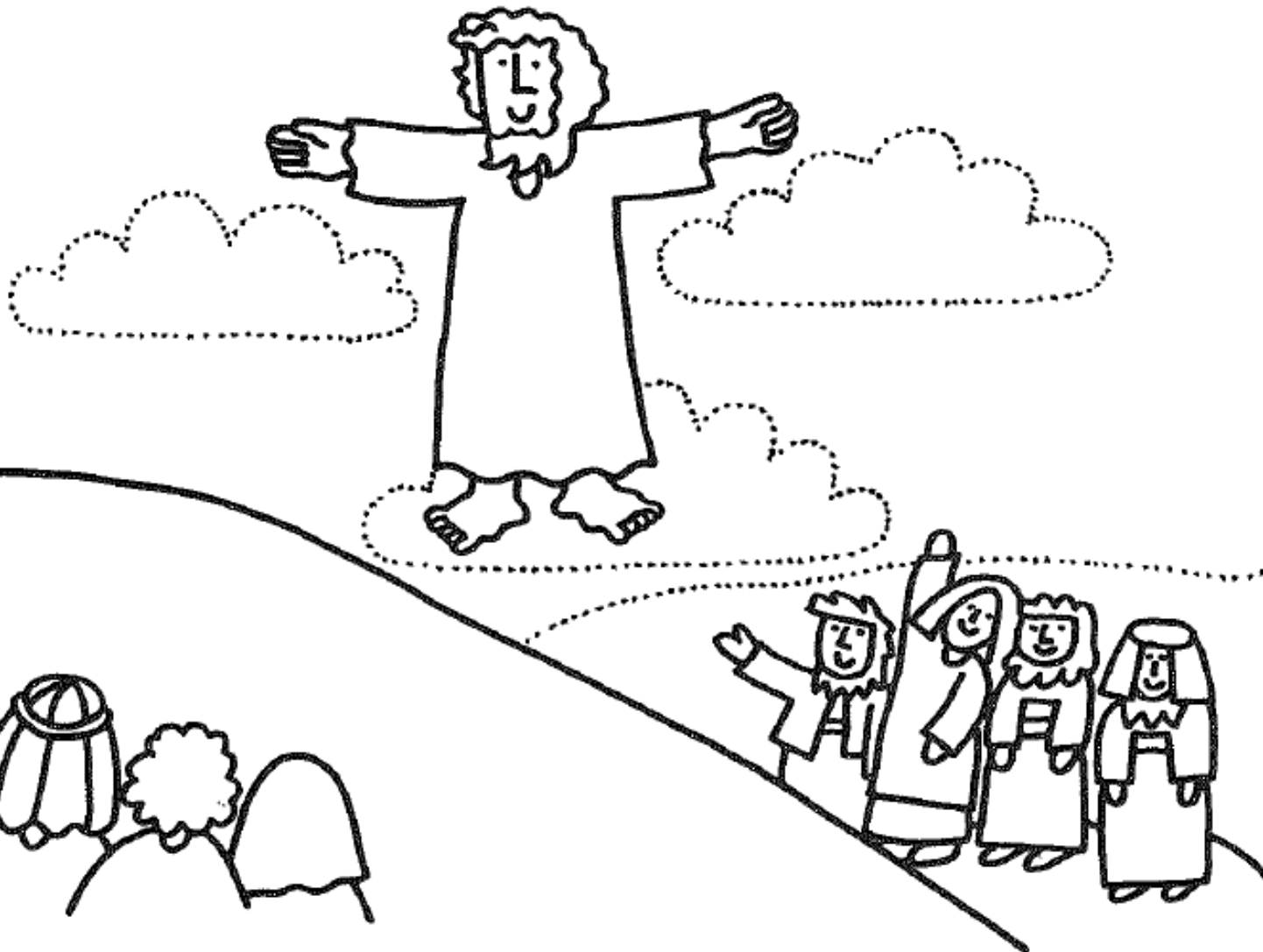


The Ascension of The Lord (B)

Mark 16:15-20

Think and look ahead

We celebrate the Feast of the Ascension



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 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

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

If you wish to become involved contact the Parish Office 250-860-6776
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 Music JoAnn Young 250-764-0485
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 Sacristans Brenda Korby 250-859-0840
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ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER 250-764-4333
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PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE 250-763-2112
RACHEL'S VINEYARD . . . info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com . . . 250-762-2273
REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES 250-763-7892

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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.**