



# St. Charles Garnier Parish

December 11, 2022

## Third Sunday of Advent.

Are you the one who is to come,  
or are we to wait for another?.

Matthew 11



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### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:  
Prophet Isaiah was called by God around 742 B.C to exercise his ministry in and around Jerusalem. In today's Scripture (Is 35:1-6 &10), he introduces the theme of 'Joy and the Restoration of Israel'. "The Wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing", expressing the 'exultant outburst of joy' (40:3-5, & 43:19) "I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, path in the wilds". On that occasion 'the eyes of the blind will be opened' (most unfortunate people among the exiled ones will be among the first to experience the vindication of the Lord). The God of Israel will give Victory and Salvation for the redeemed by releasing them from the tyranny of their oppressors.

Today we celebrate the 'Gaudete Sunday / Joy Sunday' in honor of Mother Mary, who is with the Child. The Church calls her children 'to rejoice with this expectant mother' as human families rejoice with their daughters of this nature. 'Joy is the Gift of the Holy Spirit'. Luke 24:50 "Great Joy Filled their hearts". Joy makes everyone stronger & greater, since joy is a personal & individual experience. It can be a community experience too, like the National Joy of victory or achievement. 'GRACE' is the word which is associated with JOY. Joy is the 'favour or benevolence of God'. God selected Mary as the recipient of this joy. She was singled out from all the other women-folk of the world to respond to God. LK 1: 31ff "Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favor. You are to conceive and bear a Son. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High". Mary in humility accepted to become the recipient of God's

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### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Dec 12	8:30am	Int. Yessica Maylin
Tue	Dec 13	8:30am	Int. Madeline Allen
Wed	Dec 14	8:30am	Int. Veronica Alusik
Thu	Dec 15	8:30am	+ William G . Ferguson
Fri	Dec 16	8:30am	+ Daniel Gallagher
Sat	Dec 17	5:00pm	+ Fr. Tom
Sun	Dec 18	8:30am	Int. Yvonne Valiant & Family
		10:30	Int. Talia Gamache PSCG

### Next Week's Readings

1	<b>Isaiah</b> —	7:10-14
2	<b>Romans</b> —	1:1-7
Gos-	<b>Matthew</b> —	1:18-24

grace & favor. The Immaculate virgin joyfully conceived Jesus by the Holy Spirit. Let us imagine the Joy in the heart of Mary. It was unexpected but exhilarating & exciting!

She was able to share this Joy with her elderly cousin Elizabeth at her Visitation. The Immaculate virgin Mary was joyfully carrying Jesus when she visited with Elizabeth. Charity and Love inspired her visit. The Immaculate Mother joyfully brought Jesus into the World. The Angel of the Lord appeared to the Shepherds and announced, "Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you good news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the City of David, a Saviour has been born. He is Christ the Lord". (Lk 2:10-12) Every mother share that joy of motherhood. Mary experienced her motherhood in all her innocence and sweetness. She experienced the holy happiness of bringing into the world the Son of God, who was to be the Redeemer and Saviour of all. The Virgin Mother joyfully exhibited Jesus, her Son, to the adoration of the Magi. Every mother delight in her (child) son/daughter, to those who come to visit the family especially friends, neighbours and acquaintances. It was an exhilarating experience to Mary & Joseph to receive the Three Magi from the East, who came thousands of miles to adore & honor the infant, bringing gifts of high quality.

Mary joyfully found Jesus in the Jerusalem Temple after his three-day loss. Losing a child at a tender age is a pain to the family, but finding him/ her gives them great joy. Mary's joy was overwhelming when she met Jesus among the Teachers of the Law, engaged in deliberation, 'asking them questions and answering them at a tender age. Probably she would have felt that her son was a 'prodigy' & that would have boosted her personality. Mary might have felt such a bliss when she found Jesus in the Temple. Mary had the privilege of sharing her son's special moments before his death and after his resurrection. The Church teaches that she is the 'co-redemptorist' of our Salvation. She beheld her son after his resurrection. We do not have adequate words to express her maternal Joy of this 'Heroic Son'. Her joy, by way of contrast with the grief of the First Good Friday, was supreme, hair-rising & unfathomable. Finally, she was joyfully reunited with her Son in Heaven as the Queen of the Redeemed & Queen of the world. Joy is experienced by those who have peace in their hearts. Mary had that Peace and she was a Peaceful & Joyful Mother for all who love & honor her. Let us Love and honor her all our days!

Affectionately in Jesus!

Fr. Gabriel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* Our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service is on Tuesday, 13th December 2022 at 6:30 PM. Several of our Diocesan Clergy will be available to help us with the Sacramental Reconciliation. All are cordially invited!

\* Festival of Advent & Christmas in Music will be celebrated on Wednesday, 14th December 2022 between 6:30 and 7:30 PM in our Parish Church. Rory and his Team of Musicians have been practicing for this event spending several hours every week. Kindly participate with your family and friends and enjoy the celebration. After the event, all are welcome for a Social in the Hall.

\* Kindly refer to the Bulletin for Christmas and New Year Church Services in our Parish. It would be a great idea to share this information with your friends, families and well-wishers. So that all can participate in these festivities.

\* Please be aware of the icy conditions at this time. Care & caution are to be exercised at all times when you are walking either in the parking lot or elsewhere. Livestream Services are available for those who cannot come personally to participate in the Liturgy. Since the flu season is catching up, we request all our parishioners to be aware of the several symptoms of flu related conditions. Let us not either share or receive it from anyone. Flu related timely protocols are to be adhered to at this time. Thanks for your cooperation.

Parish	Date	Time
St. Charles Garnier Parish	December 13, 2022	6:30 pm
St. Edwards Parish	December 14, 2022	5:00 pm
Immaculate Conception Parish	December 15, 2022	3:30 pm
St. Pius X Parish	December 22, 2022	5:00 pm

SCG—Guide to Giving 2022					
December	4	11	18	25	Total
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	8,350	8,350	8,350	8,350	33,400
Monthly automatic bank donations received (SAG)					
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	3,666				
E-transfers received					
Monthly total to date					

## 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

Livestream click [here](#)

### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS—DIOCESE OF NELSON

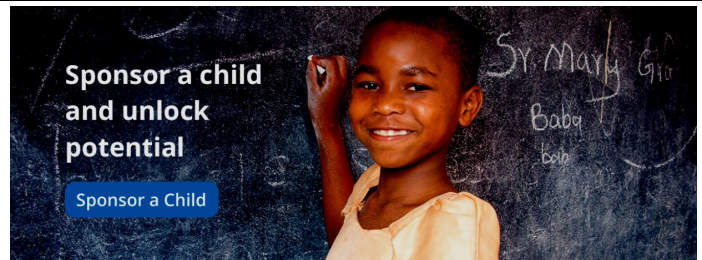


News and Announcements from Diocese of Nelson please click [here](#).



For Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website click [here](#).

### CHALICE



[Click here](#)

### DONATIONS BY E-TRANSFER OR CREDIT CARD



E-transfers are accepted at St. Charles Garnier Parish  
Send your offering via e-transfer to:

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no password is required.

**Credit Card**—Square —please  
stop by the office.



**Pilgrimage of Faith** donations can be

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[etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org)

or online via Canada Helps at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360>

Alternatively, you could complete a pledge  
card, and return it along with a cheque/cash by collection  
or to the parish.



### CHILDREN CHOIR

Does your child love to sing? Consider joining our children's choir! We practice after the 10:30 mass on Sundays, and will be singing at the 4:30 Mass on Christmas Eve. Text or call Abbey for more info at: 250-899-4384.



### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

St. Charles Garnier Women's Ministry  
**REFRESH**  
*I will refresh the weary & satisfy the faint  
Jeremiah 31:25*

December 19th  
7 - 9 PM

All women (18+) are invited to join us for an Advent reflection, prayer, and music in the church followed by Christmas games and socializing in the hall.

**Please bring a snack to share.**

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## FROM SISTER NANCY

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Dear Parishioners, Thank you for the many ways in which you have reached out to me in the past weeks to say farewell, in word and in deed. I will much miss the wonderful spirit among you, the many ways in which you care and honour each other, and bring the Spirit of Jesus to touch each other and our needy world. I will hold you in prayer as we journey through Advent to the joy of Christmas. Please pray for me as I reestablish myself in Kingston. Blessings one and all.

Sister Nancy Hurren, CND

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## FORMED

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Who is God and what does he mean when he says “I Am Who I Am”? Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is.

**Enjoy a free subscription:**

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Don't have an account? Click on Register and enter your email and create a password.

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

if you have any further questions about

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## SSVP

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The Society of St Vincent de Paul has launched the annual Christmas Hamper campaign. Like last year, we will be delivering a ‘gift card hamper’ and gifts for children to households that we have helped throughout the year.

We thank you in advance for taking a donation envelope from the foyer and returning it anytime to the office or to one of the Vincentians at mass. Or donate online by accessing the Canada Helps donating website and choosing the Christmas campaign.

[www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-charles-garnier-conference/](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-charles-garnier-conference/)

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## CWL

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Our next general meeting will take place in the hall December 13th at 9:30 am. It will be a Christmas coffee party and anyone who is able to bake, please bring a small plate of your Christmas baking to share. If you no longer bake do not worry there should be enough for everyone.

Please note that Membership fees \$ 50.00 are due now. They can be paid by: **Cheque** - mailed or put in the collection basket marked CWL or drop off at the office.

**Cash** - put in the collection basket in an envelope marked CWL or drop off at the office.

**e-transfer** to [bettyannrichard@gmail.com](mailto:bettyannrichard@gmail.com) -Security - what group? Answer - cwl

or they can be paid at our meeting - **SEE YOU THERE!**

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## PARISH EVENTS

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DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, December 11	8:30 am 10:30 am	St. Nicholas Party after 10:30 am Mass
Monday, December 12	1:00 pm—4:00 pm	Card Social
Tuesday, December 13	9:30 am 6:30 pm	CWL—Coffee Party Reconciliation
Wednesday, December 14	6:30 pm	Music Advent Festival
Thursday, December 15	10:00 am	Bible Study
Friday, December 16	8:00 am—2:00 pm	SSVP

## ALL SAINTS PARTY



The 2022 All Saints Day Party was a wonderful success! Over 40 little Saints spent the evening playing games, doing crafts and eating a wonderful pizza dinner. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and St. Charles for sponsoring!

## FREEDOM'S DOOR GIFT TREE

We have our annual FREEDOM'S DOOR CHRISTMAS TREE on display in the foyer of our church. We invite you to take a paper decoration from our tree. On the back is a stated gift for you to purchase and return next Sunday to place under the tree. Please return the decoration and please DON'T wrap the gift. The gifts will be gathered and placed in a Christmas decorated bag for each of the men of Freedom's Door on Christmas morning. There are 74 men currently staying at Freedom's Door and undergoing an addiction recovery program. Your generosity will be such a boost and an outreach to men who have suffered a lot and who have often felt that no one cares. All gifts to be returned by Dec. 20, please. Help them to have a

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thank you for your generosity!!



## ADVENT—SECOND WEEK



In the *Journey Through Advent* series are now available on the CCCB website.

English: [Journey through Advent - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(ccb.ca\)](https://www.cccb.ca)

French: [Cheminer ensemble durant l'Avent - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(cecc.ca\)](https://www.cecc.ca)



Picture by: Rhaelyn A. Gray—Chalice—SCG—Sponsor child

You are invited for  
**Christmas & New Year Celebration**  
**St. Charles Garnier Parish**  
 3645 Benvoulin Road, V1W 4M7 Kelowna, BC

**Christmas Eve:**  
**Saturday December 24, 2022**  
 4:30 pm—Christmas Vigil Mass  
 8:30 pm—Christmas Night Mass

**Christmas Day:**  
**Sunday 25th, 2022**  
 8:30 am Morning Mass  
 10:30 am Morning Mass

**New Year's Masses:**  
**Saturday, December 31st, 2022**  
 5:00 pm—New Year Eve Mass  
**Sunday, 1st January 2023**  
 8:30 am Morning Mass  
 10:30 am Morning Mass

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

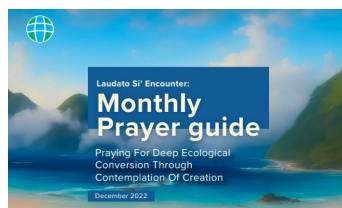
What is COP 15? It is about protecting biodiversity and it's happening right now in Montreal. Biodiversity concerns everything we eat or drink, plants, animals, water, trees, medicines. We need to heed Pope Francis' call to all the churches to protect biodiversity in all we do and buy or don't buy. We can act by writing to our political representatives urging action, not just words.

In Advent we are preparing for the coming of God into the world as a poor person, born in a stable, his parents almost immediately fleeing with him to Egypt as a refugees to protect the Saviour of the world, who promises to bring justice to the poor. We are Jesus' hands in this world. It's up to us to act.

One useful action is to sign the Development and Peace petition for better laws for Canadian mining companies working outside of Canada—People and Planet First. Another is to write to your representative in Ottawa urging action on COP 15, not just promises.

See the link below for prayers for this month.

<https://laudatosimovement.org/news/laudato-si-encounter-monthly-prayer-guide-december-2022/>






## 61<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL

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WIN \$100,000 in prizes including a  
**2023 Toyota RAV4 Grand Prize**

**PRIZES**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b> 2023 Toyota RAV4	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Prize</b> \$ 5,000
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b> \$30,000	<b>5<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup></b> \$ 1,000 each! --> Early Bird Draws
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Sales Oct 1, 2022 to Jan 28, 2023, 8pm  
 Early Bird Draws .....

Oct 31 (2x\$1000), Nov 28 (4x\$1000), Dec 19 (4x\$1000)  
**Main Draw Saturday January 28, 2023, 8:01pm**

*An annual charity appeal of the Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation*  
**WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER**  
**Thank you for your Support!**



For general inquiries call **604-216-7272** BC Gaming Event License #: **135276**  
 Chances are 1 in 250,000 (total tickets for sale) to win a grand prize. Actual odds depend on number of tickets sold. 19+ to play.  
 Problem Gambling Help Line 1-888-795-6111 [www.bcresponsiblegambling.ca](http://www.bcresponsiblegambling.ca) Know your limit. Play within it.  
 Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery/claiming of prizes.

# Third Sunday of Advent (A)

Matthew 11:2-11

## Jesus is the promised

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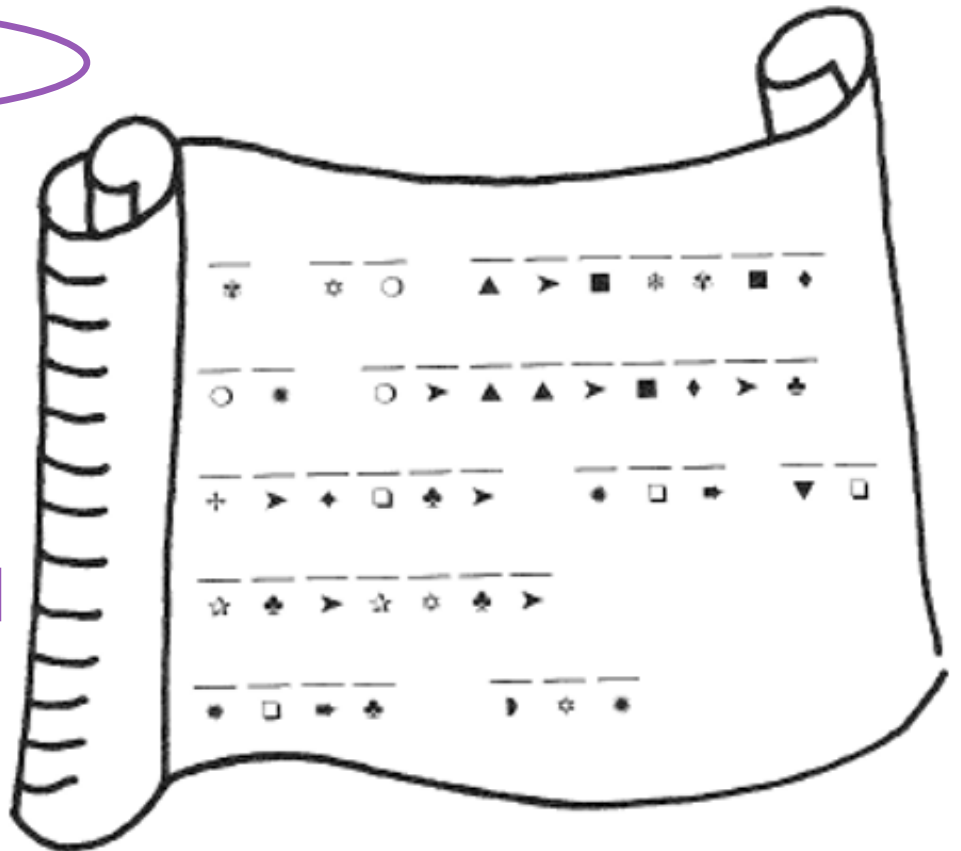
Matthew 11:3

Add or subtract letters to see what they asked

John the Baptist sent some of his followers to ask Jesus a question

All these things happened just

Decode these Old Testament scriptures



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**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Meet second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am  
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 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).

If you have friends/family members with serious illnesses we will add them to our list and pray for them & their family daily. We meet once a month and pray together.

Contact: Christine Reeves, OFS. 250-575-2043 E-mail: [cbreevesac@shaw.ca](mailto:cbreevesac@shaw.ca)

**SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER** - "The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity"

Meeting the 2nd Sunday of the month @ St. Charles Garnier Parish Hall.

Contact Sandy: 250-212-3596.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL** 250-860-2536

Meet second and fourth Wednesdays at 9:00 am St. Charles Garnier Parish—Hall

**FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH—SSVP DONATIONS**

**SSVP DONATIONS-VEHICLE, RV & TRAILER-** KEITH :250-300-1062

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**FREEDOM'S DOOR** . [info@freedomdoorkelowna.com](mailto:info@freedomdoorkelowna.com) . . . . . 250-717-0472  
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[reachoutokanagan@gmail.com](mailto:reachoutokanagan@gmail.com)

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

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.**



**St. Charles Garnier Parish  
 WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!**

Please complete this form and leave it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

**New Parishioner:** \_\_\_\_ **Information Change:** \_\_\_\_

Name (s) : \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

DOB (yyyy/mm/dd): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN		
Name (s)	M/F	DOB (yyyy/mm/dd)

Would you like to be contacted by one of our parish groups?	
CWL ____	Music ____
Knights of Columbus ____	Reader ____
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R.C.I.A. ____	Altar Servers ____
Sacristan ____ (Set up for Mass)	

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.