



# St. Charles Garnier Parish

November 19, 2023

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

You have been trustworthy in a few things.  
I will put you in charge of many things.

Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21



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## SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

This Week we explore the 'Parable of Talents/ Resources'. Talents & resources are to be developed & multiplied. If we develop, improve & multiply our skills, abilities & interests, we will be appreciated. Otherwise, we may be criticized or punished. One of the ways of improving our ability is to take a calculative risk in venturing into new things or activities. Let's consider whether risk taking is worthwhile / desirable or not? It depends on our mindset & background along with our circumstances. In 1845, the Irish people migrated to other countries due to the potato famine, which brought them modernity (from agro based society to the industrialized Canada). Our risk preferences are unique, and we have to live with our decisions. Therefore, it is worthwhile & desirable. (they assessed all aspects & consequences and moved out).

What about avoiding risks? Avoiding risks does not lead us anywhere. Risk taking gives us courage and optimism to face challenges and overcome them with optimism. For example, the First & Second World War veterans and their families underwent a terrible time in life. But they made a huge difference by opting to change their careers. Some War Brides became healthcare providers, and the men took up new and exciting technical employment. Modernity dawned on their life. Their morale was boosted due to their solid work ethics & credibility. Their risk taking for the most part channeled their stability, though some suffered stress & depression.

'Ships are safe in the harbour, but that's not what ships are for'. Ships are to explore the raging waters. As such risk-taking opens new doors and opportunities. (Ex: Thomas Edison who failed 32 times before he became successful with the electrical lamp) 'No failure for a believer', because the good

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Nov 20	8:30 am	Holy Souls in the Purgatory
Tue	Nov 21	8:30 am	+ Ken Beckie
Wed	Nov 22	8:30 am	Int. Poling Family
Thu	Nov 23	8:30 am	+ Barbara Schwab
Fri	Nov 24	8:30 am	Int. Diane Beamish
Sat	Nov 25	5:00pm	+ Wilfred Richter
Sun	Nov 26	8:30am	Int. Leona Stocker
		10:30 am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

## Next Week's Readings

1	<b>Ezekiel</b> —	31:11-12, 15-17
2	<b>1 Corinthians</b> —	15:20-26, 28
Gospel	<b>Matthew</b> —	25:31-46

Lord Jesus is with us to lead, guide & give success. 'There's no failure' says the Scripture today. 'Positive Risks are calculated Risks & Negative Risks are motivated by impulses/emotions. Risk involves danger, tension, and possible loss. But it also has the potential of success, honor, and promotion/recognition.

J.K Rowling, the author of 'Harry Potter' at The Harvard Graduating Class in 2008 talked about 'Failures rather than Successes'. 'It is impossible to live without failing at some point in our life. We cannot play safe all the time'. In 1965 She was penniless when she started her career. She never had a computer. She manually typed all of her materials. 12 publishers rejected her materials initially. But she repeatedly tried & tried, which brought her success. 'Giving a Talent' is an 'act of trust'. Trust is a privilege, which needs to be enjoyed by the recipient and that privilege has to be shared with others. (Ex; Steve Jobs, the CEO of APPLE iPod seems to be a good example to multiply our talents). He identified his skills and developed them through many struggles and emerged as a great Icon of American investment from scraps.

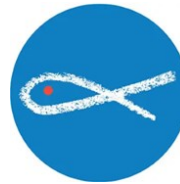
Today's Scripture is a call for a 'Calculated Risk' in using our skills and abilities, which the gospel calls as talent. God has invested in us great gifts and talents. He expects us to take initiatives to use them for the benefit of ourselves and our society. All God's gifts are talents, and He wishes that we share them with others in our loving Service & Love. We should not hoard it or waste it. God's calling is to 'arise and shine to our maximum best. May He bless every one of us with His Gentleness & Generosity to share our talents.

All the best.

In the Service of the Word!

Gabriel

SCG—Guide to Giving		2023			
November	5	12	19	26	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	5,151	3,085			
E-transfers received					
Monthly total to date	5,151	8,236			



Christmas Campaign and World Day of the Poor On the initiative of Pope Francis, **the World Day of the Poor is Sunday November 19, 2023.**

On this day the Society of **St Vincent de Paul is launching the annual Christmas Hamper** campaign. Like last year, we will be delivering a 'gift card hamper' and gifts for children to households that we have helped throughout the year. We thank you in advance for taking a donation envelope from the foyer and returning it anytime to the office or to one of the Vincentians at mass. Or donate online by accessing the Canada Helps donating website:

[www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-stcharles-garnier-conference/listed](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-stcharles-garnier-conference/listed) and choosing the Christmas campaign.

Our neighbours in need are very grateful for your generosity. "God of Abraham, everywhere we go we see Lazarus. But we also see so many doors, doors that separate us from Lazarus. Lord, teach us to open those doors to Lazarus, to those needing help, to help them find a just share of your bounty. This World Day of the Poor, help us all turn to those outside our door, to bless, heal and comfort them. Help us to build a world together, where the poor are strangers to none, and the very chains of poverty are broken. Amen

**MADE FOR MORE**

with **CHRISTOPHER WEST** MUSIC BY **MIKE MANGIONE**

**Thursday, Feb, 8, 2024**  
7-9:30pm

**Immaculata Regional High School**  
kelownam4m.eventbrite.com

Here is a link to the video: <https://vimeo.com/260114539>  
Link for tickets [here](#).

## 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



**Be the Beginning**  
Christmas Gift Catalogue

[Give a gift](#)

### POLISH MASS

Fr. Waldemar Karciarz will be visiting Immaculate Conception Church in December to celebrate mass and hear confession for our Polish Community (in Polish).

#### SCHEDULE

Reconciliations: Friday December 15th, 4:00—7:00

Saturday December 16th, 12:30—3:00

Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 pm.

### SCGP—DONATIONS BY E-TRANSFER OR CREDIT CARD

E-transfers are accepted at St. Charles Garnier Parish  
Send your offering via e-transfer to:  
[etransfer.SCCK@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.SCCK@nelsondiocese.org)

no password is required.



### CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH



Corpus Christi Parish will host our annual Christmas Craft Fair and Santa's Café Saturday, December 2nd, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Crafts of all kinds, soup, & home baked goods.

750 Rutland Road North.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### St. Charles Garnier Parish

You are invited to the Best Breakfast in town!  
Sunday, November 26, 2023  
after 8:30 am & 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!

All funds raised go to Knights Charities!



**Pancake  
Breakfast**



### ALERT



SCAMMERS are active again!  
Please do not open links, suspicious emails or text messages!

**SCAM ALERT** If any questions please talk to Fr. Gerald or call the office.

## CARE OF CREATION

Pope Francis has written a new, shorter document, following up but not repeating his original apostolic letter *Laudato Si'* from 2015. In *Laudato Deum* he writes about what has happened to our climate since *Laudato Si'*. It's very clear that each of us, as Catholics, have a responsibility to our neighbor and by extension to all of the world to change our hearts and our lives.

We live in a consumerist; competitive society and we need to shift our focus to those who have less than we do. It is the poor who suffer the most from climate change. Island nations disappear, farmland turns to desert, people have to move—to where? We must welcome the refugees of climate change and war. We must care for our own nation's poor, who can't afford to buy food, medicine, and heat their homes.

Please read *Laudato Deum* ("praise God") below.

If you would like to join the Care of Creation Circle please contact Karen Krout [karenkrout@gmail.com](mailto:karenkrout@gmail.com)

<https://www.newpilgrimpath.ie/>

## FORMED



### Our Mother Mary

What is Mariology? Learn about this fascinating topic in this interview with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

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## PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, November 18	5:00 pm	Sunday Mass
Sunday, November 19	8:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass—Children's Liturgy
November 18 & 19		<b>Collection for Catholic Missions in Canada</b> (Envelopes available at the church foyer)
Monday to Friday	8:30 am	Mass—Rosary after Mass
Monday, November 20	1:00 pm	Card Social Group
Tuesday, November 21	7:00 pm	Women's Ministry
Wednesday, November 22	9:15 am 9:30 am 4:30—5:30 pm 7:00—8:30 pm	SSVP—Meeting Catholic Moms Connect Catechism—1st Reconciliation/Communion Catechism—Confirmation
Thursday, November 23	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Bible Study Music Rehearsal for Advent Festival
Friday, November 24	5:00 pm—Social 6:00 pm—Dinner	CWL & K of C—Christmas Party

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## CHRISTMAS DINNER—CWL & KOFC

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The St. Charles Garnier Catholic Women's League (CWL) and the Knights of Columbus (K of C) are hosting a Christmas dinner for members and their escorts. Tickets are available after all Masses and also at the church office.

5:00 pm — Social

6:00 pm — Dinner

Entertainment:

Music by Victor Ukrainetz and his band.

DATE: Friday, November 24th, 2023

COST: \$35.00 Each



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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\*\*Tickets for the Made for More event are now available at the parish office, payable by cash cheque or e transfer. They are also available from our team Catholic Moms Connect members.

\*\*Catholic Moms Connect is putting on a Women's Advent Retreat with the theme "Peace and Preparation" at Seton House, Dec 8 & 9 with speakers Father Obi, Father Gerald, Marcia Lawrence and Alanet Mackinnon. Poster with more information on how to register is at the back of the church or talk to Mary Ducharme.

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## RACHEL'S CORNER

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"Hasten to answer me, Lord; for my spirit fails me. Do not hide your face from me."

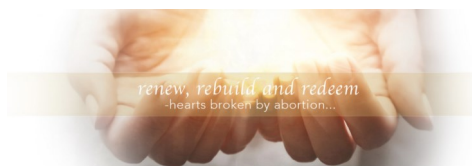
Psalm 143:7

Did you feel like you hid your face when you got involved in an abortion decision, which you have come to deeply regret? Is everything inside crying out to God for Him to strengthen you? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and get the healing relief you need.

[info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com)

[www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com)

f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273



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## SUMMIT

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### An Evening of Eucharistic Adoration

To mark the Feast of Christ the King, please join us at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, Nov. 25 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration with music, short talks, prayer, and reflection. Priests will be available for reconciliation. All ages and all parishes welcome!

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## CATHOLIC FOR THE MISSIONS

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Our Diocesan date for Catholic Missions in Canada will be November 18 & 19. Envelopes are available at the foyer. Please drop them off on the Sunday Collection.



### PRAYER FOR CANADIAN HOME MISSIONS

Heavenly Father,  
we pray for our Canadian home missions,  
from sea to sea to sea.

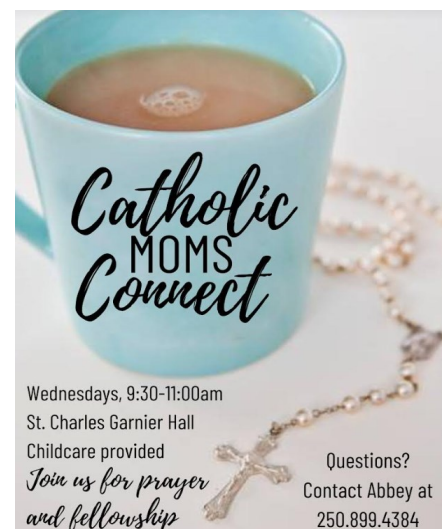
Take into Your care, through our prayer,  
our brothers and sisters in faith.

We ask protection  
and strength in faith, hope and love.

Grant zeal with compassion  
to the missionaries who share the Gospel.  
Let your face shine upon them.

Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one  
God forever and ever.

**Amen**



Immaculata Fine Arts presents

# Christmas Market

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25  
10-3 PM  
IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL  
1493 KLO RD KELOWNA

*Local artisans, bake sale,  
lunch/snacks/refreshments,  
children's activities, door prizes*

*Free Admission*

FOR VENDOR INFORMATION, EMAIL AGRIFFIN@CISND.CA




The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity gathers monthly for prayer, formation, and fellowship.

For more information, contact:  
Sandy Kavanagh at: 250-212-3596.

### 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



St. Charles Garnier Women's Ministry

# REFRESH

*I will refresh the weary & satisfy the faint  
Jeremiah 31:25*

## Adoration

November 21  
7 - 9 PM

Refresh is back! All women are invited to refresh your relationship with Christ and enjoy fellowship with one another.

7 - 8 PM: Adoration, Reconciliation & Song

8 - 9 PM: Fellowship in the hall with snacks provided by the parish.

**Please RSVP to 250-470-8901 or  
joelleandkevinschmidtegmail.com to allow  
us to prepare enough food.**



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!



### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Come and Join the Choir!

There is still time to join the choir for our annual Advent and Christmas Festival being held on Sunday, December 10th @ 2:00 pm, followed by a social in the hall.

Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

November 16th, 23rd, 30th & December 7th.

Attendance at rehearsals is mandatory.

Email: [joannyoung@shaw.ca](mailto:joannyoung@shaw.ca) if you would like to participate.

# Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Matthew 25:14-30

## Gifts from God

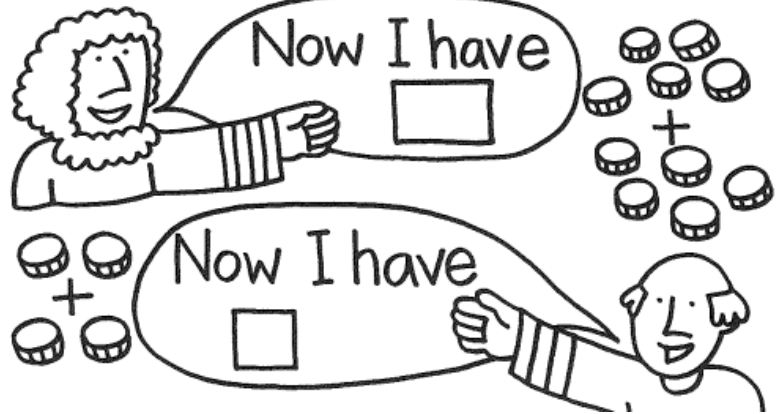


A man was going on a long journey. He gave some money to each of his servants

Trace the lines to find out how much each servant was given

Two of the servants used their money to make more! How much do they have?

The third servant hid his money because he was afraid to lose it. How much does he have?



I still have



Mat+25:16-18

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**



**Pastor**—Fr. Gerald  
**Chair**—Stephen Horsman  
**Co-Chair**—Christine Schmidt  
**Liturgy**—Marlene Crane  
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**SSVP**—Arnie Schneider  
**K of C**—Paul King  
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**Outreach**— Abbey Ackerman  
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**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](mailto: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](http://www.stcharleskoc.com)

Meet second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.  
 Grand Knight: . . . . . Paul Schembri . . . . . [pjaaas@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

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**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)	

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.

You may also register on-line @ [www.stcharlesgarnier.ca](http://www.stcharlesgarnier.ca) where you can sign up for the bulletin to be emailed to you each week.