



St. Charles Garnier Parish

January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord.

When Jesus had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him.

Luke 3



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Jan 10	8:30am	✚ Rosemary Slavik
Tue	Jan 11	8:30am	Int. Katherine Clutterham
Wed	Jan 12	8:30am	Int. Lisa Letendre
Thu	Jan 13	8:30am	Int. Gabriele Geismayr
Fri	Jan 14	8:30am	✚ Ed Evancio
Sat	Jan 15	5:00pm	Int. Shelby R.
Sun	Jan 16	8:30am	✚ August & Muriel Casorso
		10:30am	✚ Joan Spencer

Next Week's Readings

1	<i>Isaiah</i> —	62:1-5
2	<i>1 Corinthians</i> —	12:4-11
Gospel	<i>John</i> —	2:1-12

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers & Sisters in the Lord!

This week, We celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Lord Jesus in the river Jordan. Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. As we enter the 'Door of the Church, the House of God, through its entrance door, we enter into a Relationship with God, through the Door of Baptism. Baptism makes us children of God. We become sons and daughters of God to share his glory as heirs and coheirs with Christ. Baptism inaugurates our Christian Initiation.

In ancient days, all devout Jews submitted themselves for a Baptism Ceremony at the beginning of their Jewish Life. Their faith life was initiated in the Observance of the Law and Conduct all through their life and existence. Their submission to the rite of baptism warranted the 'Rite of Repentance and Confession of Sins'. John the Baptist was practicing and performing this baptism at River Jordan. (John was a Qumran Monk, who practiced austerity & penance) Jesus, being a Jew, submitted to John's Baptism at the River Jordan to begin and to attend the Synagogue to practice his Jewish life by reading and reflecting the Torah. He was initiated to follow the principles of the Law and its mandates.

Christian Baptism is called, "the washing of Regeneration and Renewal by the Holy Spirit", providing us an entrance to the Kingdom of God. Therefore, it is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift. It's a gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal and most precious gift to the believer.

Christian Baptism/ Initiation helps the believer to become 'the living stone of God's Temple' (1Pt 2:4-9) Through Baptism, we become the Temple of the Holy Spirit and recipients of God's Indwelling Presence (1 Cor 6:19-20) and we begin our New Life with Christ. Therefore we are a "New Creation" (2 Cor 5:& 17)

Paul in Galatians 2:20 wrote, " I live, not I, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in this body, I live by faith, faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself up for me". We are thus transformed by the Baptismal grace.

By Baptism, we are clothed with the garment of Salvation (We put on Christ and become part and parcel of his life). We become members of his Church and friends and families with our believing community through our indelible mark, giving us the ability to cry out "Abba Father" (Rm 8:15) This is a unique union which transcends our earthly life and takes us beyond the grave to our life with Christ in His Heavenly glory. May God bless us to cherish these pleasant moments in our Community Life! Affectionately in Jesus!

Gabriel

CWL ladies, will **NOT** be holding an in person meeting next week, January 11 as previously planned.

We will have a zoom meeting instead and all members are asked to participate if they can.

Please check your email for the invitation.



TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS

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

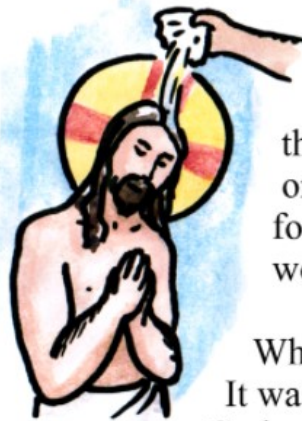
Thank you also for your timely Wishes, Dinners & Presents during this Festive Season extended to me, to Carmen and Romuald. May God continue to Bless us to grow as a Family of Believers in His Love & Service.

Fr. Gabriel



Thank you

Jesus Begins His Mission



Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. After living with his mother for thirty years and working as an ordinary carpenter, it was time for Jesus to start His special work.

What was Jesus' special work? It was showing people the way to God and taking away their sins.

When you were baptized God was getting you ready for a special job too. He was giving you grace so that you could grow closer to Him and bring other people closer to Him too.

How can you help bring others closer to God?



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
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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](#).

GIRLS' YOUTH GROUP –POSTPONED

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...

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.land@gmail.com) or Nicole Horsman (horsmanfamily@telus.net).

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

*** Due to recent Provincial Health Orders, we have decided to postpone the start date of the Girls' Youth Group. We are hopeful that we will be able to start February 13th. We will provide an update closer to that time. In the meantime, please register to express interest and to receive email updates.



CHALICE



DONATIONS

2022—Donation envelopes are ready to pick up at the church foyer.

If you are not able to find your envelope, please phone the office 250-860-6776.

Please do not use your 2021 envelopes.

2022—envelope number has change.

If you wish to donate by e-transfer please use the following email for direct deposit on St. Charles Garnier Bank Account:

etransfer.SCGK@nelsondiocese.org

For special donations please add a comment ex: Mary Mother of God

For pre-authorized debits (SAG) please contact the office.



Wind is used here as a Metaphor of the Holy Spirit.

Revelation 7:1 "Four Angels holding the Four Winds" (The Four Angels having power over Fire & Water (14:18 Fire) 16:5 Water) symbolizing the destructive forces of this world and heralding the last day. The Four Winds are the 'Messengers of God' ('Angels' Ps 104:3) Using clouds as Your Chariot, You (God) advance on the wings of the Wind. ((The Angel of the Lord = God himself)



The Hebrew word 'Ruah' serves to signify 'wind, breath and spirit'. According to the Hebrews, 'the wind' is 'the breath of God' (Ps 104: 28-30) " When You give breath, fresh life begins & when you stop the breath, they die". "Yahweh God fashioned humans from dust and he breathed on their nostrils a breath of life" (Ge 2:7) and they became living beings. Therefore, 'breath' is the sensible manifestation of the 'Divine Presence of Life (Power to live) God is Invisible (Jn4:24) "We worship God in Spirit and Truth". The Hebrew term 'Ruah' is therefore used to describe 'Breath=Life, Wind, Air in motion, Living power, Angelic Power & the Spirit of God.

The Greek people used 'pneuma' to signify 'spirituality/holiness'. 'Pneuma' also gives the following meanings such as 'wind, breath, spirit and the Spirit of God".

Therefore 'Ruah' (Hebrew) & 'Pneuma' (Greek) both refer to the Third Person of the Holy Trinity (The Holy Spirit).

1. God is Invisible. Living & Life Giving.—(Human & Spiritual) (Ps 104: 28-30)

2. God has unlimited Power and Presence. (He is in Control of everything Ps 33:13-18)

3. He lives in the Believer. (1 Cor 6:7,19-20) "Indwelling Spirit"

4. The spirit of God is Omnipresent, making his Divine Presence. known by the effects of his Actions (Gal 2:1-21 Jerusalem Council)

The unseen presence of the spirit leading & guiding the Church.

The Conclave/Election of the Pope.

The Synodal Processes.

The Spirit makes His Presence known by the effects of His Actions, such as:

The wind is present when the boat's sail is full.

The Kite flies upward soaring up to the stars.

When the windmill is turning, Much the same way, the believers typically confirm that the Holy spirit is full present among them when they express their faith in action. Living harmoniously with one another maintaining peace, unity and joy for the love of God and neighbor.

"The Wind blows wherever it pleases". (Jn 3:8) You hear its sound.

There are four winds:

Sea to the Mountain.

Mountain to Surface.

Water ways to the Land.

Dry land wind.

But you cannot tell where it comes from or where it goes" This is the way God operates:

He enters into those whom he has identified and empowers them to perform 'Stupendous Actions'. Jdgs 6:11-24 & Macc 6:8-31 Gideon & Eleazar.

He also enters into those who have been discouraged and have become like 'dry bones' Eze 37:7-10 giving them Hope & Encouragement to refresh & renew. 'The Lord causes the Four Winds to breathe life into the dry bones.

5. The Wind cannot be seen, but can be felt and experienced. The Wind can touch us, but we cannot touch it or gather it in a container.

We have no control over the Wind. The Holy Spirit is Unseen, but His Power can be felt and experienced. (Sacraments like Marriage & Ordination) Lk 1:51 God makes the poor, rich. The powerful, powerless overnight. He has pulled down the Princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry are well fed with good things and the rich He sent away empty". (Reversal of fortune)

6. Sometimes Wind can be Powerful. Mt 8: 23-27) 'A storm broke over, so violent that the waves were breaking right over the boat:

1. Storms can cause huge damage. Ps 18:5-6 "The wind is also a destructive force. It is the breath of the nostrils of Yahweh", qualifying His anger which dries up the springs (Hos 13:15).
2. Wind is a Gentle breeze to come to the aid of those who are challenged. Ex 14:21 & 15:6 tells us about the 'East Wind' "Yahweh drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night and made a dry land of the sea". 1Kgs 19:13 "Yahweh met the Prophet Elijah in the Gentle breeze and consoled him at Mt. Horeb. The Holy Spirit is Powerful with His Timely Action. "By the word of Yahweh, the Heavens were made. Their whole array by the breath of His mouth". (Ps 33:6)

Creative Actions of God

Ge 1:2 'The wind broods over the Waters of Chaos = the movement of the wind is the first sign of the Creative activity about to break forth.

Ps 33:6 Yahweh & his breath are Creative forces = the power by which Yahweh accomplishes an utterance, is the power felt in the wind = Wind is the carrier of God's message. Therefore, wind is a messenger. Is 30:27-28 Wind is an instrument of Yahweh's judgment.

Ge 2:7, Job 33:4 & Eccle 3: 19-21 **The breath of Yahweh is the principle of life** for all living beings. All creatures live and survive by the communication of His Spirits. Ps 104:29 Every living being dies when Yahweh takes away his breath/Spirit and it returns to Yahweh (Eccle 12:3)

The Spirit is the Mysterious Divine Impulse that moves a person to perform deeds above his/her known capacity, habits and behaviors.

1Sm 11:6-13 Saul was moved by the Spirit to deliver the city.

The Spirit is the Principle of Power. It makes someone a 'Charismatic Leader' = spontaneous. like Moses, Gideon and David (1Sm 10:10)

The Spirit indwelling makes the believer, 'the temple of the Holy Spirit'. (God pitching His tent in the humans) Holy Spirit taking permanent residence in the believer's heart and soul. Romans 10-9

The following expressions help to broaden our Spiritual outlook Jdgs 15:14 The Spirit rushed upon

1Chro 12:18 The Spirit clothed—Eze 11:5 The Spirit fell upon—1Sm 16:11 The Spirit departed (removing someone from the influence and guidance of the Spirit = due to wickedness/unrighteous actions.

Acts 2:2 **The Pentecost Spirit fell upon the believers** = the spirit began to indwell in them/ took hold of them.

Indwelling Creates a New Relationship a) New Life, New Initiatives b) We receive spiritual gifts to live and build up the body of Christ. c) It helps the believer to understand & discern to produce good fruits.

The Spirit remains with the believer until his/her death renewing, satisfying, comforting, consoling in our struggles & challenges and leads us to Eternal life. As the incense rises to the sky, our soul is lifted up to the Eternal throne of God to remain with him forever.

Blessings in the Lord!

Gabriel...

INDIGENOUS CONNECTION

What is The Indian Act anyway? Why is it controversial?

For a plain-language summary, check out this link: The Indian Act in plain language:

thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/indian-act-plain-language-summary

Within the one-page summary is a podcast you can click on called The Indian Act from The Secret Life of Canada. The podcast will cast light on why The Indian Act is controversial from both an indigenous and non-indigenous perspective.

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This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!

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“Be intentional with that pain you are feeling and realize there is no time limit as you deal with deep hurts. Some wounds when left to themselves will only get infected and get worse with time. It is good to acknowledge and make space for that grief in your life, instead of just ignoring it and pretending it is not there.”

- Debra Fileta, LPC

Have you allowed yourself to grieve your loss due to an abortion decision? Has the shame and regret been weighing you down? Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and find freedom and peace in acknowledging your pain and allowing the healing to begin.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Please adhere to the B.C Health Protocols while attending Church Services at St. Charles Garnier Parish.

Masks covering your nose and mouth are mandatory for all Faithful, above 12 years of age. Kindly remove the Mask for the Reception of Communion / Eucharist only. On receiving the Eucharist, consume it immediately and do not walk away with it to the pews. All are encouraged to receive the Eucharist in the Palm of their hands.

2. Entry into Our Parish Hall, either for a short meeting or gathering is Restricted for those who are Double Vaccinated only. Everyone entering the Parish Hall has to pass through the Vaccine Passport check with the Parish Secretary. (A file of your Vaccine Passport will be maintained in the Parish archives) Since safety is our high priority in our premise, we are unable to have any type of Fellowship until further clarifications from the B.C Health.

The Baptism of the Lord (C)

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Jesus is baptized

The people thought that John was the special person God had promised to send.

SOMEONE
VERY
SPECIAL
IS COMING

Trace the letters to find out what John told them



After John had baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, the Holy Spirit came down on Jesus.

Join the dots to find out how the Holy Spirit appeared



This is my
Beloved
Son



Trace the missing letters

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



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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
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MINISTRY COORDINATORS

- If you wish to become involved contact the Parish Office250-860-6776
- 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
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- Development and Peace Karen Krout—karenkrout@gmail.com
- Campus Ministry - (Kelowna Catholic Collective) email: ubco.focus@gmail.com

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- 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** freedomdoor@shaw.ca 250-717-0472
- GRIEF TO GRACE** www.GriefftoGrace.org 250-870-8517
- KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE** kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com 250-870-4103
- OZANAM HOUSE** hope@ozanamhouse.com 250-762-4673(HOPE)
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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.**