



St. Charles Garnier Parish

September 26, 2021

Twenty-Sixth 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	Sep 27	8:30am	✠ Gilbert Wolf
Tue	Sep 28	8:30am	✠ Edward McGourty
Wed	Sep 29	8:30am	All Teenagers
Thu	Sep 30	8:30am	Fr. Harry Clarke
Fri	Oct 1	8:30am	Int. Gabriele Geismayr
Sat	Oct 2	5:00pm	Int. Briza Santana
Sun	Oct 3	8:30am	Int. Emily Buhman
		10:30am	Int. Gene & Madeleine Allen 60th Wedding Anniversary

Next Week's Readings

1	<i>Genesis</i> —	2.7ab, 15, 18-24
2	<i>Hebrews</i> —	2:9-11
Gospel	<i>Mark</i> —	10:2-16

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters & Brothers in the Lord!

This week's Scriptures remind us of our Calling & Commission by the Spirit of the Lord to do good works. (Nu 11:25-29) The spirit of God descended on the Seventy elders and they shared the Spirit of Moses. The Spirit of Moses is to be understood as Power to lead, guide & perform miracles (extraordinary gift of the Divine to do good deeds) Great men passed on their spirit to their successors. 2Kgs 2:9 explains that the Prophet Elisha asked for the spirit of Elijah: "Let me inherit a double share of your spirit". Inheriting the Spirit is: "Being endowed with the Charism of the Spirit" (It is the 'Mysterious Divine Impulse' that motivates and moves a person to perform deeds that are above and beyond his human capacity.

The Book of Isaiah 41 explains that God commissions even those out of the Israelite fold (non-registered ones) like King Cyrus of Persia to perform a good deed. God motivated and moved Cyrus to release the Israelite people after 70 years of their exile in Babylon. (This was remembered as their 2nd Exodus and the first one being the release from Egypt by the Pharaoh) King Cyrus also was instrumental in Rebuilding the demolished Jerusalem Temple with Royal Funds, as the Israelites were reduced to poverty and have become so very insignificant in their life.

The Acts of the Apostles tell us that "Miracles are performed in the Holy Name of Jesus" (Acts 4:10) The Jewish Sanhedrin questioned Peter and John, "By what power or by what name do you perform these miracles?" (They cured a lame man) Peter explained: "In the Name of Christ, whom you Crucified and whom God Raised". The Apostles healed the sick and performed miracles in the Holy Name of Jesus. The Church continues the saving mission of Christ even today.

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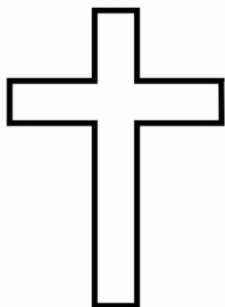
Today's Gospel Mark 9:38-48 prompts us to ask the question " Can anyone outside of the Church or other than the Church perform miracles? Let us remember that it is "God who heals" and humans are only instrumental. The Divine Power comes to the believer by the 'outpouring of the spirit'. Acts 2: 5-10 tells us that by the Outpouring of the spirit, people were able to speak in tongues, perform miracles to the amazement and astonishment of the onlookers.

Does God give Power to those who do not belong to our community of Christian Faith (Non-registered) to perform Miracles? The Book of Num11:25-29 narrates that the Lord gave the Spirit of Moses to the 70 elders. But there were also some like Eldad and Medad who were out of the Israelite fold, but the 'Spirit of God rested on them too' and they performed miracles. So, we are puzzled. Jesus answers this question in today's Mk 9:38-48 saying that 'even those who are not registered Catholics/Christian/believer in Christ' - when they perform a good deed for an 'insignificant person' (those without hope or earthly reward), such deeds are done to Christ himself. Therefore, Jesus teaches that we should be able to appreciate them and should not hurt or harm them. Such people are for us and not against us.

Let us consider the following examples: 1. An atheist working in the soup kitchen 2. High School children Building Houses in Mexico 3. Veterans Building Homes for the Homeless people. 4. Knitting Groups supplying dress materials to the Global south. 5. Doctors without Borders helping the wounded or displaced people. 6. Supporting the Education of the Orphans and destitute and SSVP & etc., The Church teaches that Christian people should be able to embrace anyone who walks and works alongside with us in love regardless of our Theology or Ideology. God is Love and Love is what counts. In the end Love never fails. Therefore, we should not and need not foster disagreements for doing a good action. The Scripture today encourages us with the phrase " Whoever is not against us, is for us" MK 9.40

All the best in the Lord!

Gabriel



The first Sunday of the month is SSVP Sunday. Vincentians will be in the foyer to gratefully accept your donation. Donors may also give online [here](#).

Many thanks for your continued support.

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 delivering food hampers and meet the second and fourth Wednesdays 9 am to report and tend to other business. We hope that you will consider joining us for a meeting.

Inquiries to 250-860-2536.

"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 with respect, not only as an equal but as a superior, since (s)he is suffering that which we would perhaps not be able to bear ourselves;"

Frederic Ozanam

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		
Average collection to date	6,101	17,712		
Sunday Collection	4,162	12,723		

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 (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 or call 250-255-7223

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.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION MEETINGS

The parish is initiating two discussion groups in response to the **Truth and Reconciliation** issues:

Group 1- on Zoom, 7:00 pm the 4th Thursday, Sept.23, Oct.28, Nov. 25

Group 2- in person, at the Church Hall, 1:00 pm, Tuesday, Sept.28, Oct.26, Nov.30

Each of the three sessions will last approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours, and you will be sent an article to begin the discussion for that evening.

Topics:

1st week - The history, what led us to this place?

2nd week -Past and present Church statements and actions in response to the revelations of events.

3rd week- next steps.

Please register with Sister Nancy @

nancyhurren@telus.net) for the group you wish to attend and please include your full name and the email address you wish us to use. Please clarify if you are one or two persons registering at this email address.

The discussion starter for both groups for the first session remains.

"The Chronology."

This document gives us the historical background of how the Residential Schools came to be. Please click on the following link:

<https://www.lawnow.org/indian-residential-schools-chronology/>

SEASON OF CREATION



We're in the second to last week of Season of Creation, inspired by Pope Francis and his encyclical *Laudato Si'*. What is one thing you could change about your life to make a difference

to future generations? What climate or social justice issue is the most important to you? Write to your MP or MLA about your concerns. Tell your friends and neighbours. Go to the Fridays for Future climate strikes at City Hall on the last Friday of each month, beginning September 24.

This is the beginning of a new season, with farmers harvesting their crops and nature preparing for a rest over the winter. Enjoy these beautiful fall days, take a walk in the woods, breathe in the clean air. Thank God for the bountiful world in which we live.

Please remember to bring your pets to be blessed by Father Gabriel on Sunday, October 3 at 2 pm in front of the church entrance. This tradition is inspired by St. Francis of Assisi whose feast is **October 4**.

IRHS



We have a fantastic Fine Arts fundraising opportunity to present to our Immaculata School

community and their families! Michael Breakey

(michaelbreakey.com), is a local photographer who has been volunteering in our photography classes for several years now.

He has generously offered to work with a group of senior Visual Arts students in providing a photo session for your family. The price \$35.00 includes the sitting fee and a free 8 x 10 size portrait of your choice from the session. Christmas cards and other portrait sizes will also be available for order.

Please contact **Angela Griffin** at the school 250-762-2730 or email agriffin@cisnd.ca to arrange your sitting time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Please be seated only in the designated pews (Inside the **Green** marks) when attending church services at any time. Everyone is advised to maintain the 6 feet Social Distancing. Families can be together.

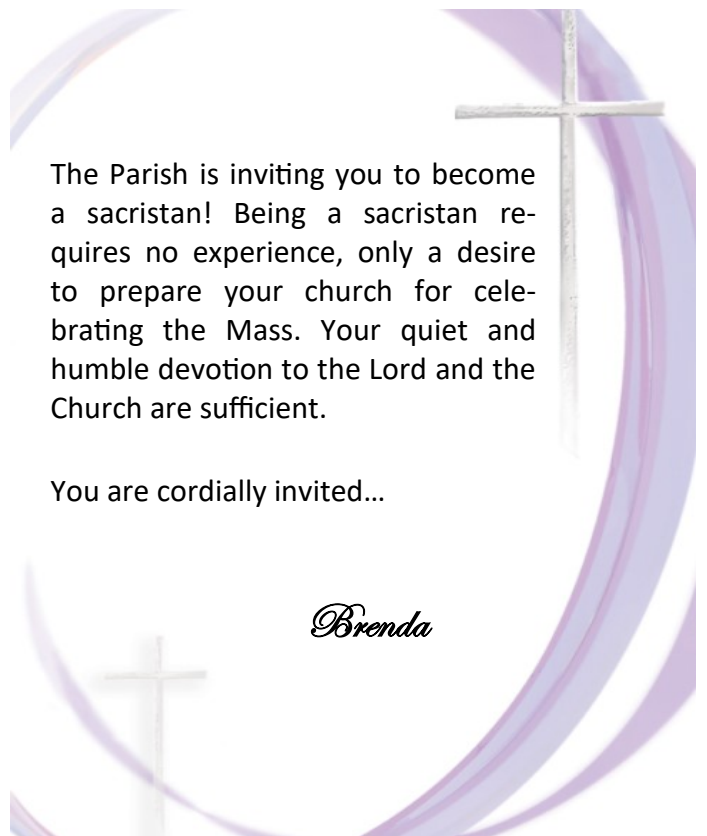
Kindly wear the mask covering your nose and mouth while participating in the Liturgical Service (Children under 12 years are exempted).

* 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.

* **THANKSGIVING DAY CELEBRATION:** Our Parish St. Vincent De Paul Society requests all our Parishioners to help out with Bagged Food Items for those in Need. The collected food and other items will be distributed to the most deserving families before 'Thanksgiving Day Celebration'. We seek your cooperation. (A basket will be kept in front of the Altar for your donations)

* There will be a special collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada on September 26, 2021 in our Sunday Service.

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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

"I am like the sick sheep that strays from the rest of the flock. Unless the Good Shepherd takes me on His shoulders and carries me back to His fold, my steps will falter, and in the very effort of rising, my feet will give way. St Jerome- feast day September 30

Have you felt isolated from life itself as you have struggled since the day of your abortion decision? Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and allow The Good Shepherd to scoop you up into His merciful embrace and carry you until you feel strong again.

info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com

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

info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

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.



CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS



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



CWL



How can I enrich my faith?

You are invited to join League sisters as you pray for one another and walk the gospel road together...



A pampered child from a middle-class 19th century French family, Therese Martin journeys to Rome to beg Pope Leo XIII for permission to enter the Carmelite monastery at the unheard-of age of 15. Once admitted she experiences the joys and rigors of monastic life, and makes the surprising yet simple discovery that holiness can be achieved by small acts of love and compassion – a spiritual path she calls her “Little Way.”

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nicolehorsman@telus.net

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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.

**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 [Donate](#)

Canada Helps – Baby Bottle Campaign

Credit Card or E-transfer Call : 250.763.2112

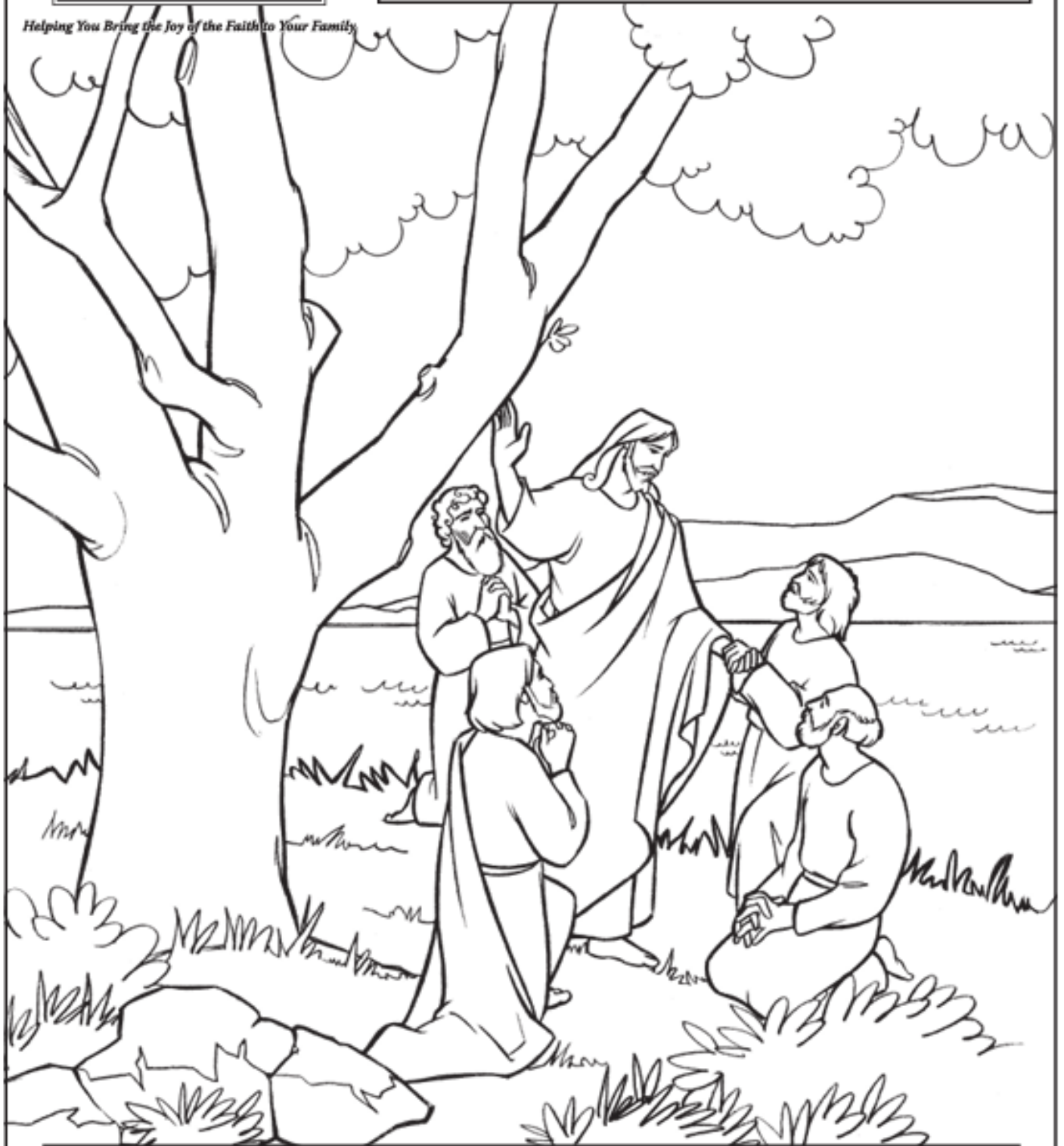
Mail cash or cheque to : #201-2622 Pandosy Street,
Kelowna, BC V1Y 1V6

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

HOLY HEROES

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Helping You Bring the Joy of the Faith to Your Family



Jesus said, "There is no one who performs a mighty deed in My Name who can at the same time speak ill of Me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (Mark 9:39-41)

Visit us online at www.HolyHeroes.com/MassPrep where you will find fun, free and faithful children's activities and more!
Sign up with your email address to receive a reminder when new content is added.

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

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: Jarrod Stocker. 250-869-2219
 Email: 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

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
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 Ushers George Jarrouj - georgejarrouj@gmail.com
 Pilgrimage of Faith Rhonda Sali
 Development and Peace

Campus Ministry
 (Kelowna Catholic Collective) email: ubco.focus@gmail.com

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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 250-717-0472
GRIEF TO GRACE www.GriefftoGrace.org 250-870-8517
KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE . kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com . 250-870-4103
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
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?

- 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.**