J St. Charles Garnier Parish

August 27, 2023

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

You are Peter. I will give you the keys o of the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 16:13-20

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS			
Mon	Aug 28	8 8:30am	+ Frances Kroschinsky
Tue	Aug 29	8:30am	+ Kevin Richard
Wed	Aug 30	8:30am	Int. Naihomi Ling
Thu	Aug 3 [,]	8:30am	+ Clarence Roberts
Fri	Sep 1	8:30am	Holy Souls in the Purgatory
Sat	Sep 2	5:00pm	+ Peter Mlikotic
Sun	Sep 3	8:30am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier
	266.2	10:30 am	+ Connor Gherasim
Next Week's Readings			
1	J	eremiah -	- 20:7-9

12:1-2

16:21-27

Romans -

Matthew —

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Gospel



SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

This week's Scripture explores a thought-provoking question, "Who do you say Jesus is?". The prime Apostle Peter confessed that 'Jesus is the Son of the Living God - Messiah! ... ' Who do we say Jesus is and what is our confession of faith?" Romans 10:9 Explains, "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved". Jesus is our Super Star...Our Savior & Redeemer. (The 1970 - 71 Movie by David Chandler was a great hit, because it brought out the 'heroic personality of Jesus in Song & Dance', though far from Biblical facts. Jesus appeared to be a hippie and viewed as a wanderer) He was a prophet, miracle worker and a good man who lived a virtuous life. He was a friend of sinners & prostitutes. He was an exorcist & a social activist. He was the Messiah, Son of God, Word made flesh, a lover of people who loved everyone unconditionally. Mikael Gorbachev, former Russian President said, ' Jesus was the first Socialist, who brought a better life for mankind (better living condition for people) W.H wells, a historian affirmed that Jesus was a penniless preacher from Nazareth who became a Central figure in human history because of his sacrifice on the Cross. Martin Luther King Jr. said that Jesus was an 'extremist for love' who died a criminal's death on the Cross.

Most of the thinkers agreed that Jesus Christ was a 'Radical', who planted seeds of 'Transformation & Restoration' by challenging the current political, social and religious structures of his time. He developed conflicts with the influential people of his society (Pharisees & Sadducees) and paid the ultimate price for his life for the values he upheld. C.S Lewis of the opinion, 'Jesus Christ is either Son of God or a madman (lunatic or fool) In fact Christ was truly a lover, lover of people, who loved, guided and molded the people for all times. Jesus is a giver of hope, who was always optimistic to restore people's lives, he affirmed.

Modern trend is that, that there's is a great thirst to know who Jesus is really? This thirst has led people to make a lot of Research on the life & existence of Christ. The research findings tell us that 'Jesus was a super Star' in the first place. He was a 'Hero'. It also voices that he was a 'womanizer a political activist'. He stirred the sentiments of people through his persuasive talks & speeches together with his timely miracles. Some moralists said that Jesus was a 'real moralist par excellence' who preached the moral principles of life and encouraged people for a right living. His main teaching was Love & He wished that Love should Reign supreme. The Bible Scholars call him, 'Ideal man' who impacted the world with his vision based thinking.

The Hebrew letter 13:8 Reads, "Jesus Christ is the same, Yesterday, Today and for ever more". He does not change. But our perception is evolving in time and space. Art, paintings, photos, lyrics writings depict him according to their mindset. But Jesus was a real visionary, who had the foresight and far-sight, and established the Kingdom of God with His ideals of Justice, Peace and Love. He was a Servant leader, who stooped down to wash his companions' feet. He is the Founder and Owner of His church. He is the master Builder of this edifice. Let us glory in His Divine Presence!

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 grieftogracekelowna@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 <u>here</u>.

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



^t 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

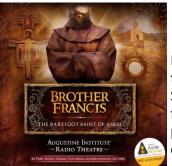
We will continue using the old email address, please be patience in the transition of emails.

NOTE: E-transfers email hasn't change:

etransfer.SCGK@nelsondiocese.org

SCG—Guide	ng	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	2,885		
E-transfers received		9,141			
Monthly total to date	5,854	19,399	22,284		

FORMED



Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi

In this 10-part audio drama, listeners can dive into the life of St. Francis of Assisi as he goes from being a son of wealth and privilege to a man who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.

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: <u>nicolehorsman@telus.net</u>

if you have any further questions about Formed.org

ST JOSEPH

Catholic Mountain Star Summer 2023

Please visit the following page:

https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/news/ article/839618 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	ТІМЕ	EVENT	
Saturday, August 26	5:00 pm	Sunday Mass	
Sunday, August 27	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 28	Office closed		

RACHEL'S CORNER



"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."

IS YOUR CHILD READY TO PREPARE FOR A SACRAMENT ?

(Typically) children in grade 2 receive First Reconciation and First Eucharist, children in grade 7 receive Confirmation. If your child is ready to prepare for any of their Sacraments in the 2023-24 school year, please pick up a registration form and submit it (with all required documents) to the SCG office asap (September 8, at the latest).

Catechism classes will begin at the beginning of October, 2023.

"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

Rachel's Vineyard Fall Retreat: is a life-giving journey for women, men or anyone who struggles with the emotional and spiritual pain caused by abortion. Our retreats offer the mercy and compassion of God as well as a pathway to forgiveness, transforming the pain of the past into hope for the future. To register please contact: Vicki @250-762 2273

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com www.rachelsvineayardkelowna.com Confidentiality assured.



NEW PILGRIM PATH

Website of the Week: The Season of Creation, 1 September to 4 October

The ecumenical Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

Christians worldwide and the World Council of Churches have embraced the season as part of their annual calendar. Pope Francis made the Roman Catholic Church's warm welcoming of the season official in 2015.

The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

Throughout the month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home. For links to these celebrations, visit: <u>www.newpilgrimpath.ie</u>

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adoration Chapel 25 Year Celebration

You are invited to join Bishop Gregory Bittman in a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate 25 years of perpetual adoration at the Immaculate Conception Adoration Chapel.

The Mass will be offered at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 7,

at Immaculate Conception Church in Kelowna. Mass will be followed by a potluck dinner in the parish hall. Please join us for the celebration.



PRAYER FOR WILDFIRES

ORATIO IMPERATA

PRAYER IN TIME OF WILDFIRES

God of all creation, all the elements belong to you. The earth, air, water and fire are yours to command. You guarded your people Israel by night with a pillar of flame.

You sanctified the early church with tongues of fire at Pentecost.

You appeared to Moses in the burning bush, which was engulfed but not consumed.

God of wind and flame, extinguish the fires engulfing land, communities, and homes. Guard those who must flee because of the blaze, give them safety and wholeness.

Bring those who have perished home to you, grant them your perpetual peace. Protect those who battle the flames, sanctify their service and send them your Spirit.

Restore our land, our homes, our faith in your goodness, And show us again how you bring life out of ash and dust Give us the resources and strength, we ask, to rebuild and replant And show us that you are the loving Creator and Savior.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUB TUUM PRAESIDIUM

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Despise not our petition in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on us. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us.

St. Joseph, Pray for us.

All Holy Angels and Saints of God, Pray for us.

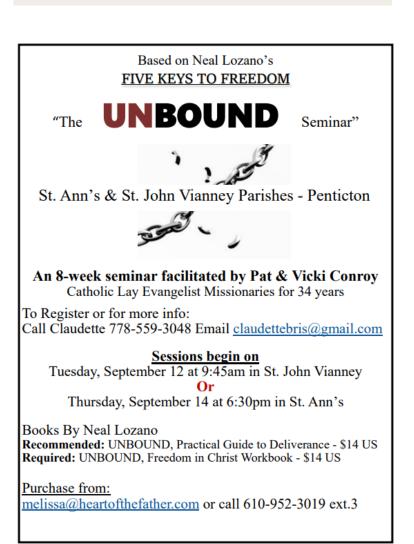
Bible Study

Join us from 9:30 - 10:30 each Thursday, beginning September 7th in the Parish Hall, for fellowship and Scripture Study.

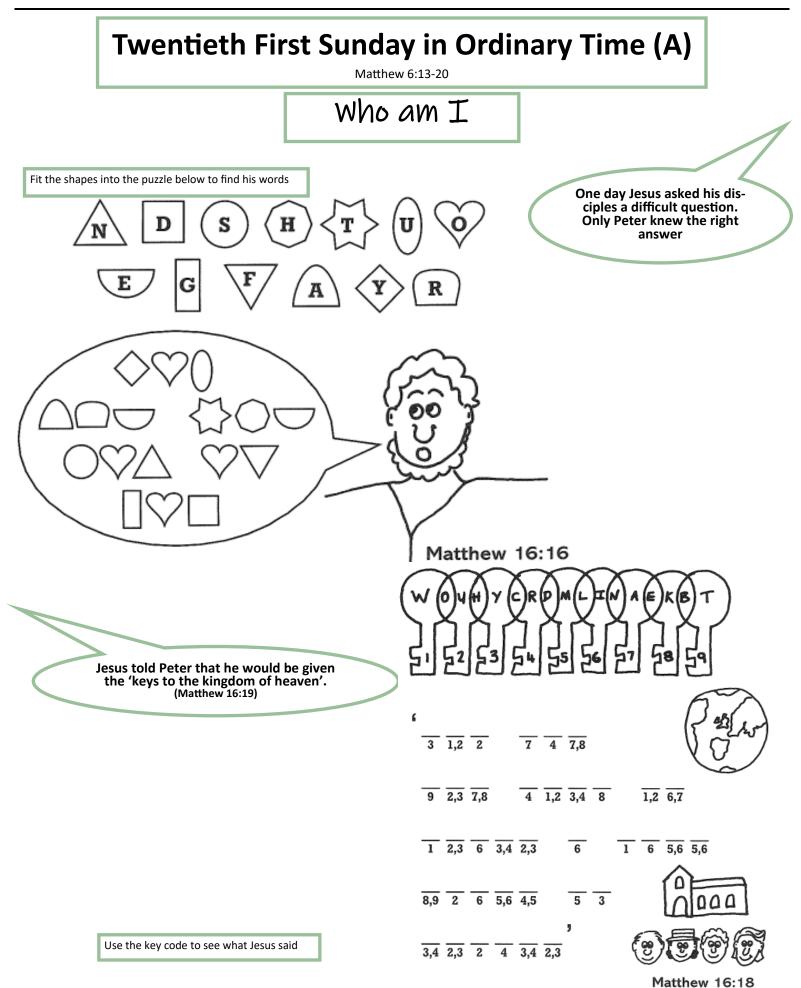
This study will follow Fr. Gabriel's reflection on the upcoming gospel reading.

All are welcome. For information, please contact: Chris Schmidt: 250-763-4798

cfc_schmidt@hotmail.com



KIDS CORNER



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



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

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 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:
 pjaaas@gmail.com

 St. Peregrine Prayer Circle
 (An Apostolate of The Little Flowers of Saint Francis

 Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order).
 Sint 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: <u>sforeec10@gmail.com</u> **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.

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 Children's Liturgy Eucharistic Ministers CMC/Children Choir CMC/Children Choir Women's Ministry	Parish Office 250-860-6776 Allison Knittig. 778-477-3790 Dave Crane. 250-861-4085 Abbey Ackerman 250-899-4384 Julia Orr 250-718-0060 Joelle Schmidt 250-470-8901
Altar Servers	Jonathan Rowe 778-478-1133 JoAnn Young 250-317-8965 Marlene Crane 250-861-4085 Brenda Korby
Ushers . Pilgrimage of Faith . Development and Peace . Hospital Visitation . Care-Home Visitation . Youth Ministry . 1st Communion .	Gino Servedio

CONTACT NUMBERS

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IMMACULATA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	250-762-2730
CLUBHOUSE DAYCARE	250-860-4393
ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER	. 250-764-4333
FREEDOM'S DOOR info@freedomsdoorkelowna.com	. 250-717-0472
GRIEF TO GRACE www.GrieftoGrace.org	.250-870-8517
KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE . kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com	250-870-4103
OZANAM HOUSE manager@ozanamhouse.com	250-762-4673
PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE	250-763-2112
RACHEL'S VINEYARD info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com	250-762-2273
REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES	250-763-7892
<u>reachoutokanagan@gmail.com</u>	
CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN www.canadianfoodforchi	ldren.ca

CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE

Please remember:

OUR CHURCH IS A <u>SCENT-FREE ZONE!</u> Avoid wearing perfume, after-shave or heavily scented personal care products

	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:				
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DOB (yyyy/mm/dd):			_&		
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Phone:		Ε	mail:		
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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)		
		gister on-line @	Would you like to pick up Sunday Offe	I	

sign up for the bulletin to be emailed to you each week. The label will have your name on it, the number identifies y will be sent to you at the address that you registered with.