



St. Charles Garnier Parish

August 22, 2021

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.

John 6



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Aug 23	8:30am	✠ Lance Malinski
Tue	Aug 24	8:30am	✠ Dave Paulguard
Wed	Aug 25	8:30am	Int. Jeng, Norlan & Family
Thu	Aug 26	8:30am	✠ Bob Paquette
Fri	Aug 27	8:30am	✠ Cornelius & Carolina Pyne
Sat	Aug 28	5:00pm	✠ Margaret Horner
Sun	Aug 29	8:30am	✠ Maria & Cornelis Lute
		10:30am	✠ Regina Coulombe

Next Week's Readings

1	Deuteronomy —	4:1-2, 6-8
2	James —	1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Gospel	Mark —	7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord!

This week's Scriptures invite us to be 'imitators of Christ' (Eph 4:1-2) The Ordination Ceremony of Priests ask the following question: "Are you ready and willing to follow and serve the living God" (Are you resolved?) Serving is Renewing the Covenant Promise & Relationship. Jer 31:31-33 explains this Covenant relationship "I will be your God and you will be my people". It requires 'faithfulness and loyalty' on the part of the believer to remember God's wonderful actions and miracles and celebrate them in our daily life.

Pope Francis further explains the outcome of such celebrations a) Stimulates our faith. b) Demonstrates our deep union with Christ. c) Expresses our Fellowship with our God & Community. d) Unites the Community of Faith to have One Heart and one Soul, and e) It helps us to serve one another as Christ has served us (Service & Charity) According to the Pope, 'Forgiveness is an expression of acceptance'. Forgiveness is a grace that God gives to an individual to accept the other. Therefore, it is considered to be a generous act of love and acceptance shown to the offender after the love of Christ, who cried out, "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing". Jesus was able to forgive even at the point of death. He has given a wonderful role model for us to imitate.

Pope John Paul II forgave Mohamud Ali Acha, who attempted to assassinate him. As a gesture of acceptance, the Pope went to his prison cell and embraced him in Christ's name. They became life-long friends.

Mother Theresa of Calcutta forgave the one who spat on her face for requesting alms for her vulnerable people in India. But the mother forgave him and asked for alms the second time, in order to help her poor and orphans. The man relented and gave alms. They became great friends in life, reports the book 'Mother Theresa of Calcutta, the Saint of the guitar'.

Nelson Mandela forgave D'Clarke who put him into prison for more than 27 years in Robben Island, S. Africa. As a gesture of acceptance unconditionally, Nelson Mandela gave a Minister's post in his cabinet and appreciated his work & dedication. These and others are real imitators of the role model of Christ.

Today's gospel from Jn 6: 53-66 tells us that Jesus is the bread of life. Jesus gives himself totally for our nourishment. After participating in this Eucharistic table, the church advises us that we should become perfect imitators of Christ. All believers are encouraged to follow the good example of Christ, our redeemer. Let us imitate His self-sacrificing and self-giving love for the transformation of our lives and lives of those around us.

Affectionately in Jesus,

Gabriel

MASK ARE MANDATORY

Please know that Mask are mandatory while you are inside the Church.

God Bless...

[New health measures to contain COVID-19 outbreak in Central Okanagan](#)



SR. NANCY 60 ANNIVERSARY-POSTPONED

The celebration to recognize Sister Nancy's 60th Anniversary of her religious profession that was to take place on Sunday, August 22nd, has been postponed until further notice. This is due to the Provincial Health Covid restrictions limiting organized gatherings in the church and hall. When unrestricted gatherings are again allowed, the amended date for this celebration will be posted in the Bulletin and we will invite all parishioners to join in celebrating with Sr. Nancy.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

The gift of Grace increases as the struggle increases.'

St. Rose of Lima – Feast Day, August 23

Perhaps your struggle has been increasing, as you have had more awareness of how much your abortion decision has affected you in so many ways. Maybe it is harder and harder to hide from others. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and encounter the embrace of mercy itself.

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SCG—Guide to Giving 2021

Aug	1	8	15	22	29
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	41,500	41,500	41,500	41,500	41,500
Collection/Sag/e-transfers received this month to date.	5,572	4,365	4,414		
Average collection to date	5,572	4,968	3,127		
Sunday Collection	3,153	1,946	2,475		

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 & 10:30am**

Livestream click [here](#)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS—DIOCESE OF NELSON



News and Announcements please click [here](#).

Pope Francis Urges People to Get Vaccinated Against Covid-19 [here](#).

ST. CHARLES GARNIER FACEBOOK

St. Charles Garnier has a new Facebook page!

Please join our online community at:

www.facebook.com/groups/stcharlesgarnier/

We look forward to virtually connecting with you.



CHOIR



Help Wanted

Choir Members - 8:30 Mass

We are starting an adult choir to sing on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at the 8:30 mass

Rehearsals:

Wednesday Nights 7:00 – 8:30 pm

For more information, please contact
Corinne McCarthy @ 778-753-1609
or email gcmccarthy@shaw.ca

SEASON OF CREATION

Here we are, near the end of a difficult summer, with Canada experiencing some of the worst effects of climate change. In the Okanagan, we've seen horrifying wildfires and experienced heat waves beyond anything we've experienced before. So, what can we do?

There is hope! We can talk about climate change with our families and friends, reduce our consumption by reusing and repurposing things we already have, fixing a lamp for instance, rather than throwing it away. Be climate smart by saving electricity. Shut down and power off your electronics at night. Ride your bike to school or work.

We can contact our elected officials and insist that they implement more of the recommendations of the scientific community. Perhaps they could subsidize retrofits of churches and other public gathering places, for heat pumps, solar panels on roofs, LED lights and more.

As a parish we could consider ways to become even greener by reducing the amount of grass we water, replacing grass with native species. We live in a semi-arid part of the world and are in a stage three drought. Perhaps we don't need to water the lawn. What would it be like to install solar panels on our roof? Can we individually and collectively invest in clean energy as opposed to fossil fuels?

Join our Care for Creation Circle and help us think of good ways to avoid making climate change worse. We can make a difference. We are God's stewards of Creation. To join, please contact Karen at:

karenjkroust@gmail.com



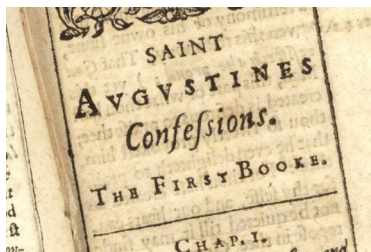
TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION—FOLLOW UP

On June 12th, approximately 70 parishioners met in the Parish Hall to dialogue on the concerns raised by the presence of the children buried on the grounds of the Kamloops Residential School. We are appreciative of the guidance of our facilitator, Debbie Hubbard, who helped us raise our questions and seek the truth that can lead to healing and reconciliation. An atmosphere of mutual respect pervaded the evening. Information about ongoing resources available in our area was distributed.

Many in the group expressed the need for further steps to learn, understand and move towards the healing of all who have been affected by this tear in the social fabric of our country and of our faith communities. At this point, the committee is suggesting the parish establish a small group study for those parishioners who wish to continue learning more about this issue. Some of the Canadian responses from the 2013 Truth and Reconciliation Document could be part of this study, and also some of the responses to that document from Catholic entities across the country. If you wish to explore this issue further by this means, please contact:

Sr. Nancy at 250-808-9805

FORMED



During this very special week for the Augustine Institute, we celebrate both our patron, St. Augustine, and his mother, St. Monica! As a preeminent Doctor of the Church, Augustine has been said to be "the holiest of the wise and the wisest of the holy." To celebrate this great Church Father, please enjoy Augustine: A Voice for all Generations!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Kindly wear the mask covering your **nose and mouth** while participating in the Liturgical Service (Children under 12 years are exempted). Everyone is advised to maintain the 6 feet Social Distancing at this time, except close knit family circles. Since only 50 people are allowed, you may be seated where the Green Tapes are, and leave a two pews gap.

Please go through the B.C Govt. Bulletin News Letter posted on our Parish Entrance Door or Parish website for your doubts & clarifications along with our Diocesan Bishop's letter.

2. Online earlier Registration is advised for Church Participation.

3. Sacramental Preparation Classes for First Communion and Confirmation will begin from September 2021. Parents who wish to enroll their children for these programs are requested to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Anyone who wishes to help with these programs may speak to Fr. Gabriel.

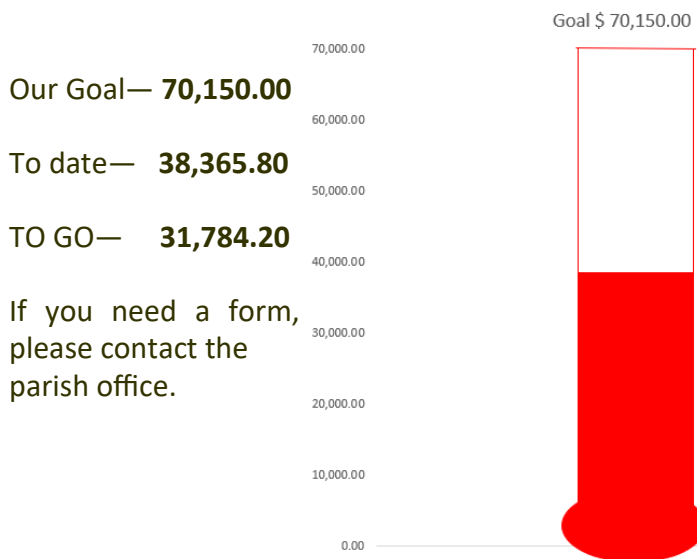
4. Kindly sanitize the pews after every use for the benefit of our friends and families who may be using them next.

5. We welcome Fr. Harry Clarke this week to Celebrate the Liturgy with us. Thanks, Father, for helping St. Charles Garnier Parish. May God Bless you!

Could you please rise and join the Entrance Hymn?

Fr. Gabriel

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2021



If you need a form, please contact the parish office.

Twenty-First Sunday on the Year (B)

John 6:60-69

We believe in you

Many of the people would not believe what Jesus told them, and they left him.

Trace path they took



Jesus asked his twelve disciples a question.

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