



# St. Charles Garnier Parish

March 20, 2022

## Third Sunday of Lent.

Unless you turn back to God,  
you will perish as they did.

Luke 13



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### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Mar 21	8:30am	Int. Mark & Lyle Holm
Tue	Mar 22	8:30am	Int. Madelene & Gene Allen
Wed	Mar 23	8:30am	✠ Leda Della Siegg
Thu	Mar 24	8:30am	✠ Ken, Mickey & Kody Nicholls
Fri	Mar 25	8:30am	Int. Kathryn Morrison
Sat	Mar 26	5:00pm	✠ Ivan Mlikotic
Sun	Mar 27	8:30am	✠ Reg Humphries
		10:30am	✠ Peter Weingart

### Next Week's Readings

1	<i>Joshua</i> —	5.9a, 10-12
2	<i>2 Corinthians</i> —	5.17-21
Gospel	<i>Luke</i> —	15.1-3, 11-32

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers & Sisters in the Lord!

This week's Gospel Lk 13: 6-9 is so very timely and thought provoking because it helps us 'develop an attitude of deep gratitude' for what God has accomplished in our lives. "We have bloomed where we are planted". The metaphor of the 'fig tree' symbolizes the prosperity, wellbeing and security that we have in our land and family. This metaphor was originally used for the Land of Israel to explain its Physical and Spiritual Health. (Hosea 9:10) "It was like finding grapes in the wilderness when I found Israel, like seeing early fruit on the fig tree". 1 Kgs 4:25 "Judah & Israel lived in security, each under his vine and fig tree". Israel is full of fig trees. Fig is the edible fruit from the Mediterranean & western Asia. They produce Two harvests.

Figs are an excellent source of dietary fiber. It also offers Cardiovascular benefits. It contains essential minerals & antioxidants. 2 Kgs 20:7 & Is 38:5 explain how Hezekiah, the King of Judah, who had a 'lump' was amazingly cured by the application of the fig paste. "I have heard your prayers and seen your tears. I will cure you and add 15 years to your life".

'Fig Tree' has become the emblem of the Judean Nation as our 'Maple leaf' in Canada. Fig tree is an ornamental plant. The thick and dense leaves on the fig tree are a sign that the fruit is ripe and ready to eat. This particular tree looked as if it would be full of figs. That was what Jesus expected. But he only found leaves and no fruit. So, he was disappointed and told the gardener, "Cut it down, why should it be wasting the soil?".

God was specific in His instruction to the Israelites to follow His ways & be faithful to Him delighting in His Presence. It was the path that would lead to produce good fruits in their lives. But they failed and became fruitless and barren. Fruitlessness or barrenness is a serious condition in our moral and religious life /character and we become like a show of the barren fig tree of the gospel.

God wishes that, 'We Bloom & Produce Good Fruits' wherever we are planted. Our Union with Him should help us produce good 'spiritual fruits' (Gal 5:22-23) and not give the mere appearance of religiosity alone. (pious but unproductive, leads to duplicating ourselves, living in false hope so to say) Therefore Luke 13:5 Cautions us 'to repent' so that we could have a turning point in our life for the better. To repent is to change one's mind. It's a conscious decision to give up our wicked ways 'turning away from our weakness and turning towards God for His blessings!

God will purge our sins. Leviticus 16:30 tells us that the 'rite of atonement will purify and we will be clean to stand before God'. God through his purifying grace will cleanse and regenerate us through His Spirit. Jesus said, by their fruits you shall know them (Mt 7:20) The fruit of repentance offers us to reestablish our relationship with God and become Godly People. Let us also remember that like the fruit laden fig tree, our life also will be Blooming with God's Grace.

Affectionately in Christ!  
Gabriel

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### ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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St. Joseph Catholic School is now accepting applications for September 2022 enrollment. St. Joseph provides a supportive, caring, and safe environment for students in Kindergarten through Grade 7. We are also proud to offer our amazing Outdoor Academy program in collaboration with the Clubhouse Farm. Students experience season-specific programming that connects them to the land and gives them the opportunity to see how things change, grow, and evolve. This spring our theme is Local Sustainable Agriculture.

With over 80 years of academic excellence and the best Kindergarten program in Kelowna, we invite your family to join our family! For more information, visit our website at [stjosephkelowna.ca](http://stjosephkelowna.ca), email us at [sjkoffice@cisnd.ca](mailto:sjkoffice@cisnd.ca) or call 250-763-3371.

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### PEOPLE IN UKRAINE NEED HELP NOW

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#### **Development & Peace:**

<https://www.devp.org/en/blog/our-ukraine-emergency-fundraising-qa/>

The donation button is on the home page and one has to "Select a Cause" which brings up: "Emergency - Ukraine."

The local Ukrainian Catholic Church, The Dormition of the Mother of God Parish in Kelowna, provides the information below:

<https://www.redcross.ca/donate/appeal/donate-to-the-ukraine-humanitarian-crisis-appeal#9cfdcd2b-85a7-4899-ada2-f8bdae8d0939>

#### **EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE PEOPLE IN UKRAINE**

In recent months, the threat of a large-scale escalation of military conflict in Ukraine by Russia advances. Yet, we oftentimes forget the "Forgotten War," the already eight-year conflict brought about Russia in eastern Ukraine with some 2.9 million people impacted by the existing conflict and already in need of humanitarian assistance and protection. The immediate threat of escalated potential military action only highlights the need for an emergency humanitarian response on our part towards the purchase of food, water, basic hygiene, medicine, psychological support, shelter, evacuation, protection, and so on. Can you help your brothers and sisters in need?

Parishes are invited to encourage emergency humanitarian donations to aid the people in Ukraine. The donated funds can be directed to Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA Ottawa), who are coordinating humanitarian relief efforts with Caritas Ukraine.

To stay informed on the greatest need and the developing humanitarian efforts, visit CNEWA's website ([cnewa.org/ca](http://cnewa.org/ca)). Individuals can also donate directly to **CNEWA** (Catholic Near East Welfare Association - CNEWA Ottawa) who are coordinating humanitarian relief efforts with Caritas Ukraine.

The Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada has partnered with the Catholic Near East Welfare Association in Canada (CNEWA) to provide immediate humanitarian support for the people of Ukraine. With the threat of further invasion by Russia, the already 8-year war in Ukraine has placed several million people in desperate need for food, shelter, medical attention, and more. Will you help your brother and sister in need? Please pray. Stay informed. Donate.

<https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/>

## 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](#).

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY!

Next weekend, our Parish Knights will host a pancake breakfast after the Sunday services. All are welcome!

### CHALICE



Our 2022 Lenten Mission will be hosted on our conference website: [www.ChaliceEvents.ca](http://www.ChaliceEvents.ca)

### EASTER CALENDAR

Events	Date / time
Reconciliation Service	March 31 - 6:30 pm
Palm Sunday	April 9 - 5 pm Saturday & April 10 - 8:30 am and 10:30 am
Easter Triduum	
Holy Thursday	April 14 - 7:00 pm
Good Friday	April 15 - 3:00 pm
Easter Vigil	April 16 - 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday	April 17, 8:30 and 10:30 am

### BABY BLANKETS DONATED TO THE UKRAINE



St. Charles Garnier CWL have donated these beautiful baby blankets made by recently deceased CWL member, Iris Fournier. Her loving handwork and service will be shared in God's love.



### INDIGENOUS CONNECTIONS



### WAY OF THE CROSS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to lead the Way of the Cross on Friday at 6:30 pm, March 25th, April 1st and April 8th. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



**Pastor**—Fr. Gabriel  
**Chair**—Bernie Schneider  
**Liturgist**—Sr. Nancy Hurren  
**Financial**—Kevin Schmidt  
**Maintenance**—Don Korby  
**SSVP**—Arnie Schneider  
**K of C**—Duncan Boyczuk  
**CWL**—Deborah Cloutier  
**Outreach**—Stephen Horsman

## 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](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: . . . . . Jarrod Stocker. . . . . 250-869-2219  
 Email: [jjstocker@shaw.ca](mailto:jjstocker@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](mailto: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

## MINISTRY COORDINATORS

If you wish to become involved contact the Parish Office . . . . .250-860-6776  
 Children's Liturgy . . . . . Allison Knitting. . . . . 778-477-3790  
 Eucharistic Ministers . . . . . Dave Crane. . . . . 250-861-4085  
 Catholic Moms Connect Group . . . . . Abbey . . . . . 250-899-4384  
 Music . . . . . JoAnn Young. . . . . 250-317-8965  
 Readers. . . . . Sr. Nancy . . . . . 250-808-9805  
 Sacristans . . . . . Brenda Korby . . . . . 250-859-0840  
 Safe Environment Coordinator . . . . . Jeremy Orr - [jeremy@digitcontracting.ca](mailto:jeremy@digitcontracting.ca)  
 Ushers . . . . . George Jarrouj - [georgejarrouj@gmail.com](mailto:georgejarrouj@gmail.com)  
 Pilgrimage of Faith . . . . . Rhonda Sali  
 Development and Peace . . . . . Karen Krout—[karenkrout@gmail.com](mailto:karenkrout@gmail.com)  
 Campus Ministry - (Kelowna Catholic Collective) email: [ubco.focus@gmail.com](mailto:ubco.focus@gmail.com)

## CONTACT NUMBERS

**CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN** . . . . . Penticton-Linda . . . . . 250-493-0816  
**CLUBHOUSE DAYCARE** . . . . . 250-860-4393  
**CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE** . . . . . 250-491-1088  
**DIOCESE OF NELSON—Catholic Pastoral Centre** . . . . . 250-448-2725  
**ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER** . . . . . 250-764-4333  
**FREEDOM'S DOOR** . . . . . [freedomdoor@shaw.ca](mailto:freedomdoor@shaw.ca) . . . . . 250-717-0472  
**GRIEF TO GRACE** . . . . . [www.GriefftoGrace.org](http://www.GriefftoGrace.org) . . . . . 250-870-8517  
**KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE** . . . . . [kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com](mailto:kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com) . . . . . 250-870-4103  
**OZANAM HOUSE** . . . . . [hope@ozanamhouse.com](mailto:hope@ozanamhouse.com) . . . . . 250-762-4673(HOPE)  
**PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE** . . . . . 250-763-2112  
**RACHEL'S VINEYARD** . . . . . [info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com) . . . . . 250-762-2273  
**REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES** 250-763-7892  
[reachoutokanagan@gmail.com](mailto:reachoutokanagan@gmail.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.

### 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](http://www.stcharlesgarnier.ca) where you can

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