



St. Charles Garnier Parish

September 3, 2023

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

If any want to become my followers,
Let them deny themselves.

Matthew 16:21-27



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SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

"Take up your Cross and follow me" (Mt 16:24) is a timely invitation for the followers of Christ. 'Cross' refers to every small & great Challenge, Shame or Suffering, Persecution or Negative thought and Action that we come across in our earthly journey. Following Jesus means 'Receiving our Cross cheerfully and bearing patiently every affliction, shame, evil and enduring them with resignation in imitation of the Lord!'. The Hebrew history tells us that they had challenges of all sorts in the hands of the Egyptians. The Book of Exodus narrates their oppression, suppression, and mistreatment by the Egyptians. Their burdens were too many and too heavy. But they endured them by appealing to their God (Yawheh) each time crying out for His help.

How do we handle / manage our challenges / misfortunes like financial loss, broken relationships, painful events like (death or loss of reputation) & etc. These may be challenging and overwhelming. Mathew 11: 28-30 invites us to unload all our burdens, misfortunes & challenges to the Lord. "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, I will give you rest. Take up my yoke upon you and learn from me that I am humble & gentle of heart". Jesus does not promise to eradicate our challenge, suffering and turmoil, but he assists us to encounter them. We need to have the humility of coming to him and asking for his help, guidance and assistance.

Saint Paul in Galatians 6:2 advised that we should come forward to carry each other's burdens. "You should carry forward each other's burdens and fulfill the law of Christ". We are encouraged by the church to reach out to those in difficult times / situations especially the refugees, the persecuted Christians and the socially discriminated people around the world.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Sep 4	8:30am	+ Landon Reese Young
Tue	Sep 5	8:30am	+ Regina Columbe
Wed	Sep 6	8:30am	Int. Vinka Mlikotic
Thu	Sep 7	8:30am	Int. McKenzie Family
Fri	Sep 8	8:30am	+ Patrick Andrew Young
Sat	Sep 9	5:00pm	Int. Brenda Korby
Sun	Sep 10	8:30am	+ Michael Jansa
		10:30 am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

Next Week's Readings

1	Ezekiel —	33:7-9
2	Romans —	13:8-10
Gospel	Matthew —	18:15-20

Our Christian calling is to lift those who are bowed down by the weight of their burdens (Ps 145) and in our intercessory prayers to remember & are called to lift them up also through our timely charities to bind their wounds.

Untimely burdens come from 1. Natural & Human made calamities (Fire, earthquake hurricane, mudslides, volcano, mental & physical illness & etc.)

Sometimes we get into untold miseries by our own misconduct or others, such as abuse, tragedy, crime, oppression (discrimination) and suppression (curtailing one's freedom) Our own shortcomings & limitations along with our mistakes may generate our lasting burdens and under their weight we become crippled in the course of time due to worry, stress and depression leading to thoughts of suicide.

Charles Dickens in his novel, 'Hard Times' wrote: "Every day is a Good Friday and I long for Easter Sunday, which never comes into my life". This is the reality of humans most often. Our Spiritual Challenges like lack of trust in the goodness of our Family & God lead us to estrange ourselves from the love of our families & God Himself. Henry Nouwen in his book, "Creative Ministry" wrote about Nuclear Man. This Nuclear Man has lost faith in the organized religion and believes in the potential self-destruction through Nuclear Technology. Nuclear Man as no values or no value systems. He lives by the hour and creates his life on the spot. Nuclear Man is searching for a New Immortality in Technology.

Henry Nouwen also speaks about "Electronic Church" a privilege in the modern age of technology... Internet, Audio and video materials, DVD's etc.

Therefore, according to him local church services and their attendance have become / are becoming a rarity, besides the corruption and scandals of the church personnel. But let us not give up our hope. Jesus can help us solve our challenges. let us trust in Him and accept the challenges. Jesus can help us walk with Him Humbly and Gently. (Micah 6:8)

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: griegtograckelowna@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.



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

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Lord Jesus is inviting you to visit Him in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

Scheduled Hours available are:

<u>SUN</u>	8 AM, 9 AM & 3 PM	<u>FRI</u>	12 AM
<u>MON</u>	10 AM	<u>THURS</u>	4 AM
<u>TUES</u>	12 AM & 7 AM	<u>SAT</u>	4 AM & 2 PM
<u>WED</u>	2 AM & 3 AM		



Spares are always needed. Shared times available!
For information phone Lorie 250-448-5633

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](#)



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.



SSVP



Summertime often means downtime for many. But for some of our neighbours financial stress rarely takes a break and therefore outreach work continues for the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

For the months of June, July, and August we delivered 48 food hampers serving 68 adults and 41 children. Thanks to a bequest from Sue Lemmerick, a former member, we gave some summer time fun for children by sending 12 to Camp Owaissi and sponsoring 8 children in other recreational activities.

Thanks to our generous donors in the parish, we have helped 30 children with 'back to school' Walmart gift cards.

The work of 'InVincible Housing' to help with a small rent supplement is ongoing and feeling the stress of the lack of provincial support to renters in our area. We have written a letter to the Premier asking for an increase of provincial aid.

September 2/3 is SSVP Sunday and we thank you for your continuing support. Member volunteers will be in the foyer to accept donations.

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 patient in the transition of emails.

NOTE: E-transfers email hasn't change:

etransfer.SC GK@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)		9,141			
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	5,854	4,404	2,885	3,430	
E-transfers received				940	
Monthly total to date	5,854	19,399	22,284	26,654	80%

Catholic Mountain Star Summer 2023

Please visit the following page:

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

FORMED



Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.

Enjoy a free subscription:

stcharlesgarnier.formed.org

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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

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PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, September 2	5:00 pm	Sunday Mass
Sunday, September 3	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, September 4	Office closed	Stat Holiday
Tuesday, September 5	9:30 am	CWL—Executive Meeting
Wednesday, September 6	2:00 pm	Funeral—Lunch
Thursday, September 7	9:30 am	Bible Study

RACHEL'S CORNER

"It is in the dark that God is passing by. The bridge and our lives shake not because God has abandoned, but the exact opposite: God is passing by, God is in the tremors... Though it is black, and we can't see, and our world seems to be free-falling and we feel utterly alone, Christ is most present to us" Ann Voskamp
Has it seemed very dark since the day of the abortion? Perhaps no one knows just how dark it truly is for you. God knows. He was there that day, and He is here now.

Will you join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and allow Him to fill your life with light and warmth again as He touches your aching heart with His merciful love?

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.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

Confidentiality assured.

IS YOUR CHILD READY TO PREPARE FOR A SACRAMENT?

(Typically) children in grade 2 receive First Reconciliation 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.

SEASON OF CREATION

"Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children."

Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury have released this statement heralding the beginning of the Season of Creation, which begins September 1 and ends on October 4 with the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of the plants and animals. He also heard and responded to the "cry of the poor" as Pope Francis has urged the church to do.

There are no activities organized at St Charles this year. However, we can't help but be aware of the changes in our world and of the efforts of many people to make positive changes. If you would be interested in joining our Circle or writing something about creation please call Karen Krout 250-317-4214 or write to karenjkrout@gmail.com

Let us go out into nature and give thanks for the beauty gifted to us by God. Take a walk, pick up some garbage, simply celebrate being alive.

Check out the websites of the Laudato Si' Movement and New Pilgrim Path and join in some online events. You can sign up for a daily reflection on Season of Creation at

<http://seasonofcreationdaily.org/>

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: www.newpilgrimpath.ie

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.

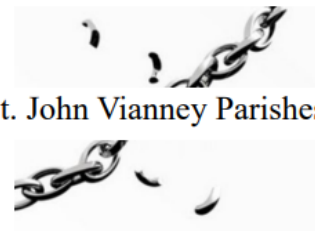
All are welcome. For information, please contact:

Chris Schmidt: 250-763-4798

cfc_schmidt@hotmail.com

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St. Ann's & St. John Vianney Parishes - Penticton

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Catholic Lay Evangelist Missionaries for 34 years

To Register or for more info:

Call Claudette 778-559-3048 Email claudettebris@gmail.com

Sessions begin on

Tuesday, September 12 at 9:45am in St. John Vianney

Or

Thursday, September 14 at 6:30pm in St. Ann's

Books By Neal Lozano

Recommended: UNBOUND, Practical Guide to Deliverance - \$14 US

Required: UNBOUND, Freedom in Christ Workbook - \$14 US

Purchase from:

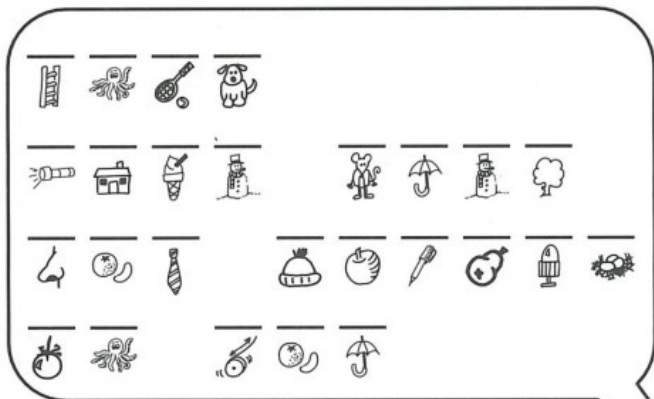
melissa@heartofthefather.com or call 610-952-3019 ext.3

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

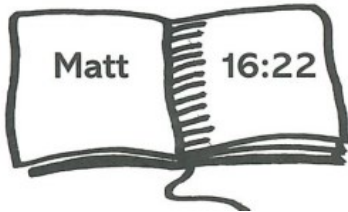
Matthew 16:21-27

God's Way!

Write the first letter of each picture to find Peter's words



Jesus had told his disciples that he would have to suffer and die before rising again. Peter loved Jesus and wanted to stop such a thing from happening



Jesus scolded Peter for his words.

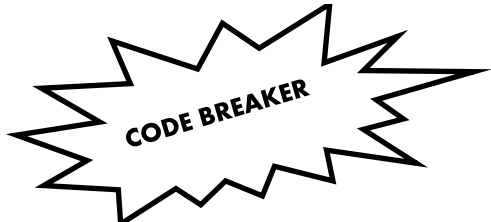
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Use the code to find out what he said



Matthew 16:23

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

Meet second Tuesday of the month—**NOTE:** Sep-Oct-Nov @ 6:30 PM
 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 pjaaas@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: sforeec10@gmail.com

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
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 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 Christine Schmidt 250-763-4798
 Youth Ministry www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca/
 1st Communion Leah Drebit leahdrebit@gmail.com

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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@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
PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE 250-763-2112
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.