



St. Charles Garnier Parish

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent.

Your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We Wait in Hope!

We wait in HOPE for the Birth of the Messiah, the Liberator / Redeemer during these 28 days of Advent. The Israelite people despite their slavery in Egypt, waited eagerly, expecting the Birth of the Messiah for Four thousand years. Jeremiah the Prophet, whose ministry extended between 627-587 B.C (about forty years) spent his time in hope 'Expecting the Messiah' and used the beautiful expressions 'the righteous branch & the Lord is our righteousness'. (Jer 33:14-16) for an ideal descendant of King David.

This Messiah of God, Jeremiah believed would bring Security, Peace and Justice to God's people. Christians believe that Jeremiah's waiting and hoping, had been fulfilled in the Birth of Jesus. The promise of God, "The Lord our Justice" would be born, and hence, we need not be afraid, despite the frightening events and almost Universal moral degradation everywhere.

Psalm 25 expresses the Central idea of our 'patient, vigilant and prayerful waiting for the Lord'. "Make me know your ways, O Lord!" Teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth, for you are God, my Savior. Jesus through to-day's Scriptures encourages us to be 'optimistic, vigilant and be prepared and eagerly wait for His Holy Birth in our human world. We need to prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ. Kindly know and be aware of the fact that He is born & Reborn in our lives daily. But this Advent Season gives us some quality time to prepare ourselves with our heart and soul made pure, i.e., repenting & renewing our lives through prayer and penance, so that we may receive & share His blessings with others. The Church invites us to get ready for that great moment through reflection of the Scriptures.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Nov 29	8:30am	✚ Jackie Prendergast
Tue	Nov 30	8:30am	✚ William & Alice Slivinski
Wed	Dec 1	8:30am	✚ Alfred Geismayr
Thu	Dec 2	8:30am	✚ Danny Mardinger
Fri	Dec 3	8:30am	Int. Romuald and Family
Sat	Dec 4	5:00pm	Int. Emily Connie & Benita
Sun	Dec 5	8:30am	✚ Shiloh Guidi
		10:30am	✚ Arthur Huber

Next Week's Readings

1	<i>Baruch</i> —	5:1-9
2	<i>Philippians</i> —	1:3-6, 8-11
Gospel	<i>Luke</i> —	3:1-6

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Let us not miss the warning signals like the Titanic, the World's largest Ocean Vessel weighing 46,328 tons and considered unsinkable. But during the night of April 14 - 15, 1912 the Captain of this vessel was preoccupied with other trivial matters and just missed or ignored or disregarded the warning signs and signals of the danger of the weather and the voyage in the thick icy Ocean. He even dismissed the urgent warning signs and signals from other ships. Irritated by these calls, he said, 'Shut up. I am busy, you are jamming my signals'. Within a short time, the great Titanic struck the iceberg and sank into deep waters killing all the 1,513 people on board.

Like this Titanic ship, people oftentimes believe that their 'ship' is unsinkable because they have planned everything and the unthinkable can never happen. But my dear friends, we need to read the signs of the times and pay attention to the warning signs and signals. But if we are preoccupied with trivial things of life, we may miss the essentials and it will be too late to make it up or catch up. This first Sunday gives us the warning to be watchful and be prepared'. Jesus tells us to be vigilant at all times and beware that our hearts do not become drowsy. Hopefully we are all vigilant on the Roads, especially on the Highways. We watch the Road all the time, with our keen eyes and avert all possible distractions.

Much the same way, let us spend some time for our Spiritual life during this season. Let us be Watchful, Vigilant and Beware of the warning signs and signals that God sends through the Scriptures for our spiritual life. So that we can make changes through prayer and repentance, to eagerly receive the Spiritual & Material Blessings of the Redeemer, the Messiah, Christ the Lord at His Holy Birth!

All the best!

Affectionately in Christ!

Gabriel



You are invited for
Christmas Celebration
St. Charles Garnier Parish
3645 Benvoulin Road, V1W 4M7 Kelowna, BC

Christmas Eve:
24th December 2021 (Friday)
 4:00 PM Christmas Vigil Children's Mass—Livestream
 7:30 PM Christmas Vigil Night Mass

Christmas Day:
25th December 2021 (Saturday)
 10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass

No Saturday Evening Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. St. Charles Parish Reconciliation Service has changed to Monday December 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM (Service with adoration) Please inform all your friends and family.
2. Our Advent Festival will be on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 starting at 6:30 pm, after the Music & Singing we will have a fellowship in our Hall. Everyone is invited!
3. Thank you for all the parishioners who donated and supported the decoration of the church. Also, a big shout out to our Sacristans and helpers who did the wonderful decorations in our church.
4. **Christmas Mass** times are posted in our Parish Webpage, Parish Entrance Door and also published every week in Our Bulletin. Kindly inform all our Senior Parishioners and visitors who may inquire this info.

AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY YEAR



The CCCB Office for Family and Life has recently added a series of resource pages to the CCCB website to assist dioceses and eparchies in their efforts to promote the “Year of the Amoris Laetitia Family”.

As you will recall, on 19 March 2021, Pope Francis launched this initiative to mark the fifth anniversary of the apostolic exhortation Amoris Laetitia (On the Beauty and Joy of Love in the Family), which will close on 26 June 2022 with the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome on the theme “Family Love: A Vocation and a Path to Holiness”.

All of the resources on the CCCB webpage seek to help families to grow in faith and unity, offering ways for them to learn, pray, and discern together. This initiative of the Office is likewise a way to ensure the ongoing accompaniment and support of today’s families.

Here is the [link](#).

Should you require further information or wish to provide feedback, contact Mrs. Michelle Dabrowski, Director of the Office for Family and Life m.dabrowski@cccb.ca

SCG—Guide to Giving		2021			
November	7	14	21	28	
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	41,500	41,500	41,500	41,500	
Collection/Sag/e-transfers received this month to date. (*)	8,710	6,201			
Average collection to date	8,710	10,556			
Sunday Collection only (*included)	6,732	4,223			
Needs of the Church in Holy Land	40				
World Mission		125			

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](#).



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

Attached is the video reflection, along with the script, for the first week of Advent, now available on the CCCB website:

In English:

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

In French:

<https://www.cccb.ca/fr/evangelisation-catechese-et-education/ressources-video/cheminer-ensemble-durant-lavent/>

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with
Indigenous Peoples.

We pray for our Indigenous Peoples, that the light and grace of the Holy Spirit may bring healing and forgiveness in our relations with each other, and that we may grow in peace and understanding as brothers and sisters in the Lord. We pray to the Lord. (Message attached in your email)



CHALICE

Chalice (Catholic Charity) invites you to **share the blessings of Christmas** with children in the developing world. Our Christmas Gift Catalogue allows you to **purchase a gift for someone in need in honour of a friend or a loved one**. A beautiful handwritten card will be sent to the recipient, telling them of the gift that is given. Any gift purchased through the catalogue will receive an official tax receipt. To order gifts, please visit:

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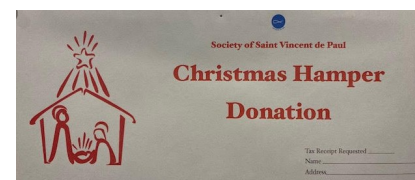


SSVP



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 listed in the bulletin and choosing the Christmas campaign.





“I knew that by going on a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat, I would have to acknowledge and accept that I had 2 children in Heaven. I had no idea that it was the other way around. They acknowledged and accepted ME! I am their dad, and I have been forgiven.” Testimonial
After having gone through abortion decisions, is thinking about where your babies are, something that torments you still? Join others on a Rachel’s Vineyard retreat and find the peace you have been needing for a very long time now.

info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com
www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com
 f Rachel’s Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273



Top five reasons why you should join the CWL:

- 1) make a difference in your community
- 2) make the best use of your time and talents
- 3) enrich your faith
- 4) be a positive role model for your family
- 5) be a part of a national sisterhood

The list does not stop there. There is so much more to be explored. Become a CWL member today and be a part of something special.

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE YOUR ADVENT SOMETHING SPECIAL? - AN ONLINE RETREAT COULD BE THE WAY – HERE ARE SOME OPTIONS...

LUMEN DIVINA explores universal Advent themes through the practices of Lectio Divina (quiet, receptive reflection using Scripture) as well as Visio Divina (with art images) and Musica Divina (with various musical selections). The e-course begins this Friday, November 26, with suggestions for your preparations for Advent. You will then receive emails every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until Christmas Eve.

Read more and sign up here:

<https://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/ecourses/course/custom/61/lumen-divina-2021-a-retreat-for-advent>

OTHER OPTIONS – CLICK ON LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION

(To have the sessions coincide with the Advent calendar, schedule your course with the frequency and start date noted below. Please note: **you need to schedule an on-demand course the day before you want it to start** because the emails go out in the middle of the night.)

[Advent of the Heart with Contemplative Outreach](#) (13 sessions; schedule M-W-F starting Nov. 26)

[Child of the Light by Sharon Conley and Beth Richardson](#) (36 sessions; schedule daily starting Dec. 2)

[The Gospel of Thomas for Advent by Cynthia Bourgeault](#) (26 sessions; schedule daily starting Nov. 30)

[The Grace of Advent with Contemplative Outreach](#) (13 sessions; schedule M-W-F starting Nov. 26)

[Lux Divina: An Advent Journey with Contemplative Outreach](#) (13 sessions; schedule M-W-F starting Nov. 26)

[Silence Night, Holy Night with Contemplative Outreach](#) (13 sessions; schedule M-W-F starting Nov. 26)

[A Simple Immediacy: Desert Wisdom for Advent by Cynthia Bourgeault](#) (28 sessions; schedule daily starting November 28)

[A Universal Christmas by Thomas Moore](#) (11 session; schedule M-W-F starting Dec. 1)

[Wisdom for Advent and Christmas by the Spirituality & Practice Team](#) (40 sessions; schedule daily starting Nov. 28)

WHAT IS ADVENT

Pope Benedict explained 'advent is a time in which we experience the Presence of Eternity and eagerly await its arrival'. It's a time of Joy, an interior joy that no suffering can snatch or take away. It's a joy which we carry within us, giving us courage to continue forward into the future with confidence. Therefore 'advent' is translated as, presence, arrival and coming', says the Pope. We pause in silence to 'behold & understand this presence'. Technically the term 'advent' indicates the arrival of an Official, or visit of the King, or Emperor to a Province. It is celebrated during this season for the "Coming of the Divinity". Christians used the word 'advent' to express their relationship with Christ". Jesus the King entered the poor Province called the Earth, to visit with the Humankind.

Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever". Advent is a call to experience the Presence of God in Human History. It extends an invitation to 'Journey with the Divine'. During these days of grace, we relive the 'hopes and dreams of the ancient Israelite people' who journeyed with the Divine for the Birth of the Messiah. They were drawn to the grandeur of Mt. Zion where they experienced the Glory of God. The Prophet Elijah saw God's glory in this mountain. Every person and nation gathered at Mt. Zion perceived the majesty of God revealed in that mountain. The mountain of God became the goal of all the Nations in ancient times.

For us, advent is a period of "Eager Expectation" to make a hope filled journey in the foot-steps of Christ. We are encouraged to be 'Active Participants and just the Passive Recipients of this Hope". We are invited to make a New Beginning with Mother Mary, as she Rejoices with Christ". We reflect on God's initiative to come among us through the cooperation of a Human Mother called Mary, and with her consent, God, who is the Word, becomes Human. Because of this wonderful gift of life, the young Mother Mary Rejoices, and we join with her these days with our own eager expectation to 'Behold the face of God', in the Baby Jesus', says Bishop Gerald Wiesner OMI.

Jn 1:14 "The Word became Flesh. He lived among us"

Lk 1:28 "Rejoice, so highly favored. The Lord is with you".

Have a pleasant Advent Journey!!

Affectionately in Our Bl. Mother!

Gabriel

SHORT TERM HOMESTAYS NEEDED

The Immaculata International Program is expecting some new students for Semester 2 (late January – June) as well as for short stays during Semester 2. If you have ever considered hosting an international student, a short term stay is a great way to give it a try! For more information, follow this link:

<https://www.immaculatakelowna.ca/homestays.php>

or contact Shelley Brodeur

irhs.ahc@cisnd.ca

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).

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

COME AND SEE. The Secular Franciscan Order (a lay order) meets every second Sunday of every month at St. Charles Garnier Parish Hall at 12:30 pm. Join us as we follow the example of St. Francis of Assisi to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information phone Sandy Kavanagh at 250-212-3596.

ST. CHARLES GARNIER FACEBOOK

St. Charles Garnier Facebook page!

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www.facebook.com/groups/stcharlesgarnier/

We look forward to virtually connecting with you.



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The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. The Story of the Nativity also includes stunning works of art depicting the biblical story, from Fra Angelico to Rembrandt, and footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus's miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas.

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WASTE AND RECYCLING BINS

Garbage bins, Recycling bins, yard and kitchen waste composting bins are designated for the Church use only.

No one is allowed to bring onto church property to deposit any material into above listed bins.

We hope all parishioners will abide by this request.



CATHOLIC MOMS CONNECT



Our mom's group is meeting on Wednesdays from 9:30-11am. We invite any moms who are interested in learning more to contact **Abbey at 250-899-4384**. We are also hoping to find more volunteers to help care for our young children while we are meeting.

We are so grateful to all the "Grandmas" who have helped out the last number of years. If you feel that this could be a good fit for you, please contact:

Julia at 250-718-0060.

First Sunday of Advent (C)

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Be ready to welcome Jesus!

Jesus will come again-but only God knows what day and time!



Find this letters hidden in the picture— B-E R-E-A-D-Y

Advent begins today.
We will light one candle

Trace de candle. Colour the picture.

