



St. Charles Garnier Parish

July 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary time.

Let both of them grow together until the harvest.

Matthew 13:24-43



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

This week's Scriptures explore the Nature of our Human Society. Human Society is made up of 'good & bad people', like the 'Wheat & Weeds' (Darnel). The darnel / weed just resembles / appears, like the wheat. The scriptures caution us to understand the reality of good and bad people. Jesus said, "A good tree can't bear bad fruit and a bad tree can't bear good fruit: Every Tree is known by its fruit". (Mt 7:7) Each tree is known for its fruit and each human is known by their actions.

Good people make a difference in their life through their value systems and ideals. Bad people cause difficulties and challenges by their hostile attitudes. These are the modern-day darnels / weeds, who are also called the anti-social elements. These people commit crimes against society, involve in corruption, war, violence, murder, holocaust, hijack flights and keep people hostage. Human trafficking is another anti-social tendency. Discrimination based on colour, race, lingual difference. Gender & Ethnicity based crimes are on the increase in our modern society, which is alarming.

When Spirituality goes down or when the Sanctity & Nobility of life goes down, all anti-social elements will rise up. The 8th Century B.C Prophet, Amos, identified this plummeting of the Social System, he decried the degradation of morality in the social fabric of the time. Are we any better now? Research Scholars are of the opinion that 'Social evils corrupt the social life of humans. Right living gives way to selfishness and morality is relegated. Human mind is being corrupted by the 'Media World', especially vulgar movies, pornographic magazines, double meaning songs, provoking posters and videos further corrupt the human mind. Therefore, today we have misguided people in our society everywhere. Moral and value education is just shunned.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Jul 24	8:30am	Int. Lindael Rolstone
Tue	Jul 25	8:30am	Int. McKenzie Family
Wed	Jul 26	8:30am	Int. Barbara Roy (100 birthday)
Thu	Jul 27	8:30am	Int. Arlene Christi
Fri	Jul 28	8:30am	Int. Lindael Rolstone
Sat	Jul 29	5:00pm	Int. Martin Wachla
Sun	Jul 30	8:30am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier
		10:30 am	+ Ryan Jonathan Lawrence

Next Week's Readings

1	1 Kings —	3:5-12++
2	Romans —	8:28-30
Gospel	Matthew —	13:44-52

Each and every one of us are created in the image and likeness of God. We are to be responsible for our actions and omissions whether they are good or bad. Good people are always desirable because of their positive mindsets. Bad people are undesirable at any time, because of their negative / hostile mindsets which oppose the goodness of each person. A Philosophical thought reminds; "Welcome the good and despise the bad". This type of thought pattern emerged during the 4th Century B.C, which was a pre-historic thought. Philosophical Concepts like 1) What is good, 2) What is of Value, 3) What is real, and 4) What is Beautiful, should be able to guide people in their pursuits.

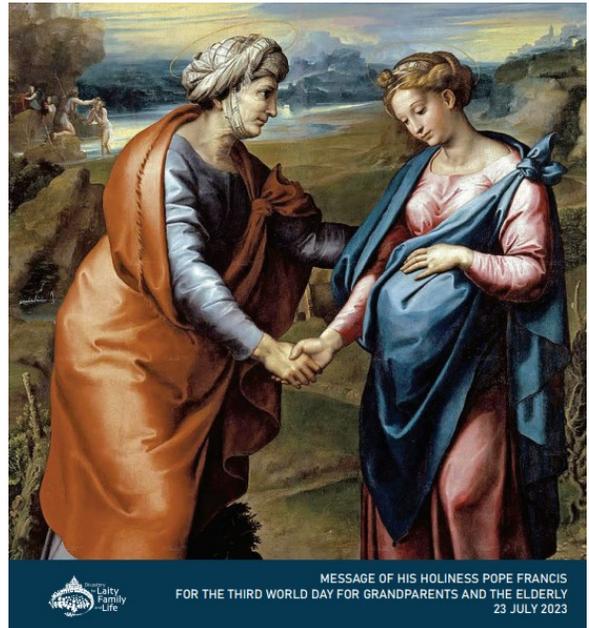
The Israelites were guided by the 'Torah', the Five Books of Moses (Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Leviticus & Numbers). These books gave the Israelites the following Four Principles of Life : 1.To live in the Presence of the Divine. 2.To know good and bad. 3. To engage in diligent work / Right Living, and 4. To honor the Widow & the orphan. They also had 613 Commandments (fabricated from the 10 Commandments of God, revealed to the Prophet Moses) out of which 365 Commandments are Negative ones and 248 are Positive ones. They completely explain as to what is to be done and not to be done in one's life.

Good and bad come from our attitudes, behaviors, actions, thought patterns. They influence & impact our life and relationships. Humans are not merely a bundle of flesh and bones alone. We have the capacity to think, discern, to make informed choices & decisions and to perceive what's right and wrong. So, we are basically guided by our head & heart with Spiritual, Emotional and Moral aspects of life. Morality consists in our judgement of what is right / good or bad / wicked. Morality conditions & controls our emotions, feelings, sentiments, interests, thoughts, ideas and so on... especially sexual behavior, integrity and honesty. Therefore, Jesus in today's parable of the Wheat and the Darnel tells us 'Not to judge anyone'. Do not take the law into your own hands to punish people. Judgment belongs to the good Lord. Do not condemn people according to one's whims and fancies. God will deal with everyone when we are at His doorsteps.

All the best!
Gabriel

**HIS MERCY
IS FROM AGE
TO AGE**

LUKE 1:50



PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2023

Virgin Mary,
Mother of faith and hope,
an example for this humanity bent by indifference,
make me as willing as You
to accept the will of God,
to magnify and praise His Mercy.
Mary, Mother of fortitude,
you who knows my heart,
do not allow me to become discouraged.
I confidently surrender my life into your hands.
Heal my wounds.
May your tenderness accompany me on the way.
Your presence, Mother of love,
brings us to experience the joy
of seeing our families united.
Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God
to the grandchildren and youth
so that, in addition to praying for them,
we can pray with them.
Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me:
sustain my weakness;
breathe into my heart the consolation
that I may leave traces of faith among the young,
bearing witness to the beauty of life,
knowing that life has a limit
and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace.
Amen.

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](#)

GATHER IN THE SPIRIT

Fun, Fellowship, Friends: “For you Alone are Holy, You are Great and do Marvellous Things.”

Come! Join us in Kelowna, August 13-18, as we Gather in the Spirit, at Seton House of Prayer. Up-and-coming Catholic speaker Pauline Dumas McGrath is passionate about seeing every person become empowered and fully alive! Inspired with insights from the Holy Spirit, Pauline’s unique style combines personal testimonies and creative practical applications which enhance her gift of teaching. Pauline will lead us to partner with the Holy Spirit to be activated in His Gifts and bring God’s love to others, often with signs and wonders following! To register, contact Maria McManus 1-250-707-1423, or at

untamedspirit@telus.net

Early Bird Rate: closes June 17, and is \$675 with accommodation at Seton House, (limit 50 people). Commuter rate is \$325. From June 18-July 22, the rate with Seton House is \$725 and \$375 for commuters. Limited financial assistance is available from Pilgrimage of Faith, \$225 for Seton House and \$108.33 for commuters, please confirm with registration. Posters and brochures contain detailed information, and are in your parish and on the web:

<https://www.holyspiritbaptizer.com/gathering-in-the-spirit>

Prayer for Vocations

Eternal God...

Bless your church with holy and faithful priests, deacons, brothers and sisters.

Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in Him, with Him, and through Him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere.

With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Catholic Moms Connect!
 During the summer we will be meeting on Wednesday mornings with our kids at a local park or beach.

Please check our FB page or contact Abbey Ackerman @ 250-899-4384 or aerackerman@gmail.com



We invite you to join our St. Charles Garnier Parish Facebook group!

Use the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stcharlesgarnier> or Scan the QR code

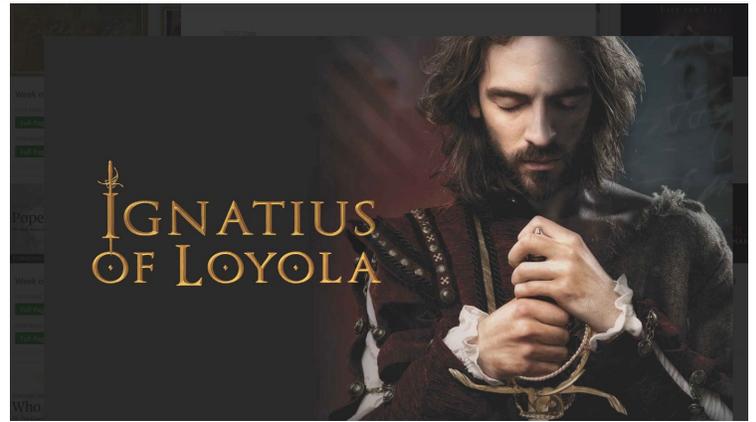


You will be asked to answer the question "who is our pastor" to be accepted into the group.

See what is happening in our Parish!
 See what our Ministries are doing!
 See why we need more people to serve!



FORMED



Ignatius of Loyola

This film bring to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of Jesuits. Often called “

Enjoy a free subscription:

stcharlesgarnier.formed.org

Don't have an account?

Click on Register and enter your email and create a password.
 Contact Nicole Horsman at: nicolehorsman@telus.net if you have any further questions about Formed.org

PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, July 22	5:00 pm	Sunday Mass
Sunday, July 23	8:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass
Monday to Friday	8:30 am	Mass Rosary after Mass
Wednesday, July 26	9:15 am 10:30 am	SSVP Meeting Mass—Missionwood

FLOWERS

For our summer months we would like to fill our 2 large vases to be placed at the front of the altar for our Saturday/Sunday Masses.

The vases are quite large so would require flowers with large stems such as hydrangeas, roses etc.

If anyone has beautiful flowers in their gardens and would like to contribute to our vases, please call Marj @ 778-363-1918. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated.



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.



PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL

It is that time of year again, that I greet you with our progress to date with Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal. The overall Diocese of Nelson goal for this year (Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2023) is \$565,000. Specifically, our St. Charles parish goal is \$62,500. We are a big parish and so we are given a big goal.

Roughly halfway through the year now, we are about one third of the way to our goal, having collected just shy of \$19,000. So we have some work to do in the second half of the year!

As Bishop Gregory said so well, “Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal reminds us that we are stewards of everything that God gives us. Thus, we are invited to return a portion of those gifts to God by supporting the Church in the Diocese of Nelson. Your generous contribution will not only build up the diocese, but also foster community and communion with one another in Christ.”

We invite you to spend some moments this summer to prayerfully consider a gift. While these are uncertain times in our economy indeed...for everyone...every gift, big or small, is important and appreciated.

May God bless you for your kindness and generosity. Have a wonderful summer everyone.

Rhonda Sali

etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org or

online via Canada Helps at Canada Helps:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360>

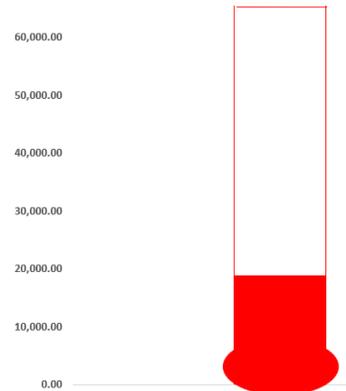
For more information on how to give contact the Pilgrimage of Faith office at the Pastoral Centre at 250-448-2725 ext. 240 or email:

appeals@nelsondiocese.org or logon to the Nelson Diocese website:

<https://www.nelsondiocese.org/>

and click on the ‘Donate Now’ button.

Goal \$ 62,650.00



SCG—Guide to Giving		2023				
July	2	9	16	23	30	Total
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	6,680	6,680	6,680	6,680	6,680	33,400
Monthly automatic bank donations received (SAG)						
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	5,649	2,875	3,060			
E-transfers received			9,141			
Monthly total to date	5,649	8,524	20,725			

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Pastor—Fr. Gerald Sekanga
Chair—Stephen Horsman
Co-Chair—Christine Schmidt
Liturgy—Marlene Crane
Financial—Kevin Schmidt
Maintenance—Don Korby/Margaret Radi
SSVP—Arnie Schneider
K of C—Paul King
CWL—Debbie Cloutier
Outreach— Abbey Ackerman
Recorder—Leah Drebit
Special Activities—Carmen & Alan Walisser

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: Paul Schembri pjaas@gmail.com

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
 CMC/Children Choir Abbey Ackerman 250-899-4384
 CMC/Children Choir Julia Orr 250-718-0060
 Women's Ministry Joelle Schmidt 250-470-8901
 Altar Servers Jonathan Rowe 778-478-1133
 Music JoAnn Young 250-317-8965
 Readers Marlene Crane 250-861-4085
 Sacristans Brenda Korby 250-859-0840
 Safe Environment Coordinator
 Ushers Gino Servedio 250-764-3182
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 Development and Peace Karen Krout karenkrout@gmail.com
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 Care-Home Visitation
 Youth Ministry www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca/
 1st Communion Leah Drebit leahdrebit@gmail.com

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CLUBHOUSE DAYCARE 250-860-4393
ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER 250-764-4333
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
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RACHEL'S VINEYARD info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com 250-762-2273
REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES 250-763-7892
reachoutokanagan@gmail.com
CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN www.canadianfoodforchildren.ca
CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE <https://creightonmodel.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?	
CWL ____	Music ____
Knights of Columbus ____	Reader ____
St. Vincent de Paul ____	Usher ____
R.C.I.A. ____	Altar Servers ____
Sacristan ____ (Set up for Mass)	

You may also register on-line @ www.stcharlesgarnier.ca where you can sign up for the bulletin to be emailed to you each week.

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.