



St. Charles Garnier Parish

December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David.

Matthew 1



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Prophet Nathan brought out a timely message for the people of Israel and to King David's dynasty through King Ahaz (2 Samuel 7:12-16) " Yahweh will make you a House. I will preserve the offspring of your body after you, and make his sovereignty secure. It is He who shall build a house for my name, and I will make his royal throne secure forever) I will be a father to him, and he a son to me. I will not withdraw my favor from him. Your house and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne established forever'.

This child is the symbol of God's favor, blessing & presence among his people. His name will be 'Immanuel', which is, 'God is with us'. Immanuel becomes the definitive presence of God among His people. Pope Benedict XVI in his 'Caritas Deus Est' wrote, 'Immanuel is the face of God / He is the Revealer of the Father's Face / Love'.

Isaiah the great prophet of Israel wrote between 801 -780 B.C about the Deep & Abiding care of God's Love to his people. He always surrounds us with His amazing presence. "Where can I run from your presence? If I climb the heavens, you are there, where could I go to escape your Spirit? Even if I lie in the underworld / sheol / netherworld you are there'. (Ps 139: 7-8)

Therefore, Psalm 24 recommends and admonishes all the faithful to follow the teachings of God in order to have His love shine on them, especially to have a clear Conscience (purity of heart), freedom from bribery, refraining from idol worship /false Gods and not to give in to false witness (don't engage in false witness at any time). If we continue to follow the guidance of the Lord, He will Bless His Children with Prosperity.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Mon	Dec 19	8:30am	Int. Bill, Carmen & Family
Tue	Dec 20	8:30am	Int. Braelyn Cutforth
Wed	Dec 21	8:30am	Int. Brenda Korby
Thu	Dec 22	8:30am	+ Les Symes
Fri	Dec 23	8:30am	+ Helen Stoneman
Sat	Dec 24	4:30pm	+ Lesley Attwell
		8:00pm	PSCG
Sun	Dec 25	8:30am	Int. Emily Buhman & Family
		10:30	Int. Benita Spencer PSCG

Next Week's Readings

1	Isaiah —	62:1-5
2	Acts —	13:16-17, 22-25
Gospel	Matthew —	1:1-25 / 1:18-25

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The Apostle Mathew made Joseph, the husband of Mary as the 'Central and Active figure of God's Grace (recipient of God's revelation) in the Birth of Christ, Immanuel, God With Us!' He was a Just Man /a righteous person who lived according to the teachings of the Torah. 'Divinity blesses those who are able to live a righteous life' (right living according to God's principles) Joseph's righteousness was the key point of his unwillingness to expose his wife Mary for public disgrace. He had the sensitivity 'to wait on God for guidance' when he was burdened with this challenging thought of Mary's pregnancy. Indeed, Joseph was confused and perplexed. But he was humble enough to seek the guidance of God.

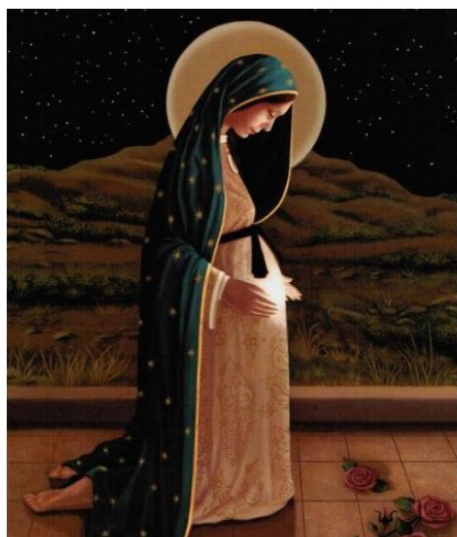
Today's Scripture teaches a life lesson for all. When we are faced with a life-threatening question or predicament in life, we need to lean on God for clarity and guidance like Joseph and King Ahaz. The 'Birth of Christ' in the human world is God's Intervention. Christ is conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Jesus means 'Immanuel', meaning 'Savior / God is with us'. Ultimately God is with His people. This God saves everyone from every possible challenge or misery provided they come to Him and Trust in Him. There's no other name in the entire world, except the name of Jesus which could save God's people. How fortunate we are to belong to this great community of faith. May His Holy Birth Bless everyone with Peace, Health & Prosperity!

Affectionately in Christ!

Gabriel

"All nations shall come to adore You" (Ps. 86)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

* 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.

* The Parish Advent & Christmas Music Festival brought a great **JOY** to everyone. We are grateful to the Music Director Rory, JoAnn and all the participants who practiced strenuously to stage this performance. May God Bless our parish community!

* Kindly invite your friends and families for our Christmas and New Year Masses.

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.



Reconciliation—Parish	Date	Time
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	5,085			
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

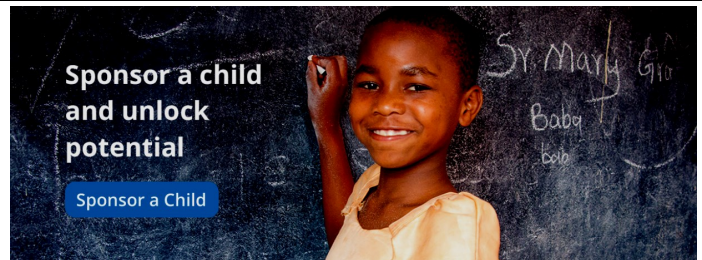


News and Announcements from Diocese of Nelson please click [here](#).



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:
etransfer.SCGK@nelsondiocese.org
no password is required.



Credit Card—Square —please stop by the office.

Pilgrimage of Faith donations can be made via e-transfer to:

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.



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.

FORMED



Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child of Jesus.



Enjoy a free subscription:

stcharlesgarnier.formed.org

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Please contact Nicole Horsman at:

nicolehorsman@telus.net

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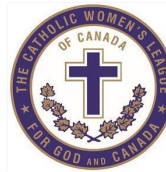


The Society of St Vincent de Paul has launched the annual Christmas Hamper campaign. Like last year, we will be delivering a 'gift card hamper' and gifts for children to households that we have helped throughout the year.

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/

CWL



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

Security - what group? Answer - cwl

PARISH EVENTS

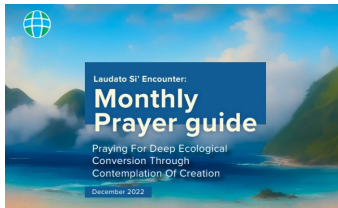
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, December 17	8:00 am—2:00 pm 5:00 pm	SSVP Mass
Sunday, December 18	8:30 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass—Children's liturgy
Monday, December 19	1:00 pm—4:00 pm 7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Card Social Women's Ministry
Saturday, December 24	4:30 pm 8:30 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass—Livestream Christmas Night Mass
Sunday, December 25	8:30 am 10:30 am	Christmas Day—Morning Mass—Livestream Christmas Day—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/>



RACHEL'S CORNER

"In the dark night of the soul, bright flows the river of God".

- St. John of the Cross-feast day, December 14

Has it been a very long dark night of the soul for you since your loss due to an abortion decision? One that has not been shared or expressed, thinking that no one would understand? Join us on a Rachel Retreat, and find that you are heard and understood, and can be free of the pain hidden deep inside.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna
250-762-2273

LITTLE FLOWERS OF ST. FRANCIS



Men and women who wish to deepen their Catholic faith in the charism of St. Francis of Assisi are welcome to explore the vocation of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Secular Franciscans are an Order within the Roman Catholic Church.

The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity gathers monthly for prayer, formation, and fellowship. For more information, contact:

Sandy Kavanagh at: 250-212-3596.

ADVENT—THIRD WEEK



In the *Journey Through Advent—Fourth Sunday of Advent* are now available on the CCCB website.

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

In 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

SECOND ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MUSIC FESTIVAL



Choir Director

Rory Fader

Choir

Jenny Achtem, Piano

Pat Bickert, Vocals & Guitar

Marlene Bourdon-King, Vocals

Bev Fader, Vocals

Gord Frie, Vocals & Saxophone

Krelian Jabla, Vocals

Terry Lockhart, Vocals & Guitar

Dan Spelliscy, Vocals

Hal Spelliscy, Vocals

Lucy Turri, Vocals

JoAnn Young, Vocals



Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

Matthew 1:18-24

The Angel's visit

Where was Joseph when the angel came to speak to him?



Join the dots to see!



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The Angel told Joseph what to call the baby boy

Draw an X through every square with *
The reminding letters will spell our the baby's name!



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Pastor—Fr. Gabriel
Chair—
Liturgy—JoAnn Young
Financial—Kevin Schmidt
Maintenance—Don Korby
SSVP—Arnie Schneider
K of C—Duncan Boyczuk
CWL—Deborah Cloutier
Outreach—Stephen Horsman

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).

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

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

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

If you wish to become involved contact the Parish Office 250-860-6776
 Children's Liturgy Allison Knittig. 778-477-3790
 Eucharistic Ministers Dave Crane. 250-861-4085
 Catholic Moms Connect Group Abbey 250-899-4384
 Music JoAnn Young. 250-317-8965
 Readers. Marlene Crane. 250-861-4085
 Sacristans Brenda Korby 250-859-0840
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 Home Care Visitation Christine Schmidt 250-763-4798

CONTACT NUMBERS

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN Penticton-Barb. 250-493-1145
CLUBHOUSE DAYCARE 250-860-4393
CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE 250-491-1088
DIOCESE OF NELSON—Catholic Pastoral Centre 250-448-2725
ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER 250-764-4333
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KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE . kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com. 250-870-4103
OZANAM HOUSE . . . manager@ozanamhouse.com 250-762-4673
PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE 250-763-2112
RACHEL'S VINEYARD . . . info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com 250-762-2273
REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES 250-763-7892
reachoutokanagan@gmail.com

Please remember:
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 ____
St. Vincent de Paul ____	Usher ____
R.C.I.A. ____	Altar Servers ____
Sacristan ____ (Set up for Mass)	

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.