# St. Charles Garnier Parish

#### October 22, 2023

#### Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and steadfastness of hope.

Matthew 22:15-21

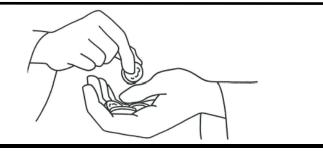
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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS					
Mon	Oct 23		8:30 am	Int. Connie Cournane	
Tue	Oct 24		8:30 am	Int. Fr. Gabriel	
Wed	Oct 25		8:30 am	Int. Diane Beamich	
Thu	Oct 26		8:30 am	+ Joan Van der Zalm	
Fri	Oct 27		8:30 am	Holy Souls of the Purgatory	
Sat	Oct 28		5:00pm	St. Jude	
Sun	Oct 29		8:30am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier	
			10:30 am	Int. Tom Armstrong	
Next Week's Readings					
1 <b>Exodus</b> — 22:21-27					
2	2 <b>1 Thessalonians</b> — 1:5c-10				
Gospel Matthew — 22:34-40					



#### SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

"Is it Lawful to pay taxes?" explores the Scriptures today. Jesus said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar & Give to God that belongs to Him". (Mt 22:21) Remitting taxes was / is considered normal historically and even today. In the ancient World, Caesar was the 'Ruler of the World', because Romans controlled the World affairs for a long time. They also controlled the mint of coinage. Any Government that intended to mint coins had to be authorized by the Romans. Anyone who did not comply with this rule was considered a rebel. 'Caesar' therefore refers to 'Earthly Sovereignty'. Earthly rulers collected taxes for the services they rendered for their Citizens.

During the 'Bronze age', the Romans had 'Salt Tax', because salt was used to preserve food. Romans got salt from Rocks & Sea Water. Austria was known as "The City of Salt", because it had plenty of salt. The Turks named Bosnia and Herzegovina as places of salt. But the Romans controlled the price of salt. The Greeks, Hebrews and the Chinese bought salt from the Romans. During the time of Julias Caesar (55-54 B.C) salt industries were developed to promote Roman Urbanization, Architecture & Agriculture. Augustus Caesar was considered to be the most brilliant 'Tax Strategist' of the Roman Empire. During his time, cities were given authority to collect taxes for the Roman Government. He created 'the inheritance tax'. It's indeed fitting to observe that "The Apostle Mathew" was recruited by Augustus Caesar to be a tax collector. But Jesus' Gaze on him gave him a new role.

'Is it lawful to pay taxes' exposed the hypocrisy or skepticism of people not only then, but even today. (Some may have heard that a Penticton Woman was fined more than a 100,000 Canadian Dollars for evading taxes as of last year/ 2022)

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If we wish to be loyal and law-abiding citizens, we need to pay our Provincial and Federal Taxes every year. Evading Taxes has adverse consequences, and we should be vigilant. It's also a good practice to cast our votes whenever necessary as responsible citizens. Today's Scripture is a timely call to respect the Authority of the State. Citizens are recommended to respect & esteem their elected Officials and are obligated to pay their taxes.

We are also reminded of our duty and obligation towards our God who we call 'Sovereign'. Our Sovereign God deserves our love, honor and affection. Deut 6:4 Reinforces, "Honour God with all your Heart, Soul, Mind' intellect, Will & Strength". The Book of Prophet Micah 6:6-8 reiterates again, "What does your God require of you?". Prophet Micah tells us that 'We need to act Justly, to love Tenderly & to Walk Humbly before Him". The entire book of the Psalms explained these aspects of our Christian duties and obligations. If we follow the Sovereign God's guidance, we will be blessed exceedingly with 'prosperity and long life' (Ps 1) and if we fail to honor Him and become a 'wasteland' we will meet with our down fall (like a chaff we will be carried away by the wind).

Today's Scriptures would like to invite us to adhere to the Principles of God and 'Have Life'. Therefore, we are reminded by the Church to build up a real relationship with the Divine and communicate our life & love to Him with all our ups and downs, with our joys and struggles of life. The State does not regulate our Spiritual Life, but it regulates Public Order among its Citizens. Our elected officials serve Us and the State irrespective of their religious beliefs. Let's maintain this cordiality and benefit out of our goodwill towards one another to promote the welfare and common good of all. May the good Lord Jesus help us in this resolve! In the Service of the Word! Gabriel

SCG—Guide	2023					
October	1	8	15	22	29	Total
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	6,680	6,680	6,680	6,680	6,680	33,400
Monthly automatic bank donations received (SAG)			9,141			
Sunday Cash/Cheque Collection	5,137	4,137	3,965			
E-transfers received						
Monthly total to date	5,137	9,274	22,380			

#### **PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH**

Thanks to the generous St. Charles parishioners who have already donated to our 2023 Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal!

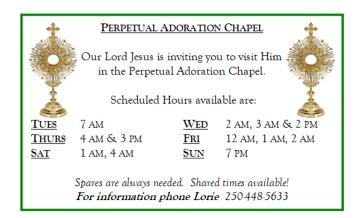
Currently, we have raised \$38,938.20 of our \$62,650 goal. We are 62 percent there with 2.5 months to go.

If it is within your means, please consider a donation to help us reach our lofty goal. These are challenging economic times for many; may prayer lead us always in discernment of how we are being called to share our time, talent, and/or treasure. Together we can do this!



"I plead with you: never give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid." -

St. John Paul II





## **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>.

Statement by the Most Rev. William T. McGrattan—Recent escalation of conflict in the Holy Land <u>here.</u>

#### **KELOWNA CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP**



If you are in grades 7-12 and want to deepen your faith with other Catholic teens, please join us!

Upcoming events ... Sun, Oct. 22 Altaration Series on the Mass

6:15 to 8:15 pm

Sun, Oct. 29 Cosmic Bowling, Pizza and Living Rosary 4:00 to 7:00 pm

Registration form and sign-up REQUIRED.

For more details, sign-up links and/or registration forms, go to <u>www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca</u>

#### ST. EDWARD'S—FALL FAIR

Will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Featuring Tea Room, Baking, Crafts, gifts and so much more! Everyone is welcome. 11123 Okanagan Centre Road East in Lake Country.

### St. Charles Garnier Parish

http://stcharlesgarnier.ca/

#### Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being

live-streamed Sunday 8:30

Livestream click here

CHALICE



<u>Click here</u>

CWL



#### CWL

#### **CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING WORKSHOP**

The CWL will be offering a fun, creative morning to learn how to beautifully decorate cookies. Facilitated by our very talented Debbie Cloutier! Please join us Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.

**Cost:** \$10.00

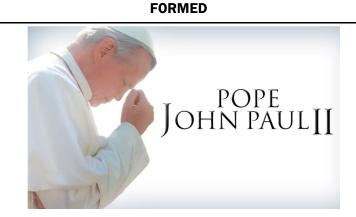
Bring a small cookie sheet, an apron and a dish cloth or towel.

If you are interested in attending please **RSVP a.s.a.p.** to Betty Ann Richard 250-859-2888 or email

bettyannrichard@gmail.com

so that we can ensure there will be enough supplies.





#### Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.

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



#### PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT		
Saturday, October 21	5:00 pm	Sunday Mass		
Sunday, October 22	8:30 am 10:30 am 2:00 pm	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass—Children's Liturgy Knights Of Columbus Meeting —Church and Hall <b>Special Collection - World Mission Sunday</b>		
Tuesday and Wednesdays	After morning Mass	Confessions		
Monday to Friday	8:30 am	Mass—Rosary after Mass		
Monday, October 23	1:00 pm	Card Social Group		
Wednesday, October 25	9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 4:30 pm—5:30 pm	SSVP Meeting—Church Hall Catholic Moms Connect Mission Wood Catechism— 1st Reconciliation/Communion		
Thursday, October 26	9:30 am	Bible Study		

#### **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

The Way of Creation is based on the concept of the stations of the cross. It's important to include the goodness of Creation in our prayers as a follow-up to Season of Creation. As we have seen in the past summer, and as Pope Francis has emphasized in his latest exhortation "Laudate Deum", the earth is not faring so well under our current stewardship. What can we do? Well we can start with an appreciation of God's creation and an understanding of our role as stewards of this great gift. Below please find a link to "Via Creationis".

https://laudatosimovement.org/news/via-creationiscontemplating-the-mystery-of-creation/



## You're invited to The 7th Annual Celtic & Christmas Concert The Gift of CHRISTMAS

Music by

## Ceol na hEireann

on Sunday November 12, 2023 from 2 pm until 4

Admission by Donation Refreshments provided by ICC Youth Group All proceeds go to Society of St. Vincent de Paul Invincible Housing Project

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall 839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

#### 50/50 DRAW

#### 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.

#### **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, sexu-

al, 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



To conclude the month of October, *MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY*, a Mass and Living Rosary will be Celebrated on Tuesday October 31st at Immaculate Conception Church.

Please join us for this special Mass being offered for the clergy & religious of our Diocese.

Confession from 4:30-5:00 pm.

Holy Mass at 5:15pm.

LIVING ROSARY at 6:15 pm, followed by an outdoor procession, tentatively scheduled, with prayers and hymns.

If you want to play a part in the Living Rosary, please arrive by 6:00 pm (we need  $^{\sim}60$  people).

Bring your children, family and friends!





Knights of Columbus St. Charles Garnier Parish

You are invited to the Best Breakfast in town! Sunday, October 29, 2023 after 8:30 & 10:30 am Masses

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

Tickets are \$ 9.00 per person and

\$ 25.00 per family!

Breakfast is served by the Knights of Columbus!



**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

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: <u>sforeec10@gmail.com</u>

CONTACT: UNITSTING REGEVES, UPS. 250-5/5-2043 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

 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
CMC/Children Choir	Abbey Ackerman 250-899-4384
CMC/Children Choir	Julia Órr
Women's Ministry	Joelle Schmidt 250-470-8901
Altar Servers	Jonathan Rowe 778-478-1133
Music	JoAnn Young
Readers	Marlene Crane 250-861-4085
Sacristans	Brenda Korby
Safe Environment Coordinator	
Ushers	Gino Servedio
Pilgrimage of Faith	Rhonda Sali - <u>rhondasali@gmail.com</u>
Development and Peace	Karen Krout—karenjkrout@gmail.com
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Care-Home Visitation	Christine Schmidt 250-763-4798
Youth Ministry	www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca/
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ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER	. 250-764-4333
FREEDOM'S DOOR info@freedomsdoorkelowna.com	250-717-0472
GRIEF TO GRACE	. 250-870-8517
KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE . kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com	250-870-4103
OZANAM HOUSE manager@ozanamhouse.com	
PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE	
RACHEL'S VINEYARD info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com	
REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES	250-763-7892
reachoutokanagan@gmail.com	
CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN www.canadianfoodforchil	ldren.ca

CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE ... https://creightonmodel.com/

#### **Please remember:**

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

DEADLINE FOR SU	JBMITTING	ITEMS TO BE INC	CLUDED 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	mail:		
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)		
www.stcl sign up for the bulletin to	You may also reg narlesgarnier.ca be emailed to y	where you can	Would you like to pick up Sunday Offert foyer next week? Yes No The label will have your name on it, the will be sent to you at the address that you	number identifies you and a tax receip	