



St. Charles Garnier Parish

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent.

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven
has come near.

Matthew 3



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"How can we get to know Jesus better?" seems to be a thought-provoking question, which is being explored from the background of the Scriptures this week. "Welcome everyone just as Christ welcomed" (Rm 15:4-9) Love should motivate us to build up others and the community. through 'Unity'. (Phil 1:11, 2:11) Unity was the main motive for Christ's Redemptive activity. Paul in Ephesians 2 :14 wrote: "For he is the Peace between us, and had made the two (Jews & Greeks) into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law". Jesus became a Servant for all including Jews & Greeks. Jesus invites us to become servants for all despite our ethnic backgrounds. No chaos or trouble, but everyone should be able to live together without hostility, enmity & fear. This seems to be utopian, but really is possible and achievable, if we try with principled efforts. Avoid and give up jealousy and hatred. Begin to treat everyone with equity for the love of Christ.

Paul suggests 'Love' to be the mark of the Christians. Do everything with the 'Love of God in Christ'. Love should be the dominant Character of our lives. Mother Theresa oftentimes stated 'put extra love' when the situation is unfavorable. The gospel is a call 'to bear fruit', that is bearing good fruit for making a difference in Christ. Let us walk extra miles with those who harbour negative feelings about us, in order to bring them back to Christ's life. Pope Francis suggests that we should 1. Listen 2. Accommodate 3. Give a warm welcome/hug/embrace/ handshake and 4. Inviting them for a coffee or Lunch, can have a greater impact than our logical presentation of the

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Dec 5	8:30am	Int. Kathy Ferguson
Tue	Dec 6	8:30am	✠ William Green
Wed	Dec 7	8:30am	✠ Leo & Bob Slavik
Thu	Dec 8	8:30am	✠ Jean Hepp & Robert Busch
Fri	Dec 9	8:30am	✠ Tess & Bob Slavik
Sat	Dec 10	5:00pm	✠ Joe Mlikotic Int. Talia Gamache
Sun	Dec 11	8:30am	Int. Mark Cobham
		10:30	Int. Edith Payton PSCG

Next Week's Readings

1	<i>Isaiah</i> —	35:1-6a, 10
2	<i>James</i> —	5:7-10
Gospel	<i>Matthew</i> —	11:2-11

situation or explanation as to what went good or bad. The whole point is to express 'our love in action'. No empty talk or catching the wind. Let our actions speak louder than words.

Christian faithful are encouraged and invited to express their faith in action during this holy Season of Advent. The gift of the Spirit should empower us to become effective witnesses to the saving acts of God in human history. During these days, we are called to be goodwill ambassadors and emissaries of God with this mission. By our lively faith, we make Christ available to our friends, neighbours and those with whom we work or interact everyday bearing fruit in a special way. Let's be moved by the fire of the Holy Spirit to express our faith like Mother Mary, who gave expression to Christ in her womb. The birth of the Messiah, Emmanuel, 'God with us', is coming, to Restore and to Make Everything New, giving us Peace, Prosperity & Justice. Therefore, we are encouraged to look forward to His Charismatic Gifts through our timely preparations and the purifying waters of Reconciliation & Good Work.



Affectionately in Jesus,
Fr. Gabriel

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Our Parish Music Advent Festival is on Wednesday, December 14th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. After the festival coffee and sweets will be available for all participants, everyone is invited!
2. Our Advent Reconciliation Service is on Tuesday, December 13th 2022 at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to participate. Several Priests will be assisting with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
3. Monday, December 12th, we will celebrate the feast of Guadalupe. "Apparition of Mother Mary to Juan Diego". Let us pray for our First Nation Brothers and Sisters.

DECEMBER
6
6:30 - 8:30pm

Immaculata
Fine Arts
PRESENTS
Christmas
WITH THE ARTS

Performances and Art by

Grade 8, 9, & 10 Band
Grade 8 & 9 Drama
Grade 8 & 9 Visual Arts
Grade 11 & 12 Studio Arts

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 ADMISSION BY DONATION
SILENT AUCTION OF ARTWORK
WINE / APPETIZERS 50/50
BAKE SALE

Feed a Family... Feel the Joy!

5th Annual Kelowna Christmas Turkey Drive

December 9th
6:30am - 10:00 am

In Support Of
Central Okanagan Food Bank

Proudly Hosted by
IMMACULATA
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EST 1960

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.

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.

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.



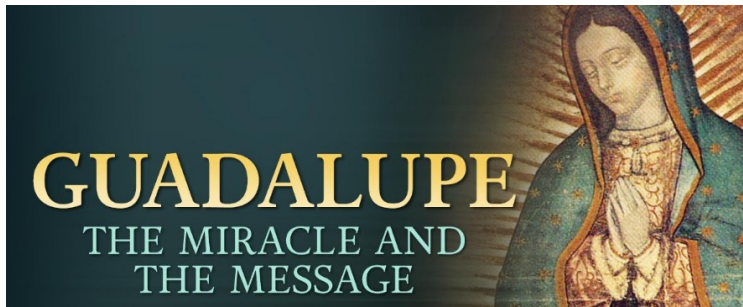
SCG—Guide to Giving		2022			
November	6	13	20	27	Total
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	6,680	6,680	6,680	6,680	33,400
Monthly automatic bank donations received (SAG)			9,075		
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	8,097	3,702	3,716	4,443	
E-transfers received				1,325	
Monthly total to date	8,097	11,799	24,590	33,478	104%

FROM SISTER NANCY

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

FORMED



Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, and encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people.

Enjoy a free subscription:

stcharlesgarnier.formed.org

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

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



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 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

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

PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, December 4	8:30 am 10:30 am	Children's Liturgy
Monday, December 5	1:00 pm—4:00 pm	Card Social
Tuesday, December 6	9:30 am 1:00 pm	CWL—Exec. Meeting Liturgy Meeting
Wednesday, December 7	9:15 am 6:30 pm	SSVP—(Reschedule) Music Advent Rehearsal
Thursday, December 8	10:00 am	Bible Study
Friday, December 9	6:30—8:00 pm	Girls Youth Group

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



Decorating for Advent



First Week of Advent: Sr. Phyllis

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

There has been a lot going on in the world lately. Development and Peace continues its work in Ukraine and other parts of the world while continuing with their initiative People and Planet First Part 2. They're concentrating now on getting new members. Membership is just \$10 for life, and free for anyone under 35. If you haven't yet signed the petition asking the government to create stronger laws for our mining companies in other countries, especially in the global south. 75 percent of mining companies abroad are Canadian and that is because we don't have strong laws protecting the environment elsewhere. We are better than that. We are responsible for stewardship of our earth and our animal brothers and sisters. Good news is that Indigenous people have been leading the way for combatting climate change at the international COP 27 in Egypt. See below for the article from Kelowna Now.

<https://www.devp.org/en/blog/people-and-planet-first-part-2/>
https://www.kelownanow.com/news/news/National_News/Indigenous_leaders_from_BC_take_international_stage_for_a_climate_policy_pitch/

61st ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL
 Click here KofCdraw.net/C9845

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PRIZES

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3rd Prize \$10,000 **5th to 14th** \$ 1,000 each! --> Early Bird Draws

Limited Tickets!
BUY TODAY KofCdraw.net/C9845
Total Prizes \$100,000

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 Know your limit. Play within it.
 Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery/claiming of prizes.

Second Sunday of Advent (A)

Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist

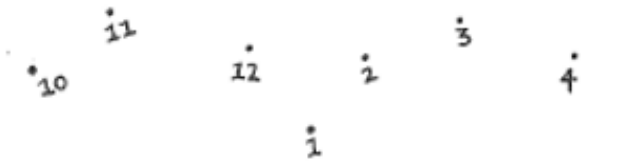


John called the people to say sorry and to ask for God's forgiveness

Find these letters hidden in the picture S-O-R-R-Y

John showed everyone how to change for the better!

Join the numbered dots to see what needed to change



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Pastor—Fr. Gabriel
Chair—Bernie Schneider
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
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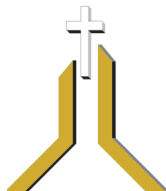
CONTACT NUMBERS

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.GriefToGrace.org 250-870-8517
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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
reachoutkanagan@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?	
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> R.C.I.A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Altar Servers
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.