



St. Charles Garnier Parish

September 17, 2023

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

I tell you, you forgive not seven times,
but seventy-seven times.

Matthew 18:21-35



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SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

Continuation from last week ..

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis

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

First, let us join the mighty river by transforming our hearts. This is essential for any other transformation to occur; it is that “ecological conversion” which Saint John Paul II encouraged us to embrace: the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator. Furthermore, we should realize that an integral approach to respect for the environment involves four relationships: with God, with our brothers and sisters of today and tomorrow, with all of nature, and with ourselves.

As to the first of these relationships, Pope Benedict XVI spoke of the urgent need to recognize that creation and redemption are inseparably linked: “The Redeemer is the Creator and if we do not proclaim God in his full grandeur – as Creator and as Redeemer – we also diminish the value of the redemption”. Creation refers both to God’s mysterious, magnificent act of creating this majestic, beautiful planet and universe out of nothing and to the continuing result of that act, which we experience as an inexhaustible gift. During the liturgy and personal prayer in “the great cathedral of creation”, let us recall the great Artist who creates such beauty, and reflect on the mystery of that loving decision to create the cosmos.

Second, let us add to the flow of this mighty river by transforming our lifestyles. Starting from grateful wonder at the Creator and his creation, let us repent of our “ecological sins”, as my brother, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, has urged. These sins harm the world of nature and our fellow men and women.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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| Mon | Sep 18 | 8:30am | Int. Duncan & Judy Boyczuk |
| Tue | Sep 19 | 8:30am | + Madelien Morgan |
| Wed | Sep 20 | 8:30am | Int. Emmanuel Hagel |
| Thu | Sep 21 | 8:30am | + Eithan Michaeli |
| Fri | Sep 22 | 8:30am | + Perry Gross |
| Sat | Sep 23 | 5:00pm | + Joe Mlikotic |
| Sun | Sep 24 | 8:30am | + Pauline Lucovic |
| | | 10:30 am | Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier |

Next Week's Readings

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| 1 | Isaiah | — | 55:6-9 |
| 2 | Philippians | — | 1:20-24, 27 |
| Gospel | Matthew | — | 20:1-16 |

With the help of God's grace, let us adopt lifestyles marked by less waste and unnecessary consumption, especially where the processes of production are toxic and unsustainable. Let us be as mindful as we can about our habits and economic decisions so that all can thrive – our fellow men and women wherever they may be, and future generations as well. Let us cooperate in God's ongoing creation through positive choices: using resources with moderation and a joyful sobriety, disposing and recycling waste, and making greater use of available products and services that are environmentally and socially responsible.

Lastly, for the mighty river to continue flowing, we must transform the public policies that govern our societies and shape the lives of young people today and tomorrow. Economic policies that promote scandalous wealth for a privileged few and degrading conditions for many others, spell the end of peace and justice. It is clear that the richer nations have contracted an "ecological debt" that must be paid (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 51). The world leaders who will gather for the COP28 summit in Dubai from 30 November to 12 December must listen to science and institute a rapid and equitable transition to end the era of fossil fuels. According to the commitments undertaken in the Paris Agreement to restrain global warming, it is absurd to permit the continued exploration and expansion of fossil fuel infrastructures. Let us raise our voices to halt this injustice towards the poor and towards our children, who will bear the worst effects of climate change. I appeal to all people of good will to act in conformity with these perspectives on society and nature.

Another parallel perspective has to do with the Catholic Church's commitment to synodality. This year, the closing of the Season of Creation on 4 October, the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, will coincide with the opening of the Synod on Synodality. Like rivers in nature, fed by myriad tiny brooks and larger streams and rivulets, the synodal process that began in October 2021 invites all those who take part on a personal or community level, to coalesce in a majestic river of reflection and renewal. The entire People of God is being invited to an immersive journey of synodal dialogue and conversion.

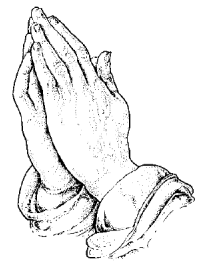
So too, like a river basin with its many tiny and larger tributaries, the Church is a communion of countless local Churches, religious communities and associations that draw from the same shared waters.

Each source adds its unique and irreplaceable contribution, until all flow together into the vast ocean of God's loving mercy. In the same way that a river is a source of life for its surroundings, our synodal Church must be a source of life for our common home and all its inhabitants. In the same way that a river gives life to all kinds of animal and plant life, a synodal Church must give life by sowing justice and peace in every place it reaches.

In Canada, in July 2022, I spoke of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus brought healing and consolation to many people and proclaimed "a revolution of love". Lac Ste. Anne, I learned, is also a place of healing, consolation and love, a place that "reminds us that fraternity is genuine if it unites those who are far apart, [and] that the message of unity that heaven sends down to earth does not fear differences, but invites us to fellowship, a communion of differences, in order to start afresh together, because we are all pilgrims on a journey".

In this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again. May the Holy Spirit once more hover over the waters and guide our efforts to "renew the face of the earth" (cf. Ps 104:30).

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 13 May 2023



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

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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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.



"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 three-day 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 like-minded 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."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-We will have the SEC/CRC @ Church Hall.
Friday, October 13, 2023 @ 10:00 am
You are invited to attend and if you know someone who needs to have it, please let them know.

-The parish is in need of a smart TV if anyone have an spare one please let Fr. Gerald know.

Catholic Mountain Star Summer 2023

Please visit the following page:

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

SCG—Guide to Giving 2023

| September | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | Total |
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| 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 | 21,026 | | | |
| E-transfers received | | | | | |
| Monthly total to date | 7,004 | 28,030 | | | |

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 un-

derstand 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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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



PARISH EVENTS

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Friday, September 15 | | Office Closed |
| Saturday, September 16 | 5:00 pm | Sunday Mass |
| Sunday, September 17 | 8:30 am 10:30 am 2:00 pm | Sunday Mass Sunday Mass Knights of Columbus—Meeting |
| Tuesday and Wednesdays | After morning Mass | Confessions |
| Monday to Friday | 8:30 am | Mass—Rosary after Mass |
| Thursday, September 21 | 9:30 am | Bible Study |
| Sunday, September 24 | 8:30 am 10:30 am | Knights of Columbus—Breakfast after Mass Knights of Columbus—Breakfast after Mass |
| Sunday, September 24 | Collection | Needs of the Church in Canada |

RACHEL'S CORNER

The Lord sets prisoners free; the Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord raises up those who are bowed down.”
- Psalm 146: 7-8

When thoughts come to your mind regarding the day you were involved in an abortion decision, do they make you feel blind to hope, entrapped in regret and burdened with shame? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard® Retreat and be free again.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

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Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

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.

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



SSVP



The Society of St Vincent de Paul at this parish is searching for volunteers to help us serve our neighbours in need as auxiliary members. Presently we are few in numbers. We understand the busy workload we all carry and that committing to being a full member, to attend meetings etc. is not possible. But are you and a partner able to help deliver hampers every once in a while, on a Saturday morning, a weeknight or other time, for a few hours once a month, twice a month? Call 250-860-2536 to leave a message or see us after mass on a St Vincent de Paul Sunday.

Lord, we ask that you bless our Society by continuing to call men and women to serve you by helping our neighbours in need. Help us to seek and find those you are calling.

Help us to encourage them and join us.



Our Lady of Fatima

PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, Oct 14th, 2023, 11:30 am.

ICC Procession to Rowcliffe Park.
PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US.

- 11:30 Gather @ ICC outside front entrance
- 11:40 Procession on Sutherland to Rowcliffe Park {Corner Richter & Rowcliffe}
- Noon: Pray Public Rosary in the Park
Marian Hymns & singing
- 12:45 Procession with singing, back to ICC

Moved with Love

"Children are God's love-gift, they are his most generous reward". Psalms 127:3



Save the Date

Annual Benefit Banquet

Thursday Sept 21, 2023
6:00 to 9:00 pm
Evangel Church
3261 Gordon Ave, Kelowna

Ticket \$25 or Table of 8 for \$200

To Purchase Tickets please call:
250.763.2112

OKANAGAN VALLEY
Pregnancy
Care Centre



Pancake Breakfast



**Knights of Columbus
St. Charles Garnier Parish**

You are invited to the Best Breakfast in town

**Sunday, September 24, 2023
after 8:30 & 10:30 am Masses**

If you could please buy your tickets before Mass to have a better count of people.

Tickets are 9.00 per person and 25.00 per family!

Breakfast is served by the Knights of Columbus!

All funds raised go to Knights Charities!



- Treasures
- Books
- Childrens Booth
- White Elephant
- Jewellery
- Quilt Table
- Baking Booth
- BBQ Burgers & Dogs
- Tea Room
- 50/50 Draw & More!

Bring your reusable shopping bags!



**Saturday Sept. 30, 2023
8:00am - 2:00pm**

**St. Pius X Church
Corner of Gordon Dr. & Fuller Ave.**

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI—FALL BAZAAR

Corpus Christi Parish

750 Rutland Road North

Fall Bazaar & Farmer's Market, Saturday, September 30th from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. Fresh fruit and vegetables, home-baked goods, rummage sale, children's activities, lunchtime BBQ & much more!



SEASON OF CREATION

September 16

International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

" The Montreal Protocol is a success because, when science discovered the threat we all faced, Governments and their partners acted."

- UN Secretary-General



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel is *fully open* to all our faithful!

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

Scheduled Hours available are:



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| <u>SUN</u> | 9 AM & 3 PM | <u>THURS</u> | 4 AM |
| <u>TUES</u> | 7 AM | <u>SAT</u> | 4 AM & 2 PM |
| <u>WED</u> | 2 AM, 3 AM & 5 AM | | |

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

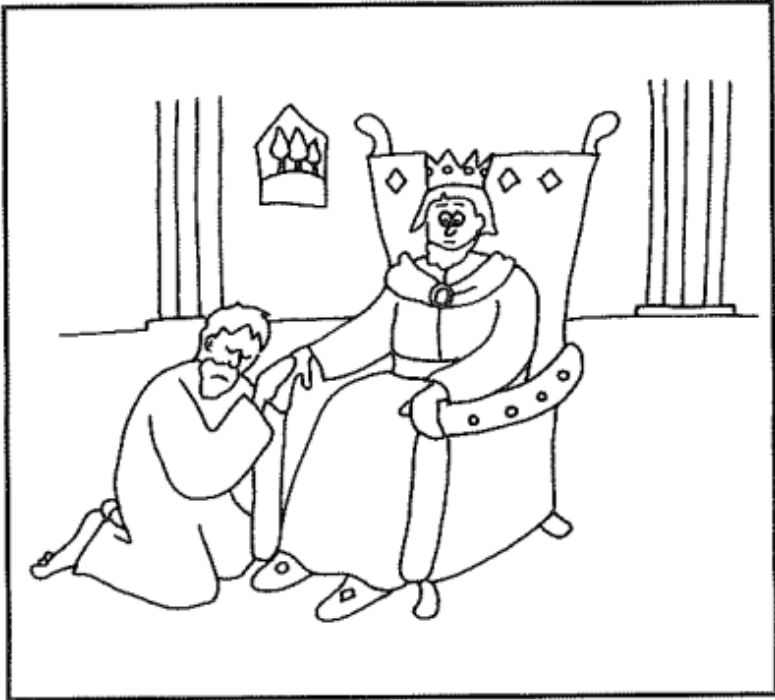
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Matthew 18:21-35

Be forgiving

These two pictures might look the same but can you find six differences in the picture on the right?

Jesus told a parable about a king who took pity on his servant and cancelled his many debts



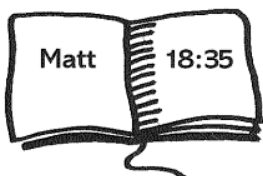
Jesus wants us to forgive each other just as we are forgiven ourselves



SECRET CODE PAD

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Use the secret code pad to find Jesus' words below



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Pastor—Fr. Gerald
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Co-Chair—Christine Schmidt
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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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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 | | |
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| 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.