



# St. Charles Garnier Parish

October 3, 2021

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Whoever is not against us is for us  
If your hand causes you to stumble.

Mark 9



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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Oct 4	8:30am	✚ William Green
Tue	Oct 5	8:30am	✚ Andraus Habib
Wed	Oct 6	8:30am	Int. Madeline Nicholls
Thu	Oct 7	8:30am	✚ Shiloh Maria Guidi
Fri	Oct 8	8:30am	✚ Paul Longo
Sat	Oct 9	5:00pm	✚ Ronald Joseph Fisher
Sun	Oct 10	8:30am	✚ Ernes Wovle
		10:30am	✚ Emilio D'Anzica

## Next Week's Readings

1	<i>Wisdom</i> —	7:7-11
2	<i>Hebrews</i> —	4:12-13
Gospel	<i>Mark</i> —	10:17-30

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord!

This week's Scriptures highlight the Blessings and Challenges of Marital Life. Marriage is a blessing when it is lived out with greater and deeper love. Otherwise, it begins to struggle and becomes a challenge due to difficulties the spouses undergo. In the modern World we have 1.2 Billion Catholics and 3.4 Billion Christians. In 1970 there were 3.725 million Catholic marriages. But it dropped to 2.486 million in 2015. Every year there is a decrease in the Catholic church marriages. The total Divorce rate in the Western European World is 30% Belgium records 70% Portugal 60% UK & N. America records 50% and it is very much high in Canada.

Christopher West in his 'Theology of the Body', a teaching by Pope John Paul II wrote, "Marriage is an Authentic Expression of Love". According to him, the marriage relationship is authentic when it is motivated by love that is genuine and trustworthy. Otherwise, it is an artificial love or arbitrary love. Authentic love leads to Sanctity of Marriage. Artificial love leads to gratification of one's desires called lust. When marriage is not authentic, that is contracted for convenience and once that convenience is over, the marriage falls apart and ends up.

Globe and Mail brought out an article about the Changing Nature of Family Dynamics in Canada. Canadian Families are complex in its nature and reality, explained this article. (Due to various types of unions such as ..Same Sex Marriages, Common Law Families, Single parent or family households, Step Father or Mother Families). It also talked about 'multigenerational families, foster children's families and sand-witch generation families.

It summarized that Canadian family models are both exciting and Challenging. Exciting because of its variety and challenging because it is oftentimes unstable.

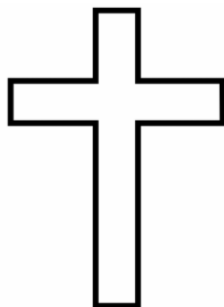
Because of this instability, Canada's birth rate is decreasing drastically and birth outside of marriage is on the rise. It increases in the Industrial World. Single parent households are on the increase. This type of family life is a conscious choice among young adults, because it gives them independence for other reasons such as education or occupational reasons. Therefore, marriage becomes a challenge when it is contracted for 'Social Convenience', says Pope Francis. Special consideration like wealth, prestige, status and property occupies the prime place and love falls short. When expectations are not realized or satisfied, conflicts arise and lead ultimately to broken relationships soon to end/wind up their union.

Today's scriptures talk about marriages. "God created humans with a purpose of uniting them together". Man is incomplete without the woman and the woman is incomplete without the man. That's why God created Male and Female. Therefore, their union is Sacred and it should be esteemed as the highest calling of humans to form relationships. We sensitively remember the following expression: "Bone of my bone and Flesh of my flesh" (Ge 2:23) But modern reality is stunning and astonishing. Because of the high standard of this relationship with its demands, the Institutional Marriages are crumbling. Many have left the church because the Church teachings on marriage seem to be too hard for people to follow & practice.

Today's Scriptures are not meant to be a painful reminder of the effects of divorce, which can wound us so deeply, rather, it invites us to ponder absolute faithfulness of God's Love for each one of us, a love so powerful that it brims over and touches others. May God bless all our parish families and protect them to be a solid role model of love and belonging for everyone.

Blessings in the Lord!

Gabriel



**CATHOLIC MOMS CONNECT**

Our mom's group is meeting on Wednesdays from 9:30-11am. We invite any moms who are interested in learning more to contact Abbey at 250-899-4384.

We are also hoping to find more volunteers to help care for our young children while we are meeting. We are so grateful to all the "Grandmas" who have helped out the last number of years. If you feel that this could be a good fit for you, please contact Julia at 250-718-0060.

**ST. CHARLES GARNIER FACEBOOK**

**St. Charles Garnier has a new Facebook page!**

Please join our online community at:

[www.facebook.com/groups/stcharlesgarnier/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/stcharlesgarnier/)

We look forward to virtually connecting with you.



**ROSARY**



A Procession and Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima will be held in Kelowna on Sat. Oct 16. We will gather in ICC parking lot @ 11:30 am, and proceed in procession to Rowcliffe Park. (The old KSS site) at Richter & Rowcliffe. The Rosary will begin @ noon in the park. Kelowna will join the National Rosary Rally, with 600 cities participating. Beginning in the Maritimes, each group will begin their rosary @ noon local time, creating a 4 hour chorus of prayer across Canada!

Everyone is invited to join us in praying for our country. Those with mobility issues may prefer to drive directly to the park. **Families most welcome!**

SCG—Guide to Giving		2021		
Sep	5	12	19	26
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	41,500	41,500	41,500	41,500
Collection/Sag/e-transfers received this month to date.	6,101	20,763	26,487	40,171
Average collection to date	6,101	17,712	8,829	10,043
Sunday Collection	4,162	12,723	3,300	10,595

## Roman Catholic Diocese of

### Nelson website:

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

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass & Devotions

Live stream click [here](#)

## St. Charles Garnier Parish

<http://stcharlesgarnier.ca/>

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

Livestream click [here](#)

### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS—DIOCESE OF NELSON



News and Announcements please click [here](#).

#### Peace and greetings from Bishop's office!

On behalf of Bishop Gregory Bittman, you are invited to attend the Ordination to the Diaconate of our candidates:

Deacon-elect Rod Attwell  
Deacon-elect Peter d'Aoust  
Deacon-elect Dale Webster

On Monday **October 4th, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**, at 5:00 PM, Immaculate Conception Parish in Kelowna.

Please continue to pray for our three candidates as they prepare for the spiritual task that will be handed over to them through the laying on of hands of our Bishop.

The Diaconate Ordination Mass will be livestreamed at [www.nelsondiocese.org](http://www.nelsondiocese.org) (click on the link in the shuffle), for those who prefer to attend via livestream.

### GRIEF TO GRACE RETREAT

#### Cancellation

Grief to Grace Retreat October 20-24, 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

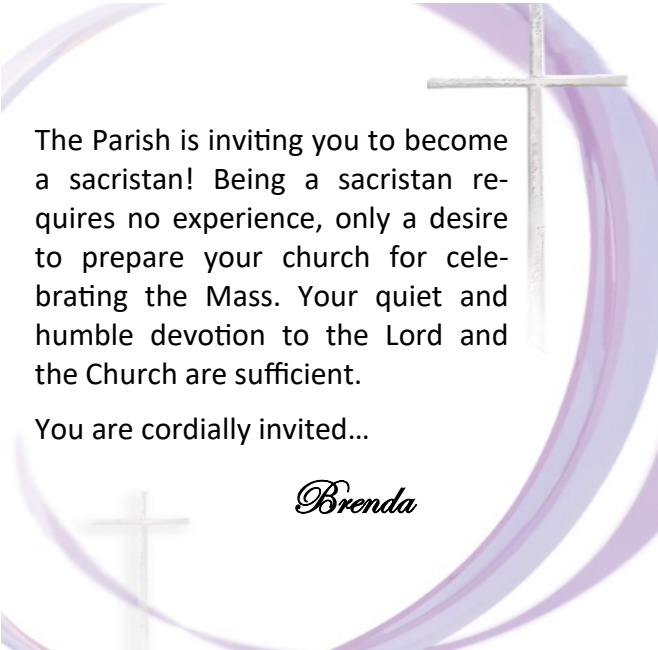
Please be advised that this **retreat is cancelled**.

New date TBA.

If you need more information, please email:

[g2gkelownabc@gmail.com](mailto:g2gkelownabc@gmail.com) or call 250-255-7223

### SACRISTANS NEEDED



The Parish is inviting you to become a sacristan! Being a sacristan requires no experience, only a desire to prepare your church for celebrating the Mass. Your quiet and humble devotion to the Lord and the Church are sufficient.

You are cordially invited...

*Brenda*

### SSVP—THANKSGIVING DAY CELEBRATION



This weekend members of the Society of Vincent de Paul will be in the foyer to gratefully accept your donation to their mission to help our friends in this community who are facing challenging times to put food on their table and to keep a roof over their heads.

Tax receipts available. **Thank you.**



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## SEASON OF CREATION

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This is the last week of Season of Creation, but let's not stop here. We can continue thinking of ideas to reverse or at least slow down climate change. (Think solar panels on St. Charles Garnier church.)

The United Nations has declared a Code Red for humanity and Pope Francis is traveling to two upcoming events on biodiversity and would like our support. Please sign the Catholic Petition [here](#).

On Sunday, October 3rd @ 2 pm Father Gabriel will be blessing our pets and all the animals of the earth.

St. Francis preached to the birds and considered all created things his brothers and sisters, so we follow that tradition in the blessing of the animals. Please bring your pet hamster, dog, cat, bird....

Everything we do has a consequence and we can turn things around if we choose. Please contact Karen Krout [karenjkrout@gmail.com](mailto:karenjkrout@gmail.com) if you would like to help make our church and our world greener. We have hope.

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## NEW PILGRIM PATH

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4<sup>th</sup> October is the feast of St Francis of Assisi. By any earthly standard, his life was a failure. He had to resign as the head of the Order he founded, as his followers rejected his teaching of absolute poverty. His peace-keeping efforts, when he travelled to the Holy Land and crossed the border to engage in talks with the Sultan of Egypt, failed. His deathbed was attended by only two or three friends. Yes, his legacy is incalculable and completely current. As we end the month-long Season of Creation, we celebrate the patron saint of ecology.

An hour-long documentary based on Donald Spoto's acclaimed biography, *St Francis of Assisi: Reluctant Saint*, strips away the legends from the life of Francis of Assisi to reveal the true story of a man who has too often been obscured by pious iconography. Watch it at [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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\* Please be seated only in the designated pews (Inside the **Green** marks) Everyone is advised to Social Distancing. Families can be together.

Kindly wear the mask covering your nose and mouth while participating in the Liturgical Service (Children under 12 years are exempted).

\* Anyone attending Mass or visiting the parish and parish office must pass the health check, as per the BC Health protocol. Anyone not feeling well should stay home.

\* Our Parish Dialogue Sessions will begin from 7th October (Thursday) after the morning Mass with Coffee. Those interested may join this eye opener program to learn more about the Scripture, the Church, its problems and how to practice Christian faith in these challenging times. All are invited.



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## CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH PROGRAM

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### ***Feeling disconnected?***

Have questions about your faith and the Church? Looking to grow in faith and fellowship?

**SCG** is looking for leaders and participants for small group faith studies to build fellowship and strengthen our faith community. All are welcome. We are reminded that Christ did not come to heal the healthy and righteous but rather the broken hearted and sinners.

Please contact Stephen Horsman at: [stephenhorsman101@gmail.com](mailto:stephenhorsman101@gmail.com) or 250-215-7449 if you are interested.

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## RACHEL'S VINEYARD

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"Yesterday was the last day of the past. The best thing you can do is leave it there." - Dr. Amen

Easier said than done? Has the burden of your involvement in an abortion decision in the past, continued to be a part of your present? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and discover how you really can let that go.

[info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com)

[www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com)

 Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273



**ARE YOU IN PRISON?** Many women, men and family members who suffer from an abortion decision remain locked in their own internal prison afraid of anyone knowing their deep secret.

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for those who have struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. Come and experience the mercy and compassion of God and release feelings of shame, guilt, anger & grief. Join us and let the healing begin. October 29-31, 2021. Contact Vicki @

250-762-2273. Strict confidentiality assured.

[www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com)

[info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com)

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## NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

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**Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada:** Support for the Bishops of Canada to pursue the Church's pastoral mission.

This year, the Catholic Church in Canada, along with the rest of society, has been seriously affected by the Coronavirus pandemic: from an inability to gather in worship, through limitations on pastoral and personal interaction, to office closures. Bishops, as shepherds who watch over their flock, felt this disruption very keenly.

As we continue to address the challenges and impact of the Coronavirus upon our families, communities of faith and ecclesial outreach, your prayers, gestures of kindness and generosity are invaluable, heartfelt and true sources of consolation, comfort and renewed encouragement in the pursuit of the Church's pastoral mission.

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on 26 and 27 September 2020. This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada.



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## CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

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For the website please click: [here](#).



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## CWL

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*Are you searching for something worthwhile that makes the best use of your time and talents?*

**Consider the CWL!**



This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare, who is given equal stature with him. Both found major religious orders, and together they inspire many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel. Their impact has reached across the centuries to change the world.

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Please contact Nicole Horsman at:

[nicolehorsman@telus.net](mailto:nicolehorsman@telus.net)

if you have any further questions about

[Formed.org](http://Formed.org)

### Statement of Apology by the Catholic Bishop of Canada to the Indigenous Peoples of this Land:

The Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, took the opportunity to affirm and acknowledge to the Indigenous Peoples the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. They acknowledged the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. They also sorrowfully acknowledged the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies, the Catholic Bishops of Canada expressed their profound remorse and apologized unequivocally. Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, the Bishops pledged to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, they invited the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. They further committed to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves. A delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous Peoples, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. The Bishops of Canada have pledged to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey. We are committed to continue the journey with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. For more information, please contact the diocese or visit [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca).



**OKANAGAN VALLEY  
Pregnancy  
Care Centre**



## 2021 Baby Bottle Brigade

You can provide hope and resources  
for moms and their babies.

**How to Donate:**

Fill a Bottle and return to your Church by October 24

Online: [www.ovpcc.com](http://www.ovpcc.com) [Donate](#)

Canada Helps – Baby Bottle Campaign

Credit Card or E-transfer Call : 250.763.2112

Mail cash or cheque to : #201-2622 Pandosy Street,  
Kelowna, BC V1Y 1V6

*"And if you tenderly care for this little one on my behalf, you are tenderly caring for me." Matt 18:5*

Twenty-Seventh Sunday on the Year (B)

Mark 10:2-16

The children's friend

The disciples of Jesus sent the children away, so Jesus scolded them



Complete the faces

The rich man was...  
HAPPY SAD  
to hear what Jesus  
told him and went  
away  
looking...

Jesus told him to sell everything  
and give his money to the poor!

How did the rich man feel?  
Circle the words and the pictures



## 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](mailto:bettyannrichard@gmail.com)

**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: . . . . . Jarrod Stocker. . . . . 250-869-2219  
 Email: [jjstocker@shaw.ca](mailto:jjstocker@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](mailto: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

**Please remember:**

OUR CHURCH IS A **SCENT-FREE ZONE!** *Avoid wearing perfume, after-shave or heavily scented personal care products*

## 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. . . . . 250-317-8965  
 Readers. . . . . Sr. Nancy . . . . . 250-808-9805  
 Sacristans . . . . . Brenda Korby . . . . . 250-859-0840  
 Safe Environment Coordinator . . . . . Jeremy Orr - [jeremy@digitcontracting.ca](mailto:jeremy@digitcontracting.ca)  
 Ushers . . . . . George Jarrouj - [georgejarrouj@ymail.com](mailto:georgejarrouj@ymail.com)  
 Pilgrimage of Faith . . . . . Rhonda Sali  
 Development and Peace . . . . .

**Campus Ministry**  
 (Kelowna Catholic Collective) email: [ubco.focus@gmail.com](mailto:ubco.focus@gmail.com)

## CONTACT NUMBERS

**CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN** . . . . . Penticton-Linda . . . . . 250-493-0816  
**CLUBHOUSE DAYCARE** . . . . . 250-860-4393  
**CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE** . . . . . 250-491-1088  
**CURSILLO** . . . . .  
**DIOCESE OF NELSON—Catholic Pastoral Centre** . . . . . 250-448-2725  
**ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER** . . . . . 250-764-4333  
**FREEDOM'S DOOR** . . . . . [freedomdoor@shaw.ca](mailto:freedomdoor@shaw.ca) . . . . . 250-717-0472  
**GRIEF TO GRACE** . . . . . [www.GriefftoGrace.org](http://www.GriefftoGrace.org) . . . . . 250-870-8517  
**KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE** . [kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com](mailto:kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com) . 250-870-4103  
**OZANAM HOUSE** . . . [hope@ozanamhouse.com](mailto:hope@ozanamhouse.com) . . . 250-762-4673(HOPE)  
**PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE** . . . . . 250-763-2112  
**RACHEL'S VINEYARD** . . . [info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com) . . . 250-762-2273  
**REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES** 250-763-7892  
[reachoutokanagan@gmail.com](mailto:reachoutokanagan@gmail.com)

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

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