



St. Charles Garnier Parish

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord.

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

Matthew 2



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Jan 3	8:30am	✚ Alice Peters
Tue	Jan 4	8:30am	✚ Sharon Warner
Wed	Jan 5	8:30am	Int. Michele Green
Thu	Jan 6	8:30am	✚ Dorothy Andrews Campbell
Fri	Jan 7	8:30am	Int. Michele Green
Sat	Jan 8	5:00pm	✚ John McBride
Sun	Jan 9	8:30am	✚ Cila Martincevic
		10:30am	Int. Jack & Marilyn Horsman

Next Week's Readings

1	<i>Isaiah</i> —	40:1-5, 9-11
2	<i>Titus</i> —	2:11-14, 3:4-7
Gospel	<i>Luke</i> —	3:15-16, 21-22

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters & Brothers in the Lord Jesus!

"What do we mean by Epiphany?". Epiphany is the Revelation/Manifestation/Theophany of Jesus. It's God's initiative to reveal His Son Jesus to the Human World, so that we could understand & adore Him. Epiphany was officially celebrated from 361 AD to reveal the identity of Jesus as 'True God, Messiah & Savior'. In reality the early Christians did not celebrate either the birth of Christ or the Epiphany of the Lord annually. But they celebrated the Lord's Day, which is the First Day of the Week as per the records of Acts 20:7 "On the first day of the week, we met to break bread" & 1 Cor 16:2. Every Sunday they celebrated the Lord's Day as their weekly celebration and worshiped the Lord remembering his saving acts/Resurrection.

Eusebius, a Church historian who lived in the 2nd Century AD and Tertullian who lived in the 3rd Century AD have noted the celebration of Lord's Day in their writings. They originally called this Celebration 'Pascha' which means the 'death and resurrection of Christ'. Later on, Christ's Birth, Baptism and his miracles were celebrated on a grand scale. But Epiphany had the primacy of all feasts because, on this day, God was pleased to 'Reveal the Identity of His Son' (Lk 3:22) "God called Christ His well-beloved Son" and said, "My favor rests on you".

James Joyce, a Novelist, in her 'Stephen Hero' described Epiphany as: "Sudden Awakening" explaining it as an insight which forces/impels people to search. An Eastern writer wrote, "Arise, Awake and Stop not till the Goal is Reached". The Magi had this Spiritual Awakening and Insight when they observed the star

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and began to search. In our modern world we have 'satellite maps & GBS Devices' to guide our search and help reach the destination precisely without any difficulty. But in ancient times people depended on some natural phenomena and employed their insightful observation.

The Magi were Scholars and Practitioners of Astrology and belonged to the Religious hierarchy of the ancient Persia and Media, now known as modern Iran. They were foreigners, Pagan Priests, Visionaries who became witnesses to the Manifestation of Christ. The book of Numbers 24:17 calls them "Wise men" who were traditionally identified as Kings of the East, who visited the Christ Child at his birth. They were Gaspar, Melchoir and Balthazar. Since they were Kings, they brought fitting presents to the Newborn King Jesus, 'Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh'. Undoubtedly, they were brave men who explored the unknown by their unplanned journey. But they had the unquenchable enthusiasm and optimism to explore and seek out.

Their adventure was helped out by the Star. Mt 2:1-2 reflects 'the Star of Bethlehem' which is known as the Christmas Star, which revealed the Birth of Christ to the Magi. This Star is Christ himself, who is the Light of the World. He guides and leads those who seek him with a sincere heart. May Christ lead and guide us in our spiritual journey towards him during this New Year 2022.

Affectionately in the Lord!

Gabriel

TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS

THANK YOU!

May the Good Lord Jesus Bless you for your Generous Sharing of Time, Talents and Resources for the Wellbeing of our Parish Church.

Thank you also for your timely Wishes, Dinners & Presents during this Festive Season extended to me, to Carmen and Romuald. May God continue to Bless us to grow as a Family of Believers in His Love & Service.

Fr. Gabriel



CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES



SCG—Guide to Giving		2021			
December	5	12	19	26	
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	41,500	41,500	41,500	41,500	
Collection/Sag/e-transfers received this month to date. (*)	7,541	16,966	30,703	35,520	
Average collection to date	7,541	8,483	10,234	8,880	
Sunday Collection only (*included)	5,069	6,953	10,234	4,817	

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 & 10:30am

Livestream click [here](#)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS—DIOCESE OF NELSON



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

Videos, scripts, prayers for the 4th week of advent are available on the CCCB website, this week theme: "reconciliation"

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

GIRLS YOUTH GROUP

A new initiative to encourage faith and friendship among young women.

Who: Girls in grade 6-8.

When: Sundays (once a month) from 5-8pm
January 16, February 13th, March, 13th... (further dates to be announced)

Where: St. Charles Garnier

What: A free evening of fun filled with food, games, music, crafts and faith-building activities.

Dinner will be served. We will be working with the Blaze Belong "Walking with Purpose"

Catholic program for the faith component of the evening.

How: Please RSVP to Laura Smith

smith.landr@gmail.com or

Nicole Horsman

horsmanfamily@telus.net

Girls need to register, so we can ensure we have enough food and supplies.



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CCO RISE-UP CONFERENCE



January 6 – 8, 2022 Rise Up is a conference for young adults hosted by Catholic Christian Outreach, a Canadian university student movement. But Rise Up is more than a conference; it exists to motivate and inspire leaders for the renewal of the world. Registration is available through www.cco.ca/rise-up with early registration pricing until Nov. 30, 2021 (online and in-person options available).



RETREAT—AURORA LIVING

Online or in person Retreat **Wilderness -from slavery to freedom** - Aurora Living: Formation Through Word & Creation Program From Star of the North Retreat Centre, St. Albert, Edmonton.

“We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental.”
Pope Francis, Laudato Si’ N° 139

Star of the North Retreat Centre for Further information please click [here](#).

Mike Wilson Contact details – email:
mwilson@cisnd.ca tel: 250-859-6718



RACHELS VINEYARD



“Abortion doesn’t “un father” you. It just makes you the father of a deceased child.”

- RP

Is realizing you truly are a father of that child, something that is incredibly painful to accept? Painful, yet true. Why not consider naming and acknowledging your child? Come on a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat, and get to know the others who have walked in similar steps and who understand what that feels like inside.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com
www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

 Rachel’s Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273



You are invited for

New Year Celebration

St. Charles Garnier Parish

3645 Benvoulin Road, V1W 4M7 Kelowna, BC

New Year’s Masses:

31st December 2021 (Friday)

5:00 PM

1st January 2022 (Saturday)

10:30 AM

1st January 2022 (Saturday—Sunday Mass)

5:00 PM



CHRISTMAS CARD—RHEALYN ASIS GIRAY



Dear: Lord,

I pray to you for the safety of my sponsor. Guide them to the right side. Always protect them from all bad things that may happen. And also protect them from all illness especially from the Corona virus. Amen.

To: St. Charles Garnier,

I wish you together with your family have a healthy, happiness, peace and safety this holiday season and in the coming New Year.

May the spirit of Christmas fill your heart all year long.

Love,
Rhealyn Giray

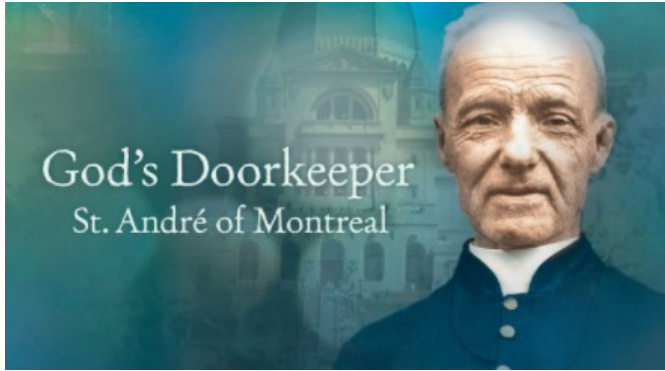
INDIGENOUS CONNECTION

A Reading from The Indigenous Version of the New Testament—John 1:21-5, 10-14

Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same. Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create.

Creator's life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light that comes to all peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out. He came into the world and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. But all who welcome and trust him receive their birthright as children of the Great Spirit. They are born in a new way, not from a human father's plans or desires, but born from above—by the Great Spirit.

Creator's Word became a flesh-and-blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honorable he was, the kind of honor held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father—full of his great kindness and truth.



On January 6, 1937, the death of a humble doorkeeper for a boys' college drew over a million people to Montreal for his funeral. For forty years, Brother André Bessette of the Congregation of Holy Cross welcomed people at the door and became known as a miraculous healer. God's Doorkeeper looks at the heart and legacy of Brother André—as a man of prayer, of hospitality, and of compassion, a man who draws people in to experience a God who is love. Brother André also had a tremendous devotion to St. Joseph that he shared with all who came in contact with him. On October 17, 2010, Brother André became the first Canadian-born male saint and the first saint for the Congregation of Holy Cross. He is living proof that "it is with the smallest brushes that the divine artist paints the most beautiful pictures."

The film features interviews from Montreal, Rome, and the United States—with people who knew him and others who continue Brother André's work today. It also includes footage of the beatification and canonization ceremonies in Rome and the celebrations in Canada, with footage of the unforgettable events of Brother André's road to sainthood.

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nicolehorsman@telus.net

if you have any further questions about

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If the death of a loved one has left you searching for God in your grief, we are here to help.

Grieving with Great Hope is a Christ-centered grief support group with an approach rooted in the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church. It uses prayer, scripture, reflection activities, faith sharing and fellowship to help you find Christ's consolation in your grieving.

Our 2022 Winter Session will run for 10 weeks, each Wednesday, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm from January 26th to March 30th, 2022. Sessions will be held in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall.

If *Grieving with Great Hope* is for you or if you wish to learn more or to register, call ICC parish office (250.762.3910) or email Deacon Rod Attwell: rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org

****Registration is required to ensure that a participant booklet and seat is available for you.**

Note: There are no fees for the sessions, participant booklet or journal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Faith Formation Classes are on via Zoom by Yvonne Valiant. Please participate and get ready for the Sacramental Celebrations after Easter. Our Parish is also sponsoring a Youth Group for Girls/Young women to socialize and to have fellowship Once a month in our Church Hall. Interested persons are advised to speak to Angela Beetlestone & Nicole Horseman for further information.

Every Thursday between 9.45 & 11.00 AM, Our Parish is having a listening session. Interested parishioners are cordially invited to join and benefit out of these sessions. Variety of topics are discussed and it's worth attending for having a refresher of our Church affairs under the present challenges.

Kindly pick up your Envelopes for 2022 from the Foyer, if your envelope is not there, please contact Carmen.

Mary the Mother of God: January 1st, 2022
&
Feast of the Epiphany: January 2 or 6, 2022

Mary the Mother of God January 1

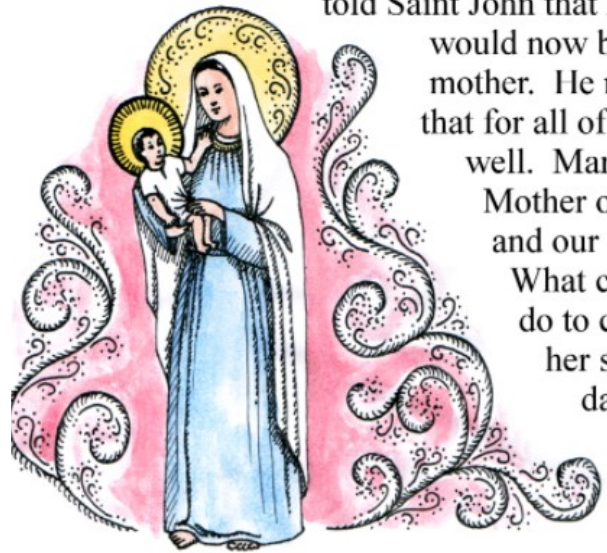
On the first day of the year we celebrate the feast day of Mary, the Mother of God.

If you didn't have a mother and God let you design your own mother, what would she be like? Well, God did get to make His own Mother! Can you even imagine how perfect she was?

When Jesus was dying on the Cross, he told Saint John that Mary would now be his mother. He meant that for all of us as well. Mary is the Mother of God and our Mother! What can you do to celebrate her special day?



The feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord is a special part of the Christmas season! What are we celebrating on this feast?



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Pastor—Fr. Gabriel
Chair—Bernie Schneider
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Maintenance—Marie Cameron
SSVP—Arnie Schneider
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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*).
 St. Peregrine is recognized as the Patron Saint of Cancer Patients and Other illnesses. St. Peregrine's Feast Day is celebrated on May 4. If you have friends/family members with cancer or other illnesses we will add them to our list and pray for them & their family daily. We meet once a month and pray together.
 All are welcome to join us. Also, once a month we offer Mass Intentions for the St. Peregrine prayer list.
 Contact: Christine Reeves, OFS. 250-575-2043 E-mail: breevesac@shaw.ca

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER - "*The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity*" will be returning to St. Charles when we re-open.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 250-860-2536
 Meet second and fourth Wednesdays at 9:00 am

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
 Altar Servers Rod Attwell 250-212-3990
 Children's Liturgy Allison Knitting 778-477-3790
 Eucharistic Ministers Dave Crane 250-861-4085
 Hospital Visitation & Eucharist Ethel Robidoux 250-860-2101
 Catholic Moms Connect Group Lindsay Rowe 778-478-1133
 Music JoAnn Young 250-317-8965
 Readers Sr. Nancy 250-808-9805
 Sacristans Brenda Korby 250-859-0840
 Safe Environment Coordinator Jeremy Orr - jeremy@digitcontracting.ca
 Ushers George Jarrouj - georgejarrouj@gmail.com
 Pilgrimage of Faith Rhonda Sali
 Development and Peace Karen Krout - karenkrout@gmail.com
 Campus Ministry - (Kelowna Catholic Collective) email: ubco.focus@gmail.com

CONTACT NUMBERS

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FREEDOM'S DOOR freedomdoor@shaw.ca 250-717-0472
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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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

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

Name (s): _____ New Parishioner: Information Change:

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

CHILDREN	
Name (s)	D.O.B.— (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

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.**