



# ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH

November 29, 2020

## First Sunday of Advent.

Keep alert, for you do not know when  
the master of the house will come.

Mark 13



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### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Advent means 'eager expectation'. It's a hope filled journey in the footsteps of our fore parents in faith, who expected the release from the iron fist of Pharaoh, King of Egypt and the Egyptians strangling the throats of the Hebrews everyday with unbearable burdens. Probably this year's happenings bring home the message of Advent subtly as we eagerly expect the good Lord to castigate this virus from the face of the earth giving peace to the panicked humanity with similar untold challenges endured at this time.

The Celebration of Advent focuses on the 'Expectant Hope' which is the Holy Birth of the Messiah in the human world. Therefore, it's a time of waiting with eager longing for beholding the face of the Baby Jesus. "God became human in order to make humans Gods" said St. Athanasius. Advent reflects and prepares us for the human birth of Christ the Lord!

The whole world Celebrates the historical 'Holy Birth of Christ' as Christmas each year with festivities and colour lights. The Birth of Christ brought joy to the world. Therefore, Advent leads us to this joyful season with hope filled expectation. This Joy is the gift of the Spirit which is 'very much interior to everyone who experiences' (Pope Benedict XVI) and Mother Mary experienced this joy in her life and passed on that to the World. ""My soul magnifies the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my Saviour" (Lk1.46)

From this Sunday, people of God inaugurate the New Liturgical Year and begin to read the Gospel of Mark. The Gospel of Mark begins with the phrase, "The Good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God". The entire gospel of Mark has two aims:

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Nov 30	8:30am	Int. Carmel Kehler
Tue	Dec 1	8:30am	✙ Frances Gagnon
Wed	Dec 2	8:30am	Int. Betty Ann Richard
Thu	Dec 3	8:30am	✙ Fran Uhryn
Fri	Dec 4	8:30am	Int. All Teenagers
Sat	Dec 5	5:00pm	✙ Peter Mlikotic
Sun	Dec 6	8:30am	✙ Jose & Victor Dos Santos
		10:30am	✙ Ken, Mickey & Kody Nicholls
		7:00pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

1. To give a credible testimony to the Messiahship of Jesus, and 2. Inviting the faithful to this 'True Discipleship of Christ'. Therefore, Mark wishes us to create a New Relationship with Christ and to begin a New Commitment to His call which might bring a Breakthrough in our lives. We are encouraged to experience this breakthrough in our faith journey.

All the best!  
Gabriel

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## SSVP

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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/>

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## MASSES IN-PERSON ARE CANCELLED

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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](#).

## Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson website:

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

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass & Devotions

Live stream click here:

<http://springfieldfuneralhome.ca/mass/>

### MOVIE NIGHT

**Movie with:** Fr. Ron Dechant, OMI  
Will be suspended until further notice.

### BIBLE STUDY

Will be postponed until next year 2021.



### SCAMS

It's approaching 'the most wonderful time of the year' when scammers are looking for handouts by trying to take advantage of innocent people by masquerading as their pastor. Below is a sample of the latest message received by a parishioner.



**From:** Father XXXX <[pastor02751@gmail.com](mailto:pastor02751@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 10:27:04 AM  
**To:** Becky <[email\\_of\\_parrishioner@hotmail.com](mailto:email_of_parrishioner@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Peace Unto You Becky

OK. I'm in a meeting right now, that's why I'm contacting you through here. I should have call you instead of mailing you but phones are not allowed to be use during meeting. I really don't know when the meeting will be rounding up so can you help m to get a steam gift card worth \$300 at \$100 or \$50 denominations for a friend of mine going through cancer in the hospital. He needs the cards to download his favorite music and videos to boost his confidence on his next phase of surgery and fight over cancer which he's going to undergo today but i can't do this now.

Can you get it from any store around you now? I will pay back as soon as I can. Thanks

God Bless,  
Father XXX  
Pastor

### CATHOLIC MOUNTAIN STAR

Article submission deadline for 2020 Christmas issue is on Wednesday, December 2nd. Please limit articles to 600 words (fit one page of 8 ½" x 11" paper) using size 11 font. News articles for parish or caption information limit to 1 or 2 sentences. Please email all submissions to: [catholicmstar@gmail.com](mailto:catholicmstar@gmail.com)

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD

"Being a man, I never really thought I needed to talk about the abortion she had. I have never forgotten that day, but I never really thought it would affect me like it has. Rachel's Vineyard helped me see clearly. Now I have asked for her forgiveness, and for my daughter's forgiveness. I will always remember, but now I know I am forgiven."


Testimonial

Join us a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and receive the healing you need.

[www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com](http://www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com)  
[info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com)

250-762-2273

Like us on Facebook: Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

Do you Pray? 

I loved this interpretation of Prayer. What is a prayer? Prayer doesn't just happen when we kneel or put our hands together and focus and expect things from God. Thinking positive and wishing good for others is a prayer. When you hug a friend. That's a prayer. When you cook something to nourish family and friends. That's a prayer. When we send off our near and dear ones and say, 'drive safely' or 'be safe'. That's a prayer. When you are helping someone in need by giving your time and energy. You are praying. When you forgive someone by your heart. \*That is prayer. Prayer is a vibration. A feeling. A thought. Prayer is the voice of love, friendship, genuine relationships. Prayer is an expression of your silent being. \*Keep praying always\*

### 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

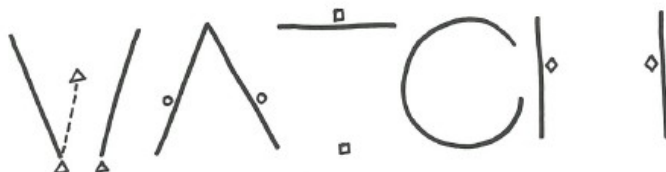
## First Sunday of Advent (B)

Mark 13:33-37

Stay awake!

Only God knows when Jesus will come again!

Draw lines to match the same shapes



Jesus told us to 'stay awake'! How many people have fallen asleep?

Circle each sleeping person



## 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](http://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  
**DIOCESE OF NELSON—Catholic Pastoral Centre** . . . . .250-448-2725  
**ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER** . . . . .250-764-4333  
**FREEDOM'S DOOR** . . . . . freedomsdoor@shaw.ca. . . . .250-717-0472  
**GRIEF TO GRACE** . . . . . www.GriefftoGrace.org . . . . .250-878-7603  
**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  |

You may also register on-line @

[www.stcharlesgarnier.ca](http://www.stcharlesgarnier.ca) where you can

*sign up for the bulletin to be **emailed to you each week.***

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.*