



St. Charles Garnier Parish

September 10, 2023

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

If the member listens to you, you have regained that one .

Matthew 16:21-27



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SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis

for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
1 September 2023

Dear brothers and sisters!

“Let Justice and Peace Flow” is the theme of this year’s ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: “Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream” (5:24).

The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God’s children made in his likeness as water is essential for our physical survival. This justice must flow forth wherever it is needed, neither remaining hidden deep beneath the ground nor vanishing like water that evaporates before it can bring sustenance. God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to his laws and thus to enable life to flourish. When we “seek first the kingdom of God” (Mt 6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures.

On a beautiful summer day in July 2022, during my pilgrimage to Canada, I reflected on this on the shores of Lac Ste. Anne in Alberta. That lake has been a place of pilgrimage for many generations of indigenous people. Surrounded by the beating of drums, I thought: “How many hearts have come here with anxious longing, weighed down by life’s burdens, and found by these waters consolation and strength to carry on! Here, immersed in creation, we can also sense another beating: the maternal heartbeat of the earth. Just as the hearts of babies in the womb beat in harmony with those of their mothers, so in order to grow as people, we need to harmonize our own rhythms of life with those of creation, which gives us life”.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Sep 11	8:30am	+ Roy Nicholson
Tue	Sep 12	8:30am	+ Maria & Salvatore Falcon
Wed	Sep 13	8:30am	+ Valentino Gobbo & Family
Thu	Sep 14	8:30am	Int. Irene Thomas
Fri	Sep 15	8:30am	+ William Ferguson
Sat	Sep 16	5:00pm	+ Kathleen Mohan
Sun	Sep 17	8:30am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier
		10:30 am	+ Phil Buckingham

Next Week’s Readings

1	Sirach —	27:30—28:7
2	Romans —	14:7-9
Gospel	Matthew —	18:21-35

During this Season of Creation, let us dwell on those heartbeats: our own and those of our mothers and grandmothers, the heartbeat of creation and the heartbeat of God. Today they do not beat in harmony; they are not harmonized in justice and peace. Too many of our brothers and sisters are prevented from drinking from that mighty river. Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation.

The effects of this war can be seen in the many rivers that are drying up. Benedict XVI once observed that: "the external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast". Consumerist greed, fuelled by selfish hearts, is disrupting the planet's water cycle. The unrestrained burning of fossil fuels and the destruction of forests are pushing temperatures higher and leading to massive droughts. Alarming water shortages increasingly affect both small rural communities and large metropolises. Moreover, predatory industries are depleting and polluting our freshwater sources through extreme practices such as fracking for oil and gas extraction, unchecked mega-mining projects, and intensive animal farming. "Sister Water", in the words of Saint Francis of Assisi, is pillaged and turned into "a commodity subject to the laws of the market" (Laudato Si', 30).

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has stated that acting now with greater urgency means that we will not miss our chance to create a more sustainable and just world. We can and we must prevent the worst from happening. "Truly, much can be done" (ibid., 180), provided we come together like so many streams, brooks and rivulets, merging finally in a mighty river to irrigate the life of our marvellous planet and our human family for generations to come. So let us join hands and take bold steps to "Let Justice and Peace Flow" throughout our world.

How can we contribute to the mighty river of justice and peace in this Season of Creation? What can we, particularly as Christian communities, do to heal our common home so that it can once again teem with life? We must do this by resolving to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies.

To be continued next week...

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:

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



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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.

Kelowna Catholic Youth Group
Fun, Faith & Fellowship!
Grades 7 - 12

For more info, go to our website or scan our QR Code

www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca

SCG—Guide to Giving 2023					
September	3	10	17	24	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	7,004				
E-transfers received					
Monthly total to date					

Catholic Mountain Star Summer 2023

Please visit the following page:

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

FORMED



Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows.

By Kimberly Hahn
Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for her to understand

initially, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.

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PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, September 9	5:00 pm	Sunday Mass
Sunday, September 10	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 11	5:15 pm	Parish Council
Tuesday, September 12	10:30 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Mountainview –Community Service Liturgy Meeting CWL—General Meeting
Wednesday, September 13	9:15 am	SSVP Meeting
Thursday, September 14	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Bible Study K of C—Meeting
Friday, September 15	10:30 am	Mission Creek—Communion Service

RACHEL'S CORNER

"Before I did not understand how affected I was, but now I can see how much it had changed me in a bad way. I was able to get it all out without hurting anyone and with people who had been there too. This has been a very important experience in my life, and I will never forget it."
-Testimonial

If you are not sure how what you are feeling is related to your abortion experience, join the men and women on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Let them tell you how much it affected them and how much it helped to lay that burden down. Don't miss this opportunity.

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.

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 karenjkrou@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/>

September 7

International Day of Clean Air for blue skies

« Clean air is now a human right. A stable climate is a human right. Healthy nature is a human right. Today, air pollution is denying billions of people of their rights. »

-UN Secretary-General



IS YOUR CHILD READY TO PREPARE FOR A SACRAMENT ?



(Typically) children in grade 2 receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, and 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,
by September 18, at the latest.

Catechism classes will begin in October.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Family Prayer for the Year Ahead



🕒 Sunday September 24, 4:30pm – 7:30pm

🏠 St. Pius X, 1077 Fuller Avenue

Family Fellowship, Pizza, Games
Mass (6pm) & Adoration (7pm)



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!



Bible Study



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

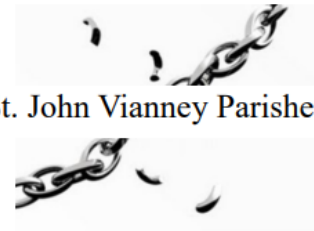
This study will follow Fr. Gabriel's reflection on the upcoming gospel reading.

All are welcome. For information, please contact:

Chris Schmidt: 250-763-4798
cfc_schmidt@hotmail.com

Based on Neal Lozano's
FIVE KEYS TO FREEDOM

"The **UNBOUND** Seminar"



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

An 8-week seminar facilitated by Pat & Vicki Conroy
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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

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.



Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Matthew 18:15-20

I am with you

Trace the letters below

Look, talk
and
listen



When someone has a problem,
what can we do?

When two or three people meet
to pray, Jesus is there with them



Use the code to find out what he said

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
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 CMC/Children Choir Abbey Ackerman 250-899-4384
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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/>

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.