

St. Charles Garnier Parish

August 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Woman, great is your faith!

Matthew 15:21-28



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	Aug 21	8:30am	Int. Lindael Rolstone	
Tue	Aug 22	8:30am	Int. Davyd Jones	
Wed	Aug 23	8:30am	+ Derek & Don Gill	
Thu	Aug 24	8:30am	Int. Marilyn & Lawrance Slivinski 55 Wedding Anniversary	
Fri	Aug 25	8:30am	Holy Souls in the Purgatory	
Sat	Aug 26	5:00pm	+ Joe Mlikotic	
Sun	Aug 27	8:30am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier	
		10:30 am	+ Tony D'Anzica	

Next Week's Readings			
1	Isaiah —	22:15, 19-23	
2	Romans —	11:33-36	
Gospel	Matthew —	16:13-220	

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

"Does God answer our prayers?", seems to be the question many/all of us have. Mark 11:24 answers, "Ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours". Again Matthew 7:7 reiterates, "Ask and you will receive. Search and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened. For the one who asks, always receives. The one who searches, finds. The one who knocks, will have the door opened for him". If our prayer request is according to God's Holy Will and if it is beneficial for our growth, God grants them. If they are not, God takes time (he decides according to His good pleasure and not according to our demands/urgency. But He always assures us of His grace. "His grace is sufficient for us" 2 Cor 12:9)

"What is Prayer?" Prayer is a human experience. It's also a Christian experience. In prayer we express our dependency on a Higher Power (God/Deity) which is our guiding principle. We have the inclination /urge to pray because of our affiliation with the Deity. We have this privilege of asking God for blessings and favours. We cannot control God or dictate to him as to what He should do or should not do for us and to the world at large. We pray for several years depending on God's Mercy/benevolence, but nothing happens. Then we are frustrated. We feel that our prayer requests are unanswered/ unheeded, and our circumstances remain unchanged. Oftentimes we complain that God does not seem to be responding. This situation is festering in our heart, mind and soul. St. Paul explained this situation as 'athorn in one's flesh' (2 cor 12:7-9) "Does prayer give a turning point in our lives?". If we are able to depend & allow ourselves to go according to the Plans of God, we all can have a 'turning point' in life. Like Jesus, we should be able to respond, "not my Will, but let thy Will be done".

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(Lk 22:42) Jesus shows us the way out from our challenges. Jesus saw his imminent death, he was completely challenged, devastated, frustrated and annoyed even beyond his endurance. Yet he trusted in the goodness of God, His Father (Mt26:38-39) Jesus had built an abiding relationship with His Father God. (Jn 15:7) Abiding becomes a harmonious blending of heart & mind. It makes us tuned into God's Will. When we reach this stage, we begin to depend on God fully and realize that God listens to our prayers.

Ps 34:18 Tells, "God listens to the Cry of the Poor"...especially the helpless, hopeless, the powerless & lifeless (the anawim of God). "What then is Prayer". Prayer is waiting on God with eager expectation and longing. Whenever our prayer is persistent and sincere, God listens to the cry of the heart. (Ex: 1. The Cannanite Woman (Mt 15; 21-28) & 2. Abraham's Waiting for an offspring, Issac, (Ge 17) prayer also deepens our relationship with God. The Divine Mercy Prayer of Sr. Faustina deepens our relationship with Christ, because it is not born out of material gains, considerations, but it is the pure manifestation of our Genuine Love.

Prayer also helps us to Surrender & Trust more in the Almighty Power of the Deity. The exemplary Trust of Job in the goodness of God is felt when we read, "The Lord gave & He has taken away. Praised be thy Holy Name". (Job 1:21) For the unshakable Trust of Job, the good Lord returned back, "Double Portion' of all that job had lost (Job 42:10) Therefore let us try to depend on the Lord with all our prayer petitions, intercessions and requests, always believing that he will grant us His Blessings in due time!

All the best. In the Service of the Word! Gabriel



GRIEF TO GRACE

Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next retreat in Canada is October 24 – 28, 2023 in Kelowna.

For more information please email grieftograceke-lowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to: 250-808-6403

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.

WISDOM COLLEGE

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College is a faithfully Catholic liberal arts college in Barry's Bay, Ontario, offering a three-year Bachelor of Catholic Studies degree. Small class sizes and a strong academic program set students up for success in the classroom and in all future pursuits. Faculty take their Catholic faith seriously and profess an oath of fidelity to the Magisterium of the Church. A vibrant campus life, men's and women's residence houses, and ample spiritual opportunities create a Catholic culture that forms the whole person. Students build life-long friendships, and often discern their vocations. The tuition is affordable, and financial aid is available. There are still spots available for 2023-2024! Please visit www.seatofwisdom.ca

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson website:

https://www.nelsondiocese.org/

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass & Devotions

Live stream click here

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS-DIOCESE OF NELSON



News and Announcements from Diocese of Nelson please click <u>here</u>.



For Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website click here.



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!



DONATIONS BY E-TRANSFER OR CREDIT CARD

E-transfers are accepted at St. Charles Garnier Parish Send your offering via e-transfer to: etransfer.SCGK@nelsondiocese.org

no password is required.



St. Charles Garnier Parish

http://stcharlesgarnier.ca/

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being

live-streamed Sunday 8:30

Livestream click here

CHALICE



Click here



Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School is looking for a new team member. Do you have the skills and/or experience/certification to work as a Custodian & Maintenance Groundskeeper?

Do you know someone who would be a great asset to our West Kelowna school? There is an opening for School Custodian/Maintenance at Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary. You can access the position details and see all employment opportunities within CISND by going to our website:

https://www.cisnd.ca/employment.php

OLOL also has open teacher positions.

Click on "Available Support Positions" or "Available Teaching Positions" For any questions about the application process:

Email:

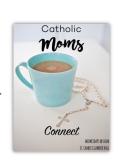
admin.assist@cisnd.ca

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



NEW OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS

In order to standardize communications throughout the Diocese, as of July 15, 2023, St. Charles Garnier Parish office will be using a new e-mail address

scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

We will continue using the old email address, please be patience in the transition of emails.

NOTE: E-transfers email hasn't change:

etransfer.SCGK@nelsondiocese.org

SCG—Guide to Giving 2023					
August	6	13	20	27	Total
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	8,350	8,350	8,350	8,350	33,400
Monthly automatic bank donations received (SAG)					
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	5,854	4,404			
E-transfers received		9,141			
Monthly total to date	5,854	19,399			

Catholic Mountain Star Summer 2023

Please visit the following page:

https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/news/ article/839618

FORMED



Pope Saint Pius X

Join Dr. Ben Akers with Lucas Pollice as they discuss the life **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

ST JOSEPH

St. Joseph Catholic School is looking for a bus driver to transport our students from the school to the Clubhouse Farm in Ellison on Wednesdays starting in September. These weekly visits are an important part of our Outdoor Academy program which gives our students hands on learning in nature. If you know someone who could help out, please contact:

sjkinternational@cisnd.ca

PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, August 119	5:00 pm	Sunday Mass
Sunday, August 20	8:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass
Tuesday and Wednesdays	After morning Mass	Confessions
Monday to Friday	8:30 am	Mass—Rosary after Mass
Monday, August 21	Office closed	
Wednesday, August 23	9:15 am 10:30 am	SSVP Meeting Mass at Missionwood



"Men are yearning to encounter the real person of Jesus. The problem is that in today's fast-paced, digitalized world, many good men are often caught in a whirlwind of responsibilities and distractions. The deeper questions of purpose, faith, and personal connection with God can get sidelined.

The Men's Retreat: Yeshua, is more than just a threeday event; it's an opportunity to rediscover Christ. Guided by Jake Khym and Peter White, attendees will dive deep into understanding not just the teachings, but the very person of Jesus. The Men's Retreat offers:

- * Personal Discovery: Learn that Jesus isn't just a figure in history, but a real, competent, and loving Savior who seeks a personal relationship with you.
- * **Brotherhood:** Forge deep connections with likeminded men who are committed to going deeper with Jesus.
- * Adventure: Break free from routine, and be immersed in the stunning outdoors of Rockridge Canyon Here's what you need to do:
- 1. Register for The Men's Retreat at:

www.liferestoration.ca/mensretreat

- 2. Invite a friend or brother priest to join you.
- 3. Get ready to deeply experience the person of Jesus. Rediscover. Reconnect. Recommit. Register today."



Please be in prayer regarding the wild fires in West Kelowna, Kelowna and all British Columbia. Know that you all of your are all in our thoughts and prayers.

RACHEL'S CORNER

"We are much better off when we can finally allow someone else to see our life with their perspective and through a lens that is not our own." CEK We are quick to judge, shame and condemn ourselves for our role in the abortion decision. Handing your story over to someone who cares about you and can help you see things differently, how God sees you with all His love and mercy, is sometimes the beginning of the healing. Why wait? Join us on the next Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273

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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



CHALICE—SPONSOR CHILDREN





2023 Sponsorship Update

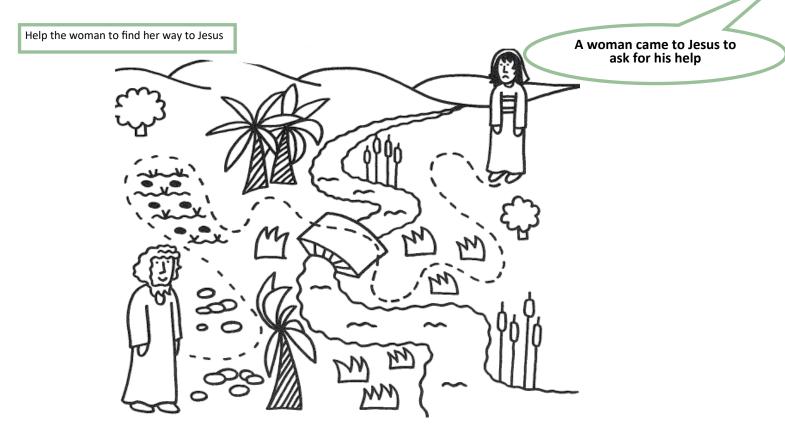
Child name:	Neil "Jerome" Acaba Pascua		Child code: TON3865	
Sponsor:	St. Charles Garnier	Sponsor ID#:	1211828	
Current age:	11 years	Country:	Philippines	
Date of birth:	Dec 13, 2011	Site/subsite:	TONDO/TON	
Hobbies:	watching educational videos	Lives in:	house	
Sports:	soccer	Grade/class:	Grade 5	
Career goal:	pilot	Favourite class:	language arts	
My news:	I am an average student and I'm doing my best to cope with our lessons. The site provided me with an activity called Build Up that that helps me overcome my shyness and develop my confidence and to have self-esteem. I gained weight but still, I am underweight, so the site continue providing me vitamins and Reliv Now supplement and advised me to eat nutritious food and have enough sleep to resolve my malnutrition.			
Family news:	It is a great blessing for us that my mother got hired as a fieldworker at the site. We are happy for her because she just only started as a volunteer parent and she now gained the fruit of her hard work. My brother Justine will be graduating soon from Senior High School.			
Home news:	With your continuous support, we were able to buy new foam mattress and a cabinet for our clothes.			
Social life:	Renz is a good friend of mine. We always play together.			
Message to Sponsor:	Thank you for your untiring support of my studies. May God always bless you more.			

Please note: this update is gathered and translated by our overseas partners and may contain typos or use different terminology than that of native English speakers. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your donor relations specialist and they would be happy to speak with you.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Matthew 1

The Canaanite Woman



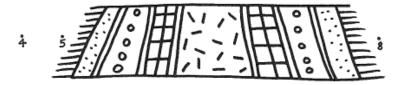
Her daughter was ill and she wanted Jesus to make her well again

Join the dots to see where her daughter is



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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Pastor—Fr. Gerald

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Pastor—Fr. Gerald
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 <u>pjaaas@gmail.com</u>
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.

<u>FIRST</u> SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH—SSVP DONATIONS SSVP DONATIONS-VEHICLE, RV & TRAILER- KEITH: 250-300-1062

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

CONTACT NUMBERS

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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/

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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:		E	Email:		
CHILDREN			Would you like to be contacted by one of our parish groups?		
Name (s)	M/F	DOB (yyyy/mm/dd)	CWL	Music	
			Knights of Columbus	Reader	
			St. Vincent de Paul	Usher	
			R.C.I.A.	Altar Servers	
			Sacristan (Set up for Mass)		
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next week?

Yes ____ No

will be sent to you at the address that you registered with.

The label will have your name on it, the number identifies you and a tax receipt

You may also register on-line @

www.stcharlesgarnier.ca where you can

sign up for the bulletin to be emailed to you each week.