



**December 25, 2016**  
**Christmas—The Nativity of the Lord**

The word became flesh  
 and lived among us.  
 John 1



**MASS TIMES**

Monday to Friday ..... 8:30 am  
 Saturday ..... 5:00 pm  
 Sunday ..... 8:30am, 10:30am & 7:00 pm

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** after 8:30 am Mass every  
*First Friday* of the month.

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday ..... 4:30—4:45 pm  
 Sunday ..... 8:00—8:15 am & 10:00—10:15 am

**ALSO BY APPOINTMENT** - please call Fr. Pat 778-478-6288

**BAPTISM**—Baptisms take place during one of the weekend Masses. Our diocesan policy is to do Baptism Preparation for the first two children. Please contact us a month in advance of desired date.

**MARRIAGE**—Please contact our Parish Office at least 6 months in advance for potential booking—250-860-6776 or email: [charlesgarnier@gmail.com](mailto:charlesgarnier@gmail.com)

**MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

If you wish to become involved contact the Parish Office 250-860-6776 or:

- Altar Servers .....
- Campus Ministry ..... email: [ubco.focus@gmail.com](mailto:ubco.focus@gmail.com)
- Children’s Liturgy ..... [children@stcharlesgarnier.ca](mailto:children@stcharlesgarnier.ca)
- Eucharistic Ministers ..... Patti Cook 778-478-6563
- Hospital Visitation & Eucharist. .Ethel Robidoux 250-860-2101
- Moms & Tots Group ..... Lindsay Rowe 778-478-1133
- Music ..... JoAnn Young 250-764-0485
- Readers.....
- Sacristans ..... Flo Pasutto 250-764-8716
- Safe Environment Coordinator—Bob Fortier 250-861-8709  
 or email: [frolics41@yahoo.ca](mailto:frolics41@yahoo.ca)
- Security Patrol.....
- Ushers ..... Gino Servedio 250-764-3182

**CONTACT NUMBERS**

- CLUBHOUSE DAYCARE ..... 250-860-4393
- CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE ..... 250-491-1088
- CURSILLO ..... John Schlosser..... 250-764-7007
- 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) ..... 250-878-7603
- KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE ..... 250-862-8202
- 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

**CONTACT US:**

3645 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna, B.C. V1W 4M7  
**Website:** [www.stcharlesgarnier.ca](http://www.stcharlesgarnier.ca)

**Pastor: Pat Monette**  
 Pastor’s direct line: 778-478-6288

**Office Manager:** Marilee O’Donnell  
**Office Phone:** (250) 860-6776 **Fax:** (250) 860-0542  
**Office e-mail:** [charlesgarnier@gmail.com](mailto:charlesgarnier@gmail.com)

**Catechism:**  
 Email: [children@stcharlesgarnier.ca](mailto:children@stcharlesgarnier.ca)

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

**BICYCLES FOR HUMANITY** . . . . .Keith Germaine . . . . . 250-764-2942

**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE**

Meet second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am  
 President: . . . . .Linda Servedio. . . . . 250-764-3182  
 Membership inquiries: . . . Benita Spencer . . . . . 250-868-8608

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE** . . . . . Keith Germaine . . . . . 250-764-2942

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** [www.stcharleskoc.com](http://www.stcharleskoc.com)

Meet second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.  
 Grand Knight: . . . . .Rob Grifone . . . . . 250-862-9354  
 Email: [rgrifone@stcharleskoc.com](mailto:rgrifone@stcharleskoc.com)

**Last Sunday of each month—Knights Breakfast after a.m. Masses**

**FR. PANDOSY 4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY**—Knights of Columbus

Inquiries . . . . . Gino Servedio. . . . . 250-764-3182

**PRAYER TO ST. PEREGRINE**

If you have friends or family members with cancer, add them to our list, as we pray daily for them. Contact:

- Alice - 250-860-3541—email: [alicemccrea@shaw.ca](mailto:alicemccrea@shaw.ca) or
- Christine - 250-768-5274—email: [cbreevesac@shaw.ca](mailto:cbreevesac@shaw.ca)

**SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER** . . . . .Maria . . . . . 778-214-2705

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL** . . . . . 250-860-2536

Meet second and fourth Wednesdays at 9:00 am  
**Last Sunday of each month—SSVP donations**

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	Dec. 26	8:30 am	<i>No Mass</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dec. 27	8:30 am	<i>No Mass</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dec. 28	8:30 am	✠ Adrian Van de Mosselaer
<b>Thursday</b>	Dec. 29	8:30 am	✠ Margaret Klubi
<b>Friday</b>	Dec. 30	8:30 am	Intention of Donor
<b>Saturday</b>	Dec. 31	5:00 pm	Int. Judy Holtby
<b>Sunday</b>	Jan. 1	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier
		10:30 am	✠ Angela Hall
		7:00 pm	<i>No Mass</i>

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

If you are hospitalized, please be sure to identify yourself as Catholic when being admitted. Family members are also asked to notify the parish office of shut-ins and hospitalized parishioners.

For emergencies **while you are a patient in the hospital**—call the Chaplaincy Phone 250-878-1502.

### GUIDE TO GIVING

	2016 YTD	2015 YTD
<b>Collections</b>	\$ 467,653	\$ 469,553
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 42,879	\$ 45,342

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1st Reading:	Numbers 6:22-27
2nd Reading:	Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel:	Luke 2:16-21

### REMEMBER OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!

St. Joseph Elementary and Immaculata High provide the Catholic families of our parish (and many others) a superior Catholic educational experience for all grades K-12.

If providing a Catholic education for your family matters, go to [www.kelownacatholic.org](http://www.kelownacatholic.org) for more information.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS INFO.

<b>S.C.G. School Board Rep.</b>	Rita Smith
<b>Immaculata High</b>	250-762-2730
<b>St. Joseph Elementary</b>	250-763-3371
<b>Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School</b>	250-768-9008
<b>Kelowna Catholic Independent Schools</b>	250-448-2725 or 250-762-2905

Fax: 1-866-964-3858 Website: [www.kelownacatholic.org](http://www.kelownacatholic.org)

## NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

### MASS TIMES FOR THE FEAST OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

December 31st—5:00 pm  
January 1st 8:30 & 10:30 am

### DEATH OF IRHS FIRST PRINCIPAL

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Bud Godderis who was the first principal of Immaculata Regional High School. Bud passed away peacefully on December 15, 2016.

### BIG WHITE MASS

Every Sunday at 3:30 pm, starting Sunday, December 18th and concluding at the end of the ski season. Mass will be held in the staff lunch room, upstairs in the main ski rental building (watch for signs). **Mass will also be celebrated on Christmas Day & New Year's Day at 3:30 pm**

### THANK YOU FROM FREEDOM'S DOOR

Dear Friends,  
Your generosity over the Christmas season and all year long is so very much appreciated. Your bright light, a reflection of Christ, is shining as a spot light at Freedom's Door.  
Thank you so much, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!



### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Catholic Independent Schools of the Nelson Diocese (CISND) invites applications at this time for the following positions:

#### St. Mary School, Cranbrook

1 part-time (0.6 FTE) Temporary (maternity leave) Teaching Position. Closing date: February 8, 2017; start date: March 7, 2017.

#### St. Joseph School, Nelson:

1 Certified Education Assistant; training in autism and/or POPARD would be an asset. Start date: as soon as possible.

Please view the diocesan school website [www.cisnd.ca](http://www.cisnd.ca) for posting details, application documents and process.

### OUR PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal is continuing to progress well thanks to the parishioners who have helped us raise \$71,335 after 12 weeks, which puts us at 88.5% of our Diocesan goal. No gift is too small. If you are concerned about issues like the shortage of priests, youth ministry, catholic schools and capital maintenance, now is your opportunity to help by supporting the services and ministries that are assisted through the Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal. All remaining pledge cards have been mailed out, if you did not receive one please pick up a blank package from the foyer.

## DIVORCE CARE FOR KIDS



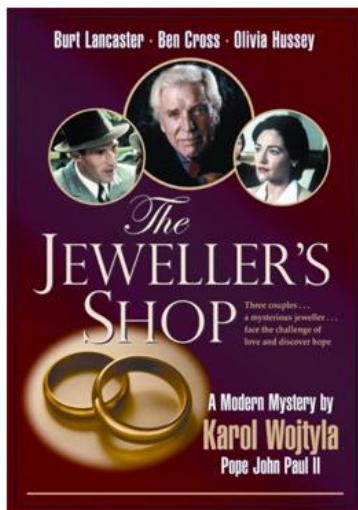
DivorceCare for Kids is a special group to help children heal from the hurt caused by the separation or

divorce of their parents. At our weekly DC4K group, kids make friends with other kids who understand how they feel and the things they are going through. Best of all, children will learn how God's love can strengthen them and help turn tears to hope and joy!

Sessions start Wednesday, January 18th—4:00—5:30 and run for 13 weeks in the parish hall. Two groups will run at the same time; one K—Gr. 2 and one Gr. 3—Gr. 5. Please contact the parish office to register.

## MOVIE NIGHT

Our next movie night with Fr. Ron will be on Thursday, December 29th @ 7:00 pm in the parish hall. **"The Jeweller's Shop"** Written by Karol Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II) At a shop that sells wedding rings, a jeweler (Burt Lancaster) witnesses both the birth of new love and the trials that long-married couples encounter. Therese (Olivia Hussey), who has had a lasting friendship with a young man, is guided into a loving marriage by the jeweler. Meanwhile, Stephane (Ben Cross) and his wife of many years are on the brink of divorce -- but, when they venture into the jewelry shop to pawn their wedding rings, they get compelling advice from an unexpected source.



## SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Come and share a time of spiritual renewal and inspiration for 2017! The Eparchy of New Westminster invites you to join Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk, MC for an event to learn about the life and legacy of St. Teresa of Calcutta. Fr. Brian was born in Winnipeg and is a Ukrainian Catholic priest. He knew St. Teresa very well and was the postulator for the Cause for Canonization of St. Teresa. He will be sharing interesting insights into the process to have this amazing Catholic nun declared a Saint by Pope Francis. He will share Mother Teresa's message of "love in living action"—especially to the poor—beginning in one's own family, parish community, work; that is, where we are. Fr. Kelowna: Monday, January 16 at 6:30—9:00 pm Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Parish, 1091 Coronation Ave. (Call Fr. Andrzej 250-860-7295 for tickets and information). Tickets for the event are \$50. Space is limited and the event is expected to sell out quickly so please arrange to get your tickets early.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM FR. PAT

### HOW TO MAKE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR



2016 was a very uncertain year and many of us are waiting for 2017 with a great uneasiness and for good reason. Which is why it is so important for us to be proactive, to purposely be developing our virtues so that we feel empowered before the unfolding of world events. There is that great line that goes; "Better to light a single candle than to curse the darkness." The fact is, we are promised that God wants to multiply even our smallest acts of kindnesses 30, 60 and even 100 fold and so we should actively and consciously work to create the kind of world that we are praying for. Which is why we here at St. Charles Garnier have so many outreaches to help us to grow in the virtues of love and service. So as we stare out into what will be 2017, let us commit ourselves to supporting in a significant way one of the following:

Our schools; Inn From the Cold, that assist those living on our winter streets; Saint Vincent de Paul, that feed and assist our poor; St. Charles Cradle, that adopts and supports young mothers and their babies; Okanagan Pregnancy Care Centre; Freedom's Door and Ozanam House, that serve our brothers with addictions and mental health issues; Development and Peace, which is the Canadian Catholic outreach to the developing world; Bikes for Humanity; Project GROW which stands for Ghana's Rural Opportunities for Women, a clinic whose hopes have always been in the support that they receive from our parish; India, that helps the poorest of the poor young girls to dream new dreams; Chalice, which is an international agency that helps us to support particular disadvantaged children in the world; or any other effort that strives to shine the light of Christ into the darkness of our world.

And for our seniors, remember that the older we get, the more powerful our prayers become. And this is true because our vitality and worth in the eyes of God is not determined by our ability, but by our willingness to open our hearts to the world. So make sure you pray for these outreaches that change lives every day.

May God bless us with a sense of empowerment and renewed purpose as we venture into the future that will be 2017, and may God bless our world with an abundance of grace through the good that we choose to create. God bless.

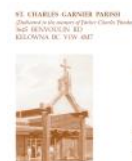
## 2017 BOOK OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2017 offering envelopes are available for pick up from the tables in the Parish Hall. Please note that the information shown on the label is what will be printed on your tax receipt. Please check this carefully and let us know of any errors or changes as soon as possible. If you are participating in the monthly SAG (preauthorized giving) you will still need to pick up your envelopes as you will want to use your envelopes for the Special Collections not covered by your regular SAG donation.

### VERY IMPORTANT:

Please **DO NOT** use your new envelopes before 2017!

Your envelope number changes each year. Using envelopes from other than the current year could result in confusion and not receiving proper tax credit for your donations.



My Offering



## Rachel's Corner

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, the rod of their taskmaster, you have smashed..... For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace."

-Isaiah 9:1, 3, 5

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, and leave the darkness and burden behind as you discover the great light and joy of living in His peace.

Healing after Abortion Ministry – Rachel's Vineyard  
250-762-2273 – info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com  
f. Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna [www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com](http://www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com)

### FAIR TRADE GOODS

Will be on sale the **first Sunday** of each month. Please sign up for membership in Development and Peace at the same time.



**FILIPINO MASS**—will be held the first Sunday of the month at **Corpus Christi Parish** starting at 5:30 pm. The mass is followed by a pot luck dinner.

**PERPETUAL ADORATION** Chapel Group at ICC would like to request anyone who will be willing to spend at least one hour a week in our Adoration Chapel to please call Betty Chipeur at 250-860-6444. We need more people who are willing and generous for night time Adoration from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFASTS MONTHLY SCHEDULE—September through June

<b>First Sunday of the Month</b> <i>Immaculate Conception Church and St. Theresa Parish</i>	<b>Second Sunday of the Month</b> <i>St. Pius X Parish</i>
<b>Third Sunday of the Month</b> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes Parish</i>	<b>Last Sunday of the Month</b> <i>St. Charles Garnier Parish</i>

### PEOPLE OF FAITH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Come on out and join us as we gather together to Praise and Worship our Awesome God! Tuesday evenings 7:00 pm at St. Pius X—enter through side off of Fuller Ave. For more info please call Piera 250-762-6150.

### SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

"The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity" meets every 2nd Sunday at 12:30 pm in St. Charles Garnier Hall. All are welcome to attend. Contact: Maria 778-214-2705

**ST PEREGRINE PRAYER GROUP**—The Secular Franciscans are holding prayer sessions for those afflicted with cancer and other diseases on the last Monday of each month 7-8pm at Alice's place. All are welcome. For directions contact Alice 250-860-3541, alicemccrea@shaw.ca. or Christine 250-768-5274, cbreevesac@shaw.ca

### 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?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> CWL                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Music         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knights of Columbus         | <input type="checkbox"/> Reader        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. Vincent de Paul         | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> R.C.I.A.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Servers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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.**