



St. Charles Garnier Parish

December 25, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord.

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Luke 2



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Merry Merry Christmas! May the Holy Birth of Christ Bless you and your loved ones. May Jesus, the Messiah, who has been born today as a little child, in the Manger at Bethlehem, shower upon us 'His Divine Blessings of Peace, Joy & Prosperity' to everyone who honors Him.

The Holy scripture is profound today giving us 'Hope, Vision and Encouragement' for all believing people. The great prophet Isaiah wrote (Is 9:1) "Light shined on those who dwelt in darkness". The Evangelist Luke (2:9) Proclaimed the Holy Birth of Christ: "The Glory of the Lord shone around them". The angels said to the Shepherds, "Do not be afraid, for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people: "To you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour, Who is Christ, the Lord". In the letter to Titus Paul wrote: "The Grace of God appeared bringing salvation to all". Christ's light shines on our world today as our Church lights are announcing clourfully the Glorious Birth of Christ this night.

What is Grace? Grace is Divine Love. The love that changes our lives, renews our history, liberates our world from war, violence & evils. It also fills our hearts with Peace, Joy and Prosperity giving us Joy. Tonight, the love of God has been revealed to us - It is Jesus, the **Most High**, who made himself tiny / little, so that we might love Him. His love is so great and amazing. God became small for our sake, like a little baby. St. Athanasius reminds us: "God became a human in order that humans may become Gods". Christmas reminds us of God's wonderful love for the World. (Jn 3:16) "God loved the world so much, that He sent His only Son into the world as a Savior'.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Dec 26	8:30am	Int. Mairead Sikkes
Tue	Dec 27	8:30am	Int. Marion Schneider
Wed	Dec 28	8:30am	+ Natalia & Ivan Mlikotic
Thu	Dec 29	8:30am	+ Ken, Mickey & Kody Nicholls
Fri	Dec 30	8:30am	+ Adrian Van de Mosselaer
Sat	Dec 31	5:00pm	+ Peter & + Joe Mlikotic
Sun	Jan 1	8:30am	Int. Murdo MacKinnon
		10:30	PSCG

Next Week's Readings

1	Number —	6:22-27
2	Galatians —	4:4-7
Gospel	Luke —	2:16-24

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Grace is the beauty of God and in this little child we behold the beautiful love of God. We have become God's beloved people. Deep within us, there is an indelible beauty, which is the core of our being. Today God reminds us of this beauty. Jesus lovingly takes upon himself this humanity of ours and makes it his own. In fact, we share the Angel's proclamation of this great joy to the shepherds: "Today in the City of David, a Savior has been Born. He is Christ the Lord!". (Lk2:11-12)

We share a lot of the shepherds with our weaknesses and failures. As he called the shepherds, he calls us too, for he loves us. In the dark night of our life, he gives us hope, encouraging "Be not afraid" (Lk 2:10) Take courage and do not Lose Heart, Hope, Courage and do not think that love is a waste of time! Today love conquered fear giving New Meaning to Hope. In Jesus our hope emerges. In Jesus, God's bright and beautiful light overcomes all ignorance and darkness. Therefore, we should be filled with joy to Celebrate the Holy Birth of Christ, with a heart full of love and gratitude. Let us exult in Joy and jubilation with our New Born Savior, His Holy Mother, St. Joseph and all the Heavenly Hosts!

May the Christmas Joy fill your hearts and your families!

Affectionately in the Baby Jesus!

Gabriel



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)			9,076		
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	3,666	5,085	5,804		
E-transfers received					
Monthly total to date					

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * St. Charles Garnier Parish is delighted to wish you "Merry Merry Christmas!"
May the Birth of Christ bless you with good health and cheer you up with Peace & Prosperity!
- * Please be aware of the Icy Conditions and exercise caution while walking or driving.
The Flu Season is catching up due to the Cold Weather. If you are having symptom of Covid, kindly avail Live-Stream Services for our Church Services. Let us be charitable and be pro-active to control the spread of the virus.
- * Our New year 2023 Services are posted in the Bulletin. 31st December 2022 Saturday, we will have the 5:00 PM Service as the Mass of Thanksgiving. New Year 2023 is Inaugurated on 1st January 2023 with our 8:30 & 10:30 AM Services. All are cordially invited!
- * Since there's a Parcel Delay in receiving our Church Envelopes, We request you to be patient for a week or two to get the New envelopes. In case you wish to get your (New) Envelope Number, please stop by the Parish Office and enquire with Carmen, our Parish Secretary.

St. Charles Garnier Parish



From Fr. Gabriel, Ronald and Carmen

We wish a Merry Christmas.

God Bless you all.

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

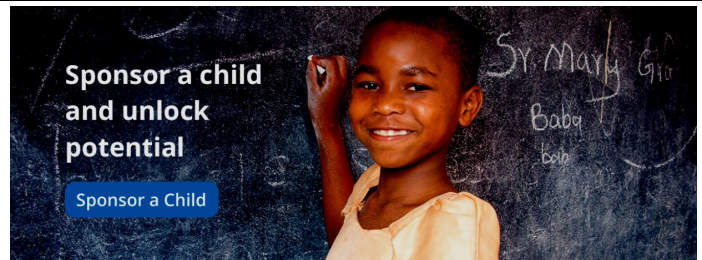


News and Announcements from Diocese of Nelson please click [here](#).



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.SC GK@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.



ICC



Men's Morning Study Series

Join us for the popular 14-part series 'The Wild Goose'

Who: Men of the Kelowna Parishes

When: Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:20 am starting January 4 (doors open at 6:20 so that we can start at 6:30 am sharp!) Sign up deadline is Sunday January 8th, 2023.

Where: ICC Parish Center Bedford Room (use Sutherland Ave Entrance)

Cost: Materials and program provided by Immaculate Conception, so all we ask is to put in \$25.00 (or what you can afford) in the kitty for some simple breakfast items

Information and Registration:

Go to www.icckelowna.ca

and click on the Parish Groups tab or email

FORMED



Christmas as “Christ’s Mass”: The Manger and the Eucharist by Dr. Michael Barber.

Dr. Michael Barber explains the extraordinary connection between Christmas and the Eucharist, coining the great solemnity as “Christ’s Mass.”



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Please contact Nicole Horsman at:
nicolehorsman@telus.net

if you have any further questions about
Formed.org

SSVP



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 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
Monday to Friday December 26-30	8:30 am	Mass Office will be closed



ADVENT-CHURCH





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

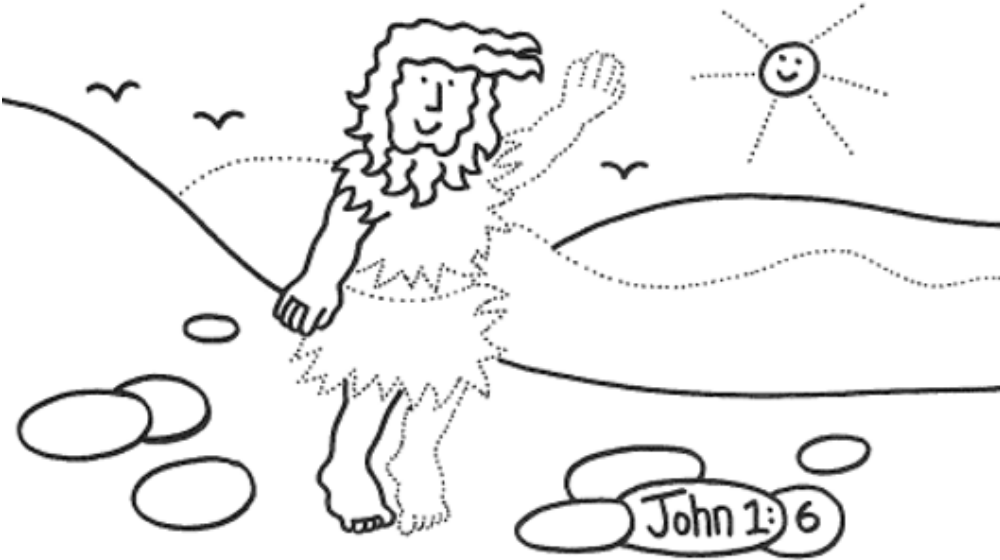


Christmas Day (A)

John 1:1-18

The Light of the World!

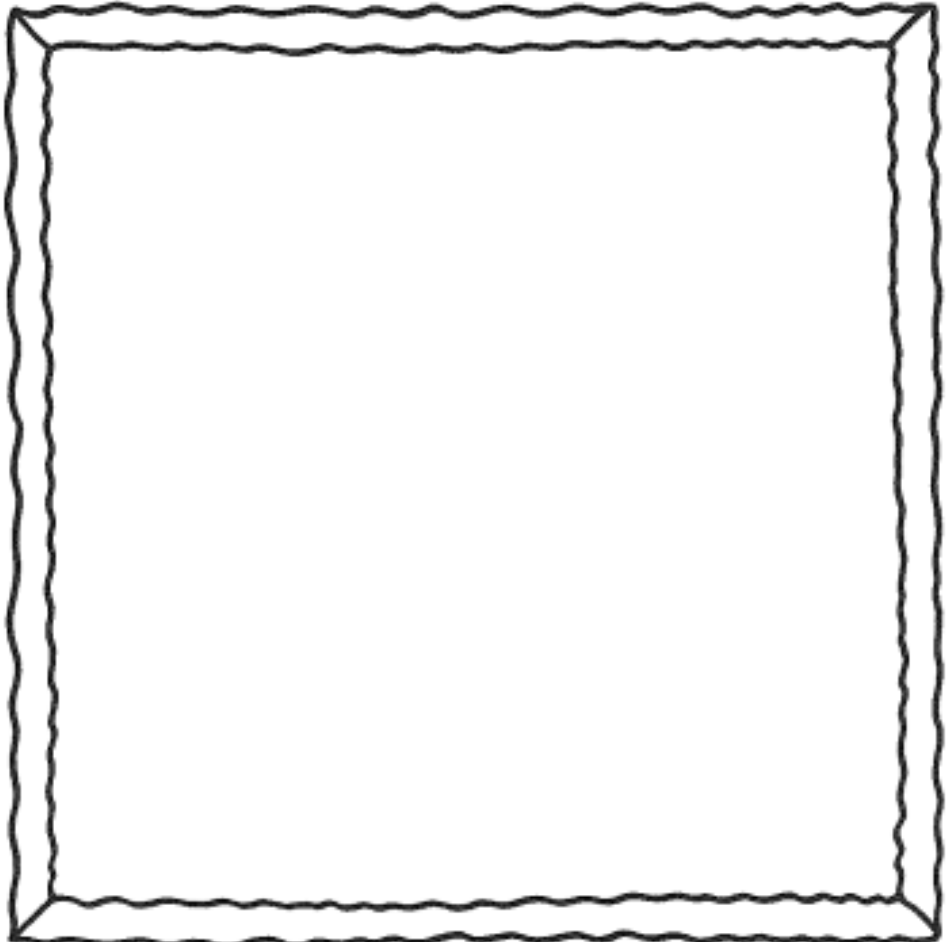
God sent John the Baptist to tell everyone about the Light of the World



Finish the picture

Happy Christmas everyone!

Draw a picture of you and your family celebrating Christmas Day



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
 Safe Environment Coordinator Jeremy Orr - jeremy@digitcontracting.ca
 Ushers Gino Servedio 250-764-3182
 Pilgrimage of Faith Rhonda Sali - rhondasali@gmail.com
 Development and Peace Karen Krout—karenikrout@gmail.com
 Hospital Visitation Ethel Robidoux 250-860-2101
 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
FREEDOM'S DOOR . info@freedomdoorkelowna.com 250-717-0472
GRIEF TO GRACE www.GriefftoGrace.org 250-870-8517
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.