



St. Charles Garnier Parish

October 24, 2021

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

My teacher, let me see again.

Mark 10



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord!

This week's scriptures invite us to develop empathy towards 'socially isolated people' (beggars, blind people, mentally challenged persons & etc.,) How do we treat them? Oftentimes we do not wish to befriend them or simply avoid them. WHO explains that there are about 34 million blind people available now in the world and another 116 million will join this group sooner or later due to glaucoma and other vision related disorders? Today's Gospel explains the life of Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar. Bartimaeus accepted his condition of blindness. He wanted to make a living by begging and was not intimidated by other's power and control. He had the courage to seek Jesus and was able to ask for help and in fact Jesus helped him with his healing touch.

Today's scriptures also speak to us about our inner perception of certain events both in our life and in our circumstances. We believe that certain things matter to be true, but we do not have enough resources to prove. Therefore, we do not have all the answers to problems and issues. Let us consider: Whether the church has all the answers for the problem of life, after death and so on? We are trying to explore the possibilities from the scriptures and from our known world through intellectual inquiry. We have to remind ourselves that oftentimes we are blinded by our own opinions or perceptions. There may be a possibility to improve, modify and change or correct our opinions at a certain point of time.

What about our 'tunnel vision or one-dimensional vision?'. This is a crooked way of thinking and understanding people and events. We judge people and events according to our level of intelligence or

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Oct 25	8:30am	✚ Adrian Baker
Tue	Oct 26	8:30am	✚ Cornelis & Maria Lute
Wed	Oct 27	8:30am	✚ Margaret Taylor
Thu	Oct 28	8:30am	St. Jude
Fri	Oct 29	8:30am	✚ Mena Ammaturo
Sat	Oct 30	5:00pm	Int. Connie Cournane
Sun	Oct 31	8:30am	✚ Adrian Van de Mosselaer
		10:30am	✚ Ernest Richard Harbour

Next Week's Readings

1	<i>Deuteronomy</i> —	6:2-6
2	<i>Hebrews</i> —	7:23-28
Gospel	<i>Mark</i> —	12:28-34

perception. Are we not carried away to judge people according to their status, power, prestige, talents, fame or ability (skill) to interact & entertain others? Tunnel vision is an extremely narrow or prejudiced outlook. It's like looking through the tube (there's no comprehensive outlook). It is thinking about one thing only or being pre-occupied with a particular aspect of the problem.

The Pharisees were totally blinded by their tunnel vision about the Messiah. They could not think high of Jesus. They just perceived him to be one of them/an ordinary Jewish man claiming to be the Messiah. They could not figure out the goodness of Jesus. They were highly offended when Jesus modified their customs, traditions and their laws. In fact, they developed a 'mindset to oppose each and every action of Jesus. When people are unable to see or perceive beyond the ordinary things, any amount of convincing would be a futile effort. They have made up their mind. Therefore, Jesus said, "Blind leading the blind". Tunnel vision leads to 'rigidity', unwilling to accept suggestions to change our action plans. My way or the high- way' leads to catastrophic outcomes.

Consider the 'Spiritual Blindness". Spiritual blindness is 'not receptive to God's Graces and Gifts' (unable to perceive and respond to God's promptings) Bartimaeus suffered physical blindness, but spiritually he was very sharp & enlightened to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. The Pharisaic cohort was totally blind to understand the marvelous deeds of God in Jesus. Gift of understanding is the power of the Holy Spirit. Those who are spiritually blind do not seek the help of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 1:18 tells us to seek God's help: 'Let the eyes of our mind be enlightened' to see the goodness of God in and around us. All the best!

In Jesus!

Gabriel

ST. CHARLES GARNIER FACEBOOK

St. Charles Garnier Facebook page!

Please join our online community at:



SACRISTANS NEEDED

The Parish is inviting you to become a sacristan! Being a sacristan requires no experience, only a desire to prepare your church for celebrating the Mass. Your quiet and humble devotion to the Lord and the Church are sufficient.

You are cordially invited...

Please email: vintners@telus.net

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LIVING ROSARY MASS



Held on Sunday Oct. 31, at Immaculate Conception Church. Please join us for this special Mass being offered for the clergy & religious of our Diocese. Confessions from 4:00-4:45pm. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 5:00 pm, followed by the LIVING ROSARY. We will then do an outdoor Marian procession. Bring your children, family and friends!

Please bring candles for the procession.

SCG—Guide to Giving 2021

October	3	10	17	24	31
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	41,500	41,500	41,500	41,500	41,500
Collection/Sag/e-transfers received this month to date.	7,480	5,878			
Average collection to date	7,480	9,618			
Sunday Collection	5,056	3,454			

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 from Diocese of Nelson please click [here](#).



For Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website click [here](#).

SSVP



The first Sunday of the month is SSVP Sunday. Vincentians will be in the foyer to gratefully accept your donation. Donors may also give online [here](#).

Many thanks for your continued support.

Have you ever given thought to joining the Society? What would it involve? First and foremost, a love for and commitment to neighbours in our community who struggle financially. We take weekly turns delivering food hampers and meet the second and fourth Wednesdays 9 am to report and tend to other business. We hope that you will consider joining us for a meeting.

Inquiries to 250-860-2536.

“Help Honours when, to the bread that nourishes, it adds the visit that consoles, the advice that enlightens, the friendly shake of the hand that lifts up sinking courage, when it treats the poor with respect, not only as an equal but as a superior, since (s)he is suffering that which we would perhaps not be able to bear ourselves;” Frederic Ozanam

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Local contact information:
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ONE RIVER, ETHICS MATTER

This conference being Co-hosted by the Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) and University of British Columbia, Okanagan (UBCO) and One River Ethics Matter (OREM) members.

There is no registration fee and this OREM Annual Conference is being held over two, half days with an amazing line up of Speakers, Presenter's, Indigenous Leaders, Allies, Partners, Community. I draw your attention to the two links, see below about the Conference background and intent, a centered focus on relationships between Settler and Indigenous peoples and their lands, water ways, and impacts of colonization.

Register on this [link](#). Please find agenda [here](#).



ONE RIVER, ETHICS MATTER CONFERENCE

November 17-18, 2021

9:00 am - 12:30 pm each day



This week and throughout November and December, I will be devoting this column to the activities of Development and Peace. This organization has always championed the poor and the planet as Pope Francis asks us all to do in his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*

Development and Peace has a campaign right now called People and Planet First which aims to ask our lawmakers to make a change in the laws governing Canadian companies operating abroad by writing due diligence laws. Canada already expects companies to voluntarily respect human rights when operating abroad. but there's no mechanism to enforce this.

Please take a look at the website below and sign the petition which asks our lawmakers to create enforceable laws regarding mining practices and other corporate activities in the global south. There are some very interesting and informative videos on the website.

I'm looking for volunteers to help organize a Development and Peace group at St. Charles Garnier Parish to circulate this petition and to support Development and Peace and their work. Please contact Karen Krout at karenjkrou@gmail.com or 250-317-4214.

CWL

Did you know?

The Catholic Women's League of Canada has more than 70,000 members across the country...



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Nelson Diocesan Council
2021 Bursary Application**

There are two annual \$500.00 bursaries available from the Nelson Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League. One bursary gives precedence to applicants entering the Medical Science Field and the second is for applicants entering General Courses.

**Please see attachments on your email and our website.

1. Kindly follow the B.C Health Protocol in and around our premise. Mask is to be used by all children from 5 and above, covering nose and mouth, when you are inside the Building and Social distancing maintained. Please be seated inside the Green Tapped Pews. We encourage our parishioners to be charitable to volunteer for sanitizing the pews after the services.
2. Anyone attending Mass or visiting the parish and parish office must pass the health check, as per the BC Health protocol. Anyone not feeling well should stay home.
3. The Parish CCO group will meet from the last week of October 2021. Those interested to get trained for this activity, may approach Fr. Gabriel for further information after the Mass.
4. We require volunteers for all Church Liturgical activities. You may consider helping our Parish function with the necessary activities like, Greeting at the Entrance Door, Ushering, Sacristan Work, Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Livestream Equipment Operator and so on. All are welcome. No skill required except goodwill! Hope you will consider helping us.
5. Our Parish Dialogue Session happens every Thursday after the 8:30 AM Mass. Coffee and Cookies will be available for the participants. All are cordially invited!

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill my heart with Thy holy gifts. Let my weakness be penetrated with Thy strength this very day that I may fulfill all the duties of my state conscientiously, that I may do what is right and just. Let my charity be such as to offend no one, and hurt no one's feelings ; so generous as to pardon sincerely any wrong done to me. Assist me, O Holy Spirit, in all the trials of life, enlighten me in my ignorance, advise me on my doubts, strengthen my in my weakness, help me in all need and embarrassment, protect me in temptation and console me in afflictions. Graciously hear me, O Holy Spirit and pour Thy light into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Assist me to live a holy life and to grow in goodness and grace. Amen

Come, Holy Spirit, with Thy light—with Thy grace—with Thy strength—with Thy consolation—with Thy charity, that I may be worthy to live a life of holy love. Amen.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

"I plead with you--never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid." Pope John Paul II- Feast Day, Oct 22

Have a lack of hope and discouragement become part of who you are? Ever since the day of your loss due to abortion, have you wondered how you can keep facing each day? What would it be like to live free of that burden of shame? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and find out how it has worked for others, and how it can be true for you as well.

info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com

www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com

f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273



ARE YOU IN PRISON? Many women, men and family members who suffer from an abortion decision remain locked in their own internal prison afraid of anyone knowing their deep secret.

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for those who have struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. Come and experience the mercy and compassion of God and release feelings of shame, guilt, anger & grief. Join us and let the healing begin. October 29-31, 2021. Contact Vicki @

250-762-2273. Strict confidentiality assured.

www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com

info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com

CATHOLIC MOMS CONNECT



Our mom's group is meeting on Wednesdays from 9:30-11am. We invite any moms who are interested in learning more to contact **Abbey at 250-899-4384**. We are also hoping to find more volunteers to help care for our young children while we are meeting.

We are so grateful to all the "Grandmas" who have helped out the last number of years. If you feel that this could be a good fit for you, please contact **Julia at 250-718-0060**.

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH PROGRAM

Feeling disconnected?

Have questions about your faith and the Church? Looking to grow in faith and fellowship?

SCG is looking for leaders and participants for small group faith studies to build fellowship and strengthen our faith community. All are welcome. We are reminded that Christ did not come to heal the healthy and righteous but rather the broken hearted and sinners.

Please contact Stephen Horsman at:

stephenhorsman101@gmail.com or 250-215-7449 if you are interested.



NEW PILGRIM PATH

Would you like to experience a freedom and peace too often out of reach in the modern world? The 'Spiritual Exercises' are a compilation of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed five centuries ago by St. Ignatius Loyola to help people deepen their relationship with God. Creighton University's 34-week free self-guided online retreat is a way to make the movements of the Spiritual Exercises in the midst of a busy life.

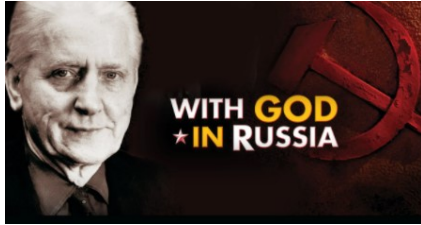
This self-guided journey has been made by hundreds of thousands of people – in seven languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Arabic, Kiswahili and Chinese. **The Spiritual Exercises are not confined to Catholicism – they have been found invaluable by people of all denominations and none!** You can begin the retreat at any time.

Access it at www.newpilgrimpath.ie



To make His name known (cf. John 17:26)

FORMED



Well, known for his heroic story of surviving 24 years in Russian prison camps, this film about the great Jesuit Fr. Walter Cizek traces his incredible endurance and struggle for survival. It highlights his tremendous faith in God, and the remarkable impact his life has had on the resurgence of Catholicism in Russia, as seen with on location footage from around the world.

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Don't have an account? Click on Register and enter your email and create a password.

Please contact Nicole Horsman at:

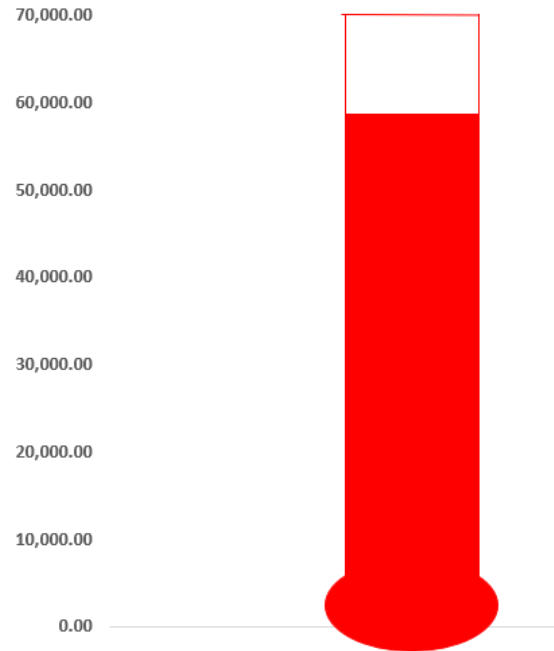
nicolehorsman@telus.net

if you have any further questions about

Formed.org

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2021

Goal \$ 70,150.00



We are not too beyond achieving this year's goal of \$ 70,150.00 Donations to date: 58,737.52

11,412.48 to go!

Every bit helps.

Could you consider assisting before it's too late...

POF forms [here](#) (2021 POF Appeal Pledge Form)

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BABY BOTTLE BRIGADE 2021

Baby Bottle Brigade September 26—October 30, 2021

#201 – 2622 Pandosy Street, Kelowna BC. V1Y 1V6

P: (250) 763-2112

Email: info@ovpcc.com

You can provide hope and resources for moms and their babies. Fill a bottle to give- coin, cash, cheque, or online at www.ovpcc.com You may also call to donate with a credit card. The baby bottles can be returned to church or office. Bottles in the entrance of church.



Thirtieth Sunday on the Year (B)

Mark 10:46-52

Master, let me see!

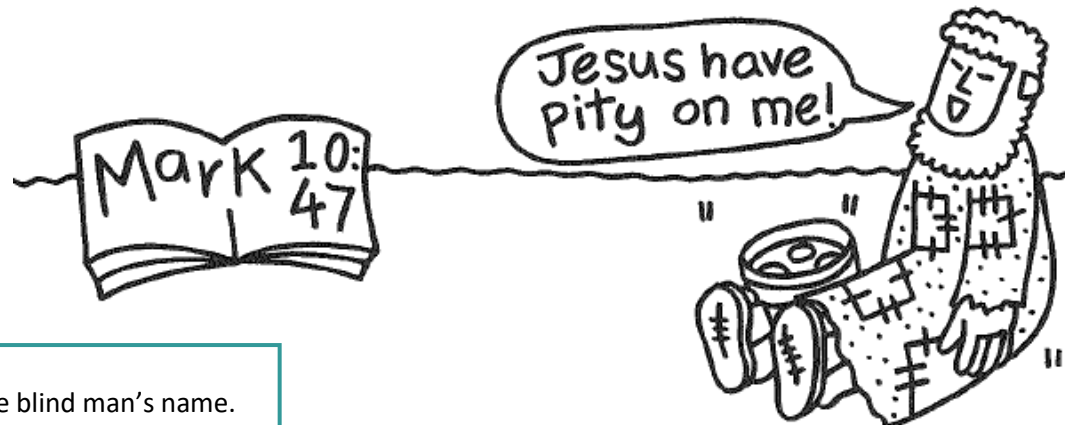
Jesus and his disciples set off with a large crowd



Fill up the page with people

They passed a blind man who called to Jesus for help!

P.	B.	M.	A.	R.	S.	L.	M.	N.	P.
Q.	B.	S.	H.	C.	L.	E.	J.	L.	F.
B.	A.	R.	T.	I.	M.	A.	E.	U.	S.
K.	P.	O.	I.	G.	Q.	M.	N.	R.	P.



Colour the squares with a . to find the blind man's name.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Meet second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am
 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: Jarrod Stocker. 250-869-2219
 Email: jstocker@shaw.ca

- **ST. PEREGRINE PRAYER CIRCLE** (*An Apostolate of The Little Flowers of Saint Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order*).
 St. Peregrine is recognized as the Patron Saint of Cancer Patients and Other illnesses. St. Peregrine's Feast Day is celebrated on May 4. If you have friends/family members with cancer or other illnesses we will add them to our list and pray for them & their family daily. We meet once a month and pray together.
 All are welcome to join us. Also, once a month we offer Mass Intentions for the St. Peregrine prayer list.
 Contact :Christine Reeves, OFS. 250-575-2043 E-mail: breevesac@shaw.ca

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER - "*The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity*" will be returning to St. Charles when we re-open.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 250-860-2536
 Meet second and fourth Wednesdays at 9:00 am

FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH—SSVP DONATIONS

SSVP DONATIONS-VEHICLE, RV & TRAILER- KEITH :250-300-1062

Please remember:

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

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

If you wish to become involved contact the Parish Office 250-860-6776
 Altar Servers Rod Attwell 250-212-3990
 Children's Liturgy Allison Knitting. 778-477-3790
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PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE 250-763-2112
RACHEL'S VINEYARD . . . info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com . . . 250-762-2273
REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES 250-763-7892
reachoutokanagan@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please complete this form and leave it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

Name (s): _____ **New Parishioner:** **Information Change:**
 Address: _____ Postal Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

CHILDREN	
Name (s)	D.O.B.— (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

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 where you can

sign up for the bulletin to be **emailed to you each week.**