



St. Charles Garnier Parish

January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord.

We have come from the East to pay
homage to the king.

Matthew 2



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week's Scripture honors the 'Star of Bethlehem' (Numbers 24:17) "A Star from Jacob takes Leadership & a Sceptre arises from Israel". Mathew 2:1-12 Reports that the Magi from the East, arriving at Jerusalem asked King Herod, " Where is the infant king of the Jews? We saw 'his star, as it rose' and have come to do him homage".

People of that time believed that each one born in the World had a Star / represented by a Star, that might appear at their birth. Mathew here refers to the astrological knowledge of the Magi (probably these men are from Mesopotamia, the home of astrology) 'His Star' is the Star of Bethlehem, which is an allusion to King David. The Magi sought the King in their search and they consulted Herod, the King of Israel. The King was curious to know the Truth about this Infant and so he called the Experts of Judaism to carefully find out about it.

The experts of Judaism came to the conclusion according to the Book of the Prophet Micah 5:1-3 "Bethlehem of Judea" the birthplace of King David (2 Samuel 5:2), which became the place of Origin of the King Messiah of the Future. The Star led them to the manger and they saw the Child with His Parents and Presented the Child with 'Gold (Royalty) Frankincense (Divinity) Myrrh (Humanity) These gifts reveal the theme of Royal Messiahship of Jesus along with their Adoration of the Baby Jesus)

The Magi were known as Astrologers, Kings, Foreigners, Gentiles, Pagan Priests, Visionaries and Witness to the Manifestation of God. Undoubtedly, we could conclude that these were brave people who explored the unknown, through their unplanned journey.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Jan 9	8:30am	Int. Lucienne Lehmann
Tue	Jan 10	8:30am	Int. Marlene Hughes
Wed	Jan 11	8:30am	Int. Marie Anne Cardina.
Thu	Jan 12	8:30am	Int. Marlene Hughes
Fri	Jan 13	8:30am	Int. Vivian Arielle Johnson
Sat	Jan 14	5:00pm	Int. Jason Eithan Hiroshi & Ono O'conner
Sun	Jan 15	8:30am	+ Louis Spritka
		10:30	Int. Connie Cournane PSCG

Next Week's Readings

1	Isaiah —	49:3, 5-6
2	1 Corinthians —	1:1-3
Gospel	John —	1:29-34

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They never had a map for direction or a GPS to guide their way. But they had the curiosity to explore what was happening in the World. They just observed the Sky and saw an unusual Star and perceived as if something of importance was happening and they pursued their quest. Probably they would have had a hazardous journey with animals as their transportation, as there were no Aeroplane or Helicopter at that time. But they had an unquenchable enthusiasm and optimism for adventure. These men were from the East as per the gospel of Mathew. Biblical experts attest to the traditional belief that they sprang from 1. Persia (Melchior) 2. India (Caspar) & 3. Arabia (Balthazar).


Today we reflect the theme that 'God reveals himself to those who have a sincere heart'. These men had a sincere heart to seek and find the presence of God. They were guided by the Star, to behold the face of the Child Jesus at Bethlehem. If we have the same attitude and search for the presence of God with a sincere heart, we too will be able to behold the face of God. St. Paul in the letter to the Ephesians affirms that God's Kingdom is Universal and God Welcomes everyone into his company if we express a sincere desire to belong to him. Epiphany invites us to feel the presence of God in our lives and share that experience with others to help bring them to God's presence. Let us open our heart's doors to others like Mother Mary, who opened her heart, mind and being to God.

All the best.

Affectionately in Christ!

Gabriel

Catholic Moms Connect is back!
 Wednesday mornings @ 9:30 to 11:00 am
 St. Charles Garnier Hall
 Childcare provided!
 Contact Abbey Ackerman for more information:
 250-899-4384
 or aerackerman@gmail.com



St. Charles Garnier Women's Ministry

REFRESH

*I will refresh the weary & satisfy the faint
 Jeremiah 31:25*

**Making the ordinary
 Extraordinary**

**January 16th
 7 - 9 PM**

All women are invited to join us on the first day of ordinary time for prayer, music, and discussion in the church followed by socializing in the hall.

Please bring a snack to share.

KELOWNA CATHOLIC PARISHES YOUTH GROUPS NEWS



Senior Youth (Gr. 8-12)

Join us for season 3 of The Chosen! Sundays Jan. 8 to Mar. 12 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the ICC Parish Center.

Junior Youth (Gr. 6-7) and Senior Youth (Gr. 8-12)

Events Skating Party

Mark your calendar for the 13th annual event! Sun, Jan. 22 from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. Skate & Helmet Rentals Available. Drop off / Pick Up at ICC Parish Center. Westside Warriors Faith Night Hockey Game. We will be joining other youth groups from around the Kelowna for this fun event! Bring \$5.00 and your loudest cheer! Drop off at 6:15 pm at ICC Parish Center. Pick up 10:00 pm.

For more information or to sign up for any of these events, please contact Laura S at smith.landri@gmail.com or Nicole H at horsmanfamily@telus.net

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

ABORTION HEALING RETREAT: Many women, men, couples & relatives who have had an abortion experience, suffer emotional & spiritual pain, afraid to reveal their deep secret. We invite you to come on a Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat where you will receive God's mercy, compassion & grace replacing shame, guilt, anger, & grief. Registering now.

Confidentiality assured. 250-762-2273
www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com
info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

SSVP



To the parishioners of St Charles Garnier, we extend our most heartfelt thank you for your generosity towards the Christmas Hamper campaign. You are a BLESSING to 75 households with 115 adults and 53 children. Many enjoyed the luncheon

December 17 and picked up their gift card hampers and gifts. We did deliver a few to households unable to attend. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus who provided new winter coats for many of the children and to Crowe Mackay who provided gifts for the children. The past year has been difficult for many people that we serve, and your support lifted many spirits.

Thank you again.

CWL



Our president Diane Cey would like to advise that our scheduled January 10th general meeting will be postponed until the following Tuesday January 17th.

On Tuesday January 10th, we the CWL will be doing a large funeral reception for Lucinda Costa. The funeral will be for 150 people; therefore, much help will be needed. If you are able to help, please call Betty Ann @ 250-862-9563

FREEDOM'S DOOR

Thank you to the wonderful people of St. Charles Garnier Parish. Freedom's Door has been very blessed by the generosity of the members of this church for many years. Your Christmas gifts brought a true sense of love and joy to the 74 men who received your gifts. Our residents have felt uplifted and healed by the expressions of love that you have offered. Thank you!



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, January 8	8:30 am 10:30 am	Children's Liturgy
Monday, January 9	1:00 pm—4:00 pm	Card Social
Tuesday, January 10	10:30 am	Funeral: Lucinda Rodrigues Costa
Wednesday, January 11	9:15 am 9:30 am 4:00 pm	SSVP Catholic Moms Connect Catechism—1st Communion
Thursday, January 12	10:00 am 7:30 pm	Bible Study K of C Executive Meeting

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Pastor—Fr. Gabriel
Chair—
Liturgy—JoAnn Young
Financial—Kevin Schmidt
Maintenance—Don Korby
SSVP—Arnie Schneider
K of C— Paul King
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
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CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE 250-491-1088
DIOCESE OF NELSON—Catholic Pastoral Centre 250-448-2725
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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
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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.