

December 24, 2017
4th Sunday of Advent



You will conceive in your womb and bear a son.
 Luke 1



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Dec. 25	10:30 am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier
Tuesday	Dec. 26	8:30 am	✠ Florence Beaudoin
Wednesday	Dec. 27	8:30 am	✠ Jim Gray
Thursday	Dec. 28	8:30 am	✠ Arnold Blue
Friday	Dec. 29	8:30 am	✠ Martin Segbeaya
Saturday	Dec. 30	5:00 pm	Int. Gudrun & Arthur Cobham
Sunday	Dec. 31	8:30 am	✠ Adrian Van de Mosselaer
		10:30 am	✠ Otiliya Pevec & fam.
		7:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21
 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

GUIDE TO GIVING	2017 YTD	2016 YTD
Collections	\$ 487,713	\$ 468,027
Building Fund		\$ 44,589

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Merry Christmas," the greeting evokes so many different memories, emotions and experiences. Sitting around the dinner table I might recount the time my parents hid a present in plain sight, the time I almost didn't make it home or the time I took a wrong turn and ended up at the city dump. Others might talk about what they had done to prepare themselves or their house to welcome guests, share presents and make sure everything was just right. Some might share on what the season means to them and why they look forward to it each year. Christmas means so many different things to so many different people, we need a very long table if we were to share them all.

Among these stories might include stories of illness, loss, hardship and loneliness. Times when Christmas wasn't much like Christmas at all. Times we questioned if there was anything worth celebrating. Times when we had to look long and hard and realize that Christmas is far more than merriment and good cheer. Maybe it was then that we began to realize, Christmas is even greater than we thought, for it was to poor shepherds in the field at night, it was to sinners and outcasts unable to feast that Christ did appear. Christmas is for everyone, no one is left untouched.

"Merry Christmas," the greeting flows from my pen and falls from my lips once again this year. I know that the season may not necessarily be a fortunate one for everyone. But I do know it belongs to all. May Christ be born and received in a new way this year. And may his coming bring both comfort and joy to you and to all.

Fraternally in Christ,

Fr. Bart van Roijen

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. Bart 778-478-6288

BAPTISM—Baptisms take place during one of the weekend Masses. Baptism Preparation is required for the first child that is baptized in this parish. Please contact us a couple of months 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

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.

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

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

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 for more information.

St. Charles Garnier School Board Rep.	Rita Smith
Immaculata High	250-762-2730
St. Joseph Elementary	250-763-3371
Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School	250-768-9008
Kelowna Catholic Independent Schools	250-448-2725 or 250-762-2905
Fax: 1-866-964-3858	Website: www.kelownacatholic.org

The parish office will be closed for the holidays and will re-open on January 3rd. Messages will be checked Dec. 27th and Jan. 2nd. Merry Christmas and many blessings for the New Year!

MASS INTENTIONS JAN. 1–7, 2018

Monday	Jan. 1	10:30 am	Protection of families
Tuesday	Jan. 2	8:30 am	✠ José & Victor Dos Santos
Wednesday	Jan. 3	8:30 am	✠ Devie Mills
Thursday	Jan. 4	8:30 am	✠ Charles & Lorraine Faessler
Friday	Jan. 5	8:30 am	✠ Michael Boon
Saturday	Jan. 6	5:00 pm	Int. B & P Mohan families
Sunday	Jan. 7	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier
		10:30 am	✠ Jane Ferguson
		7:00 pm	✠ Elisabeth Worle

BAPTISM

Baptized in our parish this weekend

Haley Wanda Woodman

Daughter of Melissa (nee Maes)
 and
 Jordan Woodman



SSVP HAMPER PROGRAM 2017

With the generous support of this parish we joyfully provided 65 hampers this year: 24 families with 52 children, and 94 adults. Donations of food, money and knitted items (from some very industrious knitters) were so very much appreciated. We wish to thank our corporate sponsors; EnviroCanada, Crowe MacKay and Meyer Norris Penny who provided our families with gifts and extras. The Religious Education students from Immaculata made up very festive stockings for our single adult hampers and the Knights of Columbus donated new winter coats for the kids. And of course, we wish to thank Father Bart for his unwavering support.

Thank you for coming together as a family, for continuing to see Christ in anyone who suffers and for helping in all possible ways. May every blessing of this very blessed season be with you and yours.



PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

Your Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal envelope should have arrived at your home by now. For those who have not received it, please pick up a blank package from the foyer or contact our parish office and we will provide a package for you.

We have raised \$ 66, 418—78.8% toward our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal Goal.

HAITIAN CELEBRATION

Caribbean Kanaval – January 26, 2018
TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Escape the cold and come into the heat! Join us for Kanaval - a Haitian celebration and all ages event of fun and entertainment! Enjoy games of chance and skill, entertainment and dancing by DJ Jeff Haymaker, and a Haitian Marketplace. Proceeds support schools in Haiti sponsored by Immaculate Conception Church and Haiti in My Heart, a Canadian registered charity. Tickets - \$15/adult; \$5 age 18 and under. Buy tickets online: <https://www.haitiinmyheart.ca> or in person at Immaculate Conception Church office, 839 Sutherland Avenue.



ST. JOSEPH NEW YEAR'S MASS

On **Thursday, January 11th, 2018** St. Joseph School is having a New Year's mass at **Immaculate Conception Church at 10:45 am.**

Fr. Harry Clarke will be our main celebrant.
All are welcome!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

A Safe Environment Policy workshop will be held on Thursday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (3665 Benvoulin Road). New volunteers who work with children, youth or vulnerable adults, people who are renewing their training and anyone interested in learning more about this policy and how to protect vulnerable people is welcome to attend. Please read the policy before you arrive. It is available from the Safe Environment Office webpage (www.nelsondiocese.org) or from your parish office. Please RSVP to seo@nelsondiocese.org (preferred) or 250-448-2725 ext 225.

KELOWNA CATHOLIC MENS BREAKFAST & VIDEO SERIES PART 2

Part 2 of the popular **That Man is You** video series will start Wednesday, January 10th and run for 13 weeks. **That Man is You** addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those that influence their roles as husbands and fathers. Men meet Wednesday mornings 6:00 - 7:30 at St. Pius X for fellowship, a great breakfast and a life-changing experience! **New Participants Welcome!** The only cost for this program is breakfast! For more information, contact Fr. Gerald at sxppastor@shaw.ca or David Z at david@icckelowna.ca.

To reserve your spot for the next session contact St. Pius X parish office at 250-762-2587 by Tuesday, December 19.



MASS AT BIG WHITE

Big White Mass - **every Sunday @ 3:30PM**, starting Sunday, December 17th & concluding Sunday, April 1st, 2018—Easter Sunday.

Mass will be held in the staff lunch room, upstairs in the main ski rental building (watch for signs).

****NOTE: NO Mass on Sunday, December 24th.****

There will be Mass on December 25th & January 1st at 3:30pm.

Rachel's Corner

"God, hear my cry, listen to my prayer. From the end of the earth I call to you with fainting heart. Lead me to the high rock that stands far out of my reach."

-Psalm 61:1-2

Have you felt like being free of the pain after your abortion is beyond your reach? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and allow God to show you the merciful relief He has ready for your aching heart.

[Healing After Abortion](#)

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Confidential and free: 1.855.675.8749

www.CompassionateCommunityCare.org

CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION BURSARY

The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 each to two 2018 graduating students who are enrolled in Catholic secondary schools, or who are members of BC or Yukon parishes and enrolled in public secondary schools, or who are home-schooled. Students are asked to submit a 500-word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care. Submissions must be received on or before March 9, 2018. For further details, please refer to the poster on display in the vestibule of the church or check the CHABC website at www.chabc.bc.ca under News and Events.

PLANETARY HOUSE RULES

1. Take only your share.
2. Clean up after yourself.
3. Keep the house in good repair for those who will use it after you.

Fr. Richard Rohr's Meditation for December 15

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille - A lifeline for trouble marriages

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring - your relationship grown cold, distant - thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but (both of you) wish to try again - then Retrouvaille program may help you.

RETRouvaille (Rediscovery), supported by the Life, Marriage and Family Office of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six to seven follow-up sessions on the Sundays following the weekend.

The next program is scheduled to start on the weekend of April, 20-22, 2018. To register please visit www.retrouvaillevancover.com. For more details send us an email at vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org or phone Marc and Candice 604-530-6710 and leave a message. All inquiries are confidential.

2018 BOOK OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2018 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 2018! 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.

ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH
(Dedicated to the memory of Father Charles Pandosy)
3645 BENVOLIN RD
KELOWNA BC V1W 4M7



My Offering

To: _____

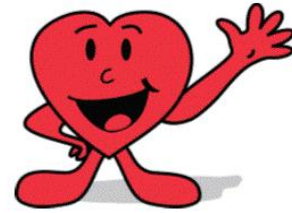


FIND HELP • DISCOVER HOPE • EXPERIENCE HEALING

DIVORCE *Care*



DivorceCare for Kids



Sessions for DivorceCare and DivorceCare for Kids (ages 5-12) will run concurrently

January 9th through to April 3rd.

Sessions will be held on Tuesdays 6:00—8:00 pm at St. Charles Garnier Parish, 3645 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna, BC

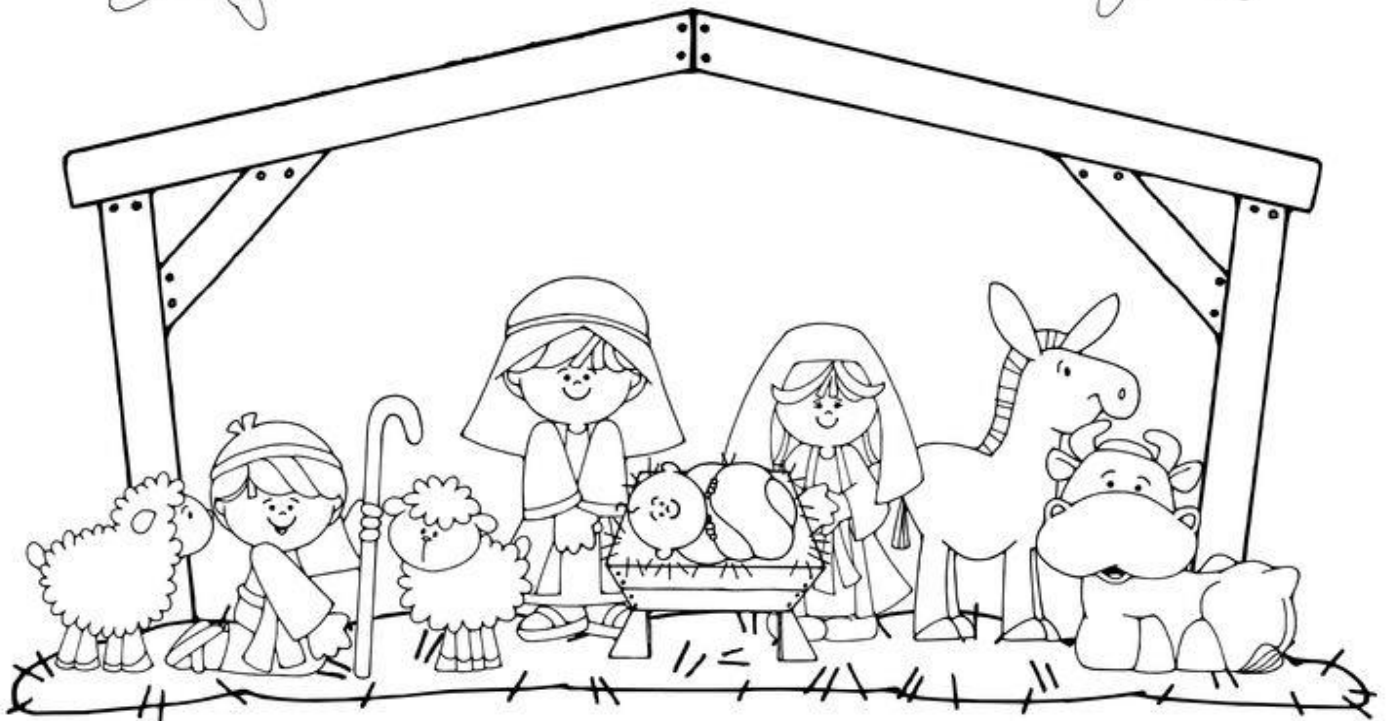
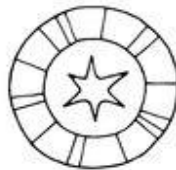
No time off for Spring break.

\$25.00/person for each program

Register at St. Charles Garnier parish office.

For more information on DC4K check out this short video: <https://www.dc4k.org/leaderzone/promotion/video>

Glory to the newborn King!



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

BICYCLES FOR HUMANITYKeith Germaine250-764-2942

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 Christina Hidalgo250-872-9776

FR. PANDOSY 4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY—Knights of Columbus

Meet third Sundays of the month at 2:30 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:Davy Janko 250-980-8727
 Email: djanko@stcharleskoc.com

***Last Sunday of each month, September to June—
 Knights Breakfast after a.m. Masses***

PRAYER TO ST. PEREGRINE

The Secular Franciscans are holding prayer sessions for those afflicted with cancer and other diseases on one Monday of each month. Contact Christine for dates and times. All are welcome. If you have friends or family members with cancer, add them to our list, as we pray daily for them.
 Christine—250-768-5274—email: cbreevesac@shaw.ca

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER - *“The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity”*

Meets every 2nd Sunday at 12:30 pm in St. Charles Garnier Hall.
 Maria - 778-214-2705

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

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
- Children’s Liturgy children@stcharlesgarnier.ca
- Eucharistic Ministers Dave Crane 250-861-4085
- 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
- Security Patrol.
- Ushers Gino Servedio 250-764-3182

CONTACT NUMBERS

- CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN. . . Martha Calderer . . .236-420-1970
- 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 250-717-0472
- GRIEF TO GRACE www.GriefftoGrace.org 250-878-7603
- KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE 250-862-8202
- OZANAM HOUSE hope@ozanamhouse.com 250-762-4673(HOPE)
- PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE 250-763-2112
- RACHEL’S VINEYARD info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com 250-762-2273
- REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES 250-763-7892

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
- Knights of Columbus
- St. Vincent de Paul
- R.C.I.A.
- Sacristan (Set up for Mass)
- Music
- Reader
- Usher
- Altar Servers

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.**

