

# ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH



**December 1, 2013**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**

Keep awake, you must be ready.  
Matthew 24

## MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday ..... 8:30am  
Saturday ..... 5:00pm  
Sunday ..... 8:30am, 10:30am & 7:00 pm  
Praise & Worship at 6:45 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*

**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 our Director of Formation a month in advance of desired date - Kevin Kishor @ [kevin@stcharlesgarnier.ca](mailto:kevin@stcharlesgarnier.ca)

**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)  
Contact our Director of Adult Min.: [kevin@stcharlesgarnier.ca](mailto:kevin@stcharlesgarnier.ca) for Marriage Prep.

## Contact us:

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Pastors' direct line: 778-478-6288

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## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Meet second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am  
President: Judy Boyczuk ..... 764-6335  
Membership inquiries: Benita Spencer ..... 868-8608  
**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE** ... Keith Germaine ... 764-2942

### FRIENDS IN FAITH (SINGLES MINISTRY)

Inquiries ..... Kolleen O'Shea ... 469-0679

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

Meet second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.  
Grand Knight: Rob Grifone ..... 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 ... 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 each one of them by name.

Betty - 868-9151 Email: [heinzk@shaw.ca](mailto:heinzk@shaw.ca) or Alice - 860-3541  
**SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER** ..... Alice—860-3541  
Email: [alicemccrea@shaw.ca](mailto:alicemccrea@shaw.ca)

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Meet second and fourth Wednesday at 9:00 am. .... 860-2536  
**Last Sunday of each month—SSVP donations**

## MINISTRY COORDINATORS

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

Altar Servers . . . . Renae Clarkson 769-7979/Louise Reeve 979-0315  
Children's Liturgy . . . . .Kevin Kishor 863-4296  
Eucharistic Ministers . . . Murdo & Alanet MacKinnon 717-1993  
Guardians of God's Creation . . Alda Berneaud-daRosa 764-7224  
Hospital Visitation & Eucharist. . . . .Ethel Robidoux 860-2101  
Music . . . . . JoAnn Young 764-0485  
Readers. . . . . Keith Germaine 764-2942  
Sacristans . . . . . Flo Pasutto 764-8716  
Security Patrol. . . . .  
Ushers . . . . . Gino Servedio 764-3182

## CONTACT NUMBERS

**CLUBHOUSE DAYCARE** ..... 860-4393  
**CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE** ..... 491-1088  
**CURSILLO** ..... John or Gail Schlosser. . . 764-7007  
**DIOCESE—Catholic Pastoral Centre** ..... 448-2725  
**ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER** ..... 764-4333  
**GRIEF TO GRACE** . . . [www.GriefftoGrace.org](http://www.GriefftoGrace.org) . . . . . 878-7603  
**KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE** ..... 862-8202  
**PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE** ..... 763-2112  
**RACHEL'S VINEYARD** ..... 762-2273

### PARKING LOT SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sat. Dec. 7	5:00 p.m.	Mike O'Donnell
Sun. Dec. 8	8:30 a.m.	Gerry Goyer
	10:30 a.m.	Stewart Lundquist
	7:00 p.m.	Tom Schmidt

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Sat. Dec. 7	5:00 p.m.	No coverage
Sun. Dec. 8	8:30 a.m.	Andrea
	10:30 a.m.	Sylvia & Group
	7:00 p.m.	Youth

GUIDE TO GIVING	2013 YTD	2012 YTD
<b>Collections</b>	\$ 414,820	\$ 410,496
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 113,543	\$ 72,848
<b>D &amp; P—Philippines</b>	<b>\$ 15,097</b>	

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	Dec. 2	8:30 am	Patricia Portz ☩
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dec. 3	8:30 am	Muriel Casorso ☩
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dec. 4	8:30 am	Bill & Mary Burns ☩
<b>Thursday</b>	Dec. 5	8:30 Am	Mary Olinger ☩
<b>Friday</b>	Dec. 6	8:30 am	Rick Turner ☩
<b>Saturday</b>	Dec. 7	5:00 pm	Christa Lee ☩
<b>Sunday</b>	Dec. 8	8:30 am	Arne Buhman ☩
		10:30 am	Primo Angellone ☩
		7:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

### DON'T FORGET OUR 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.

S.C.G. School Board Rep. Rita Smith

Immaculata High 762-2730  
 St. Joseph Elementary 763-3371  
 Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School 768-9008  
 Kelowna Catholic Independent Schools 448-2725  
 Fax: 1-866-964-3858 [www.kelownacatholic.org](http://www.kelownacatholic.org)

### 5:00 pm MASS NEXT WEEK

<b>READERS</b>	Ted Randles Benita Spencer
<b>EUCCHARIST</b>	Donna & Adrian Van de Mosselaer Mary Ann Smithwick [L] _____
<b>USHERS</b>	Val Cylwa, Gerry Goyer Gerry & Eileen Baker
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<i>No schedule yet</i>

### 8:30 am MASS NEXT WEEK

<b>READERS</b>	Leona Stocker Reg Humphries
<b>EUCCHARIST</b>	Leona Stocker [L], Victor Stocker Yolanda Fradette, Bill Rodden Dave Crane
<b>USHERS</b>	Len & Bonnie Pelland Phil Dillon, Russ Radi
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<i>No schedule yet</i>

### 10:30 am MASS NEXT WEEK

<b>READERS</b>	Dan Spelliscy Garry Tomporowski
<b>EUCCHARIST</b>	Doreen & Stan Velin [L] Madeleine Allen, Jim Smith Nora Helton
<b>USHERS</b>	Ron Beahun, Don Woods John & Nora Helton
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<i>No schedule yet</i>

### 7:00 pm MASS NEXT WEEK

<b>READERS</b>	Christina & Mark
<b>EUCCHARIST</b>	Steve & Chelsea
<b>USHERS</b>	<i>Please volunteer</i>
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<i>No schedule yet</i>

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10  
 2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9  
 Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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## ADVENT 2013 RECONCILIATION RITES

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Immaculata High School	Wednesday	Dec. 4	10:30 —2:00
St. Joseph Elementary School	Tuesday	Dec. 10	10:30 a.m.
St. Edward Parish	Tuesday	Dec. 10	6:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes School	Wednesday	Dec. 11	1:00 p.m.
St. Theresa Parish	Wednesday	Dec. 11	6:30 p.m.
St. Pius X Parish	Thursday	Dec. 12	6:30 p.m.
Holy Spirit Parish	Monday	Dec. 16	6:30 p.m.
St. Charles Garnier Parish	Tuesday	Dec. 17	6:30 P.M.
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Wednesday	Dec. 18	6:30 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Parish	Thursday	Dec. 19	3:30 p.m.

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## MARRIAGE

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*Congratulations and Best Wishes to*

**Britney Greenwood  
&  
Trevor Rushka**

*who were married in our parish this week.*



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## ITALIAN MASS

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Bishop John will celebrate **Mass in Italian Thursday, December 5th @ 5:30 pm** at St. Charles Garnier. Pot-Luck supper will follow in the parish hall. For more information call Gino Servedio 250-764-3182.

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## PARISH NEEDS

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As a result of our renovations we find that the parish is in need of an **upright vacuum** which will be used for the new offices. And the rectory could use one too ☺! If you have a **good condition, sturdy upright vacuum** that you have been thinking of letting go of, or upgrading, and would be willing to donate it to the church, we would be pleased to receive it.

Also, we are looking for a **gently used love seat** and an **arm chair** for visitor seating in the new offices. If you have either of these and would consider donating them, please call Kevin (love seat) or Andrea (arm chair) 250-860-6776.

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## BREAKFAST

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Knights breakfast at ICC this week, Dec. 1st.  
Everyone welcome.

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## PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

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Our Diocesan Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal is continuing to progress well thanks to the parishioners who have pledged \$ 73,225 which is 100% of our Diocesan goal and 49.1% of our Parish goal and 73.2% of our Overall goal. If you did not receive a package please pick up a blank package from the ledge in the foyer, and check with the Parish Office to ensure that you are registered.

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## SCG YOUTH

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St. Charles Garnier Youth group raised \$47.55 from their bottle collection effort last week. This will be donated to the aid for the Philippines. Thank you to everyone who brought in bottles!

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## YOUNG MOM'S GROUP

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We would like to start running a Young Mom's Group in the New-year however, we will need to provide some form of childcare for toddlers during the sessions. Ideally, we are looking for Women who perhaps do not have children at home anymore that would love to come and play with some little ones! Safe Environment protocols will apply of course. Please contact [kevin@stcharlesgarnier.ca](mailto:kevin@stcharlesgarnier.ca) for info on this - thank you.

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## ATTENTION CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-7

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Are you presently an Altar Server at our parish? Or perhaps you are not an Altar server but are interested in becoming part of this wonderful ministry? This **Sunday, DECEMBER 1st, immediately following 10:30 Mass**, Fr. Pat will be offering an information session for all children involved in serving & for those interested in joining in the fun. We will be meeting at the front of the church (at the altar) for a brief discussion/overview on all that this ministry entails. We would love to see you there!

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## THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM 2013

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On the weekend of November 30th / December 1st and also December 7th / 8th our members will be handing out cloth bags for your donations of food items to fill our Christmas hampers. A suggested list of items will be attached to the bag. Because of health and safety concerns, we regret that we cannot accept donations of home preserves, or items not sealed in their original containers. Please check the "best before date" and do not include any outdated item as we cannot use them for our Hampers.



We ask that you please return the bags on the weekends of Dec 7/8 or Dec 14/15 but no later than Sunday AM, Dec 15  
We thank you for your generous support of the Christmas hamper program to help God's poor and needy in our area.

If you or someone you know is in need of a hamper, please call [250-860-2536](tel:250-860-2536). All requests will be kept confidential.

## KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE

The Kelowna Right to Life Society is holding the annual Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Vigil at KGH on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-3 pm. The Patron Saint of the Unborn, Lady of Guadalupe, appeared before a Mexican peasant in 1531 and is credited with converting millions of people to Catholicism, helping to end to the abhorrent practice of human sacrifice in the process. Please meet on Pandosy Street in front of KGH at 2:00 pm. Call 250-862-8202 or visit [prolifekelowna.com](http://prolifekelowna.com) for more information.

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Come Holy Spirit and enkindle in us the fire of Your Love! Coming in December. Life In The Spirit Seminar. Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full" John 10:10

The retreat is designed to help participants yield to the action of the Holy Spirit in their lives so they can begin to sense His presence and experience Him working in and through them.

In his General Audience of September 6th, 1989, Blessed Pope John Paul II said that "Baptizing in the Grace of the Spirit means REGENERATING humanity with the power of God's Spirit" "I have loved you with an everlasting love" Jer. 31:3

Come receive from the bounty of God's Amazing Grace.

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

December 6th, Friday, from 6:30 pm. to 9:00 pm. &

December 7th, Saturday, from 8:30 am. to 3:30 pm.

Holy Mass at 7:00 pm. on Friday in the Church. Please bring a bag lunch, coffee, tea, muffins, and goodies provided.

There is no charge for the Seminar. Preregistration is appreciated, please call Piera 250-762-6150 or Madeleine 778-478-6777

## MILITIA IMMACULATA MONTHLY MASS

The monthly mass of the **MILITIA IMMACULATA** will be celebrated on **Sat. Dec 7, @ 9 am. @ ICC. Reconciliation** from 8 - 8:45 am. **ROSARY @ 8:30** There will be an additional mass on **Monday, Dec 9 @ HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH @ 10:00 am.** This will be in celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This will be a Consecration Mass, for those taking their initial vows of Consecration, and a renewal of vows for those who have consecrated previously. Everyone welcome to learn more about Marian Consecration. Flowers to adorn the statue of Mary are gratefully accepted at both masses. Coffee social to follow each mass.

## USING MUSIC TO DRAW PEOPLE TO CHURCH

Take a few minutes to check out this link on CBC radio— Daybreak episode: <http://www.cbc.ca/daybreaksouth/past-episodes/> (Scroll down to the picture of our church) It takes less than 5 minutes to listen to our parishioner Madonna Hamel with a faith column and a look at how St. Charles Catholic Church is getting in the groove.

## FREEDOM'S DOOR NEEDS

We at Freedom's Door have has a busy few months since we opened our 5th house in May of this year. All of our 50 beds have been full for the past 3 months which is exciting as we are able to expand our capacity to help more men find recovery in God's great love. We are now in need of a few things— washer/dryers as well as vacuum cleaners. Info: 250-717-0472.

## GUARDIANS OF CREATION

### Update on Warsaw 2013 - the United Nations Conference on Climate Change

The conference closed last weekend, but not before a new deal on climate change was signed after an epic 30 hour long negotiation. The over 5,000 deaths and devastation inflicted on the Philippines by typhoon Haiyan surely helped spur delegates to agree on the new deal. The "**Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage**" is tasked to provide countries with technical support, facilitate actions and improve coordination inside the UN Climate Convention as well as other organizations like the Red Cross, MSF and Oxfam.

The lead negotiator from the Philippines – Yeb Saño, in his opening address to the UNCCC, linked man-made climate change to the super typhoon that obliterated his hometown. He made an emotional plea for action and declared he would FAST – in solidarity with his people, until there was "meaningful progress" at the talks.

He asked citizens around the world to sign his online petition demanding progress. The goal was to get 1 million signatures to be given to the negotiators at the climate talks. His call to action was boosted by several organizations like Credo and Friends of the Earth. Within one week the petition gathered more than 650,000 signatures. It is now approaching 750,000.

Yeb's call for action seems to have worked so far. A deal was made.

**This is surely a sign of HOPE.** People around the world have been deeply moved by this man's act of solidarity.

If you would like to join your voice to - Stand with the Philippines - you can use the link provided below. God bless!

[https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/Stand\\_with\\_the\\_Philippines/](https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/Stand_with_the_Philippines/)

## ONE HUMAN FAMILY, FOOD FOR ALL

This year Share lent campaign will see D&P join with Caritas Internationalis and all the Caritas organizations around the world to focus on the theme: "one human family, food for all". This will be launched this Dec 10 with a "wave of prayer":

<http://blog.caritas.org/2013/11/19/save-the-date-wave-of-prayer-against-hunger-on-10th-december/>. The expectation is that people will set 30 minutes aside at their noon time on Dec 10 to pray. Caritas Internationalis is producing a map where people are committed to engage in prayer at this time – in a group would be better. Anyone interested in joining together in prayer and "soup n' bun" please email the parish office [charlesgarner@gmail.com](mailto:charlesgarner@gmail.com).



### Campaign Prayer

O God, you entrusted to us the fruits of all creation so that we might care for the earth and be nourished with its bounty.

You sent us your Son to share our very flesh and blood and to teach us your Law of Love. Through His death and resurrection, we have been formed into one human family.

Jesus showed great concern for those who had no food – even transforming five loaves and two fish into a banquet that served five thousand and many more.

We come before you, O God, conscious of our faults and failures, but full of hope, to share food with all members in this global family.

Through your wisdom, inspire leaders of government and of business, as well as all the world's citizens, to find just, and charitable solutions to end hunger by assuring that all people enjoy the right to food.

Thus we pray, O God, that when we present ourselves for Divine Judgment, we can proclaim ourselves as "One Human Family" with "Food for All". AMEN.

[www.caritas.org](http://www.caritas.org)

## FRIENDS IN FAITH CHRISTMAS POT-LUCK

Friends in Faith is a Catholic ministry for singles, for those that are widowed, never married, separated or divorced, ages 35 and above. On Sunday December 15th Friends in Faith will be meeting at 3 p.m. to share a Christmas pot luck meal. Come and share some food and spend some time celebrating the Christmas season. Bring a pot luck item and your Christmas spirit! Contact Kolleen O'Shea at 250-469-0679 to register and get directions to location by no later than December 11th. Friends in Faith is also looking for enthusiastic and dependable singles to join the core team to help organize, plan and host events. If you are interested, contact Kolleen O'Shea at 250-469-0679.



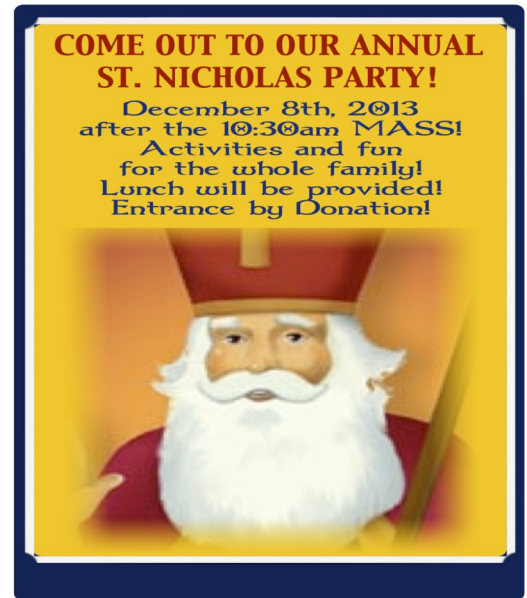
## 8TH ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS PARTY

After the 10:30 Mass.

Lunch is included as well as there may be a visit from St. Nicholas.

Bring your baby Jesus to be blessed at the 10:30 Mass.

For more information regarding the party, or to volunteer, please contact Andrea at [250-863-3347](tel:250-863-3347) or email [youth@stcharlesgarnier.ca](mailto:youth@stcharlesgarnier.ca)  
Thanks!



### WOMEN OF FAITH CHRISTMAS EVENT

On Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 9:30pm via Simulcast, First Lutheran Church and School invite you to join in one hope-filled joyful celebration. There will be stories of hope and the gift of Christmas along with spectacular speakers (Max Lucado, Sheila Walsh, Lisa Harper and Rick Warren) and worshipful music from some of today's best in Christian music. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from the office of First Lutheran @ 4091 Lakeshore Road, Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Tickets will also be available at the door (if you are unable to purchase your ticket in advance, but plan on attending, please call [250-764-3111](tel:250-764-3111) to let us know you'll be coming.)

For more information on this event, visit [www.womenoffaith.com](http://www.womenoffaith.com) and click on Women of Faith Christmas under upcoming events. This is a great event to bring along, friends, neighbours and co-workers.

### 2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SONG FEST

Back by popular demand!  
**SATURDAY, DEC. 14, 1-3 PM,**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Church,**  
2547 Hebert Rd., West Kelowna.

Come enjoy spiritual Christmas music, performed by talented locals from Peachland to Winfield, including a priest :) Our Yuletide Café will be open for seasonal goodies. Entrance by donation. All proceeds will go to World Youth Day 2016 in Kraków, Poland. Bring your family, friends & neighbours!

Info: Christine @ [250-768-0284](tel:250-768-0284).



### ST. THERESA'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

St. Theresa's will be holding our Christmas Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00. Tables are still available for rent at a cost of \$20.00. Please phone [250-765-6869](tel:250-765-6869) to reserve your table. The CWL will be hosting Santa's Café during the sale, with muffins for breakfast and homemade soup for lunch. We will also be raffling a gift basket full of holiday goodies!

### IT'S A GIRL FILM

St. Edward's Parish in Winfield invites you to join us for a film screening of "it's a girl" on December 13th at 7:00 pm.

St Edwards Parish

Join us  
for a film screening  
of...

it's a girl

Friday,  
December 13

St Edwards Parish - 7:00 pm  
11123 Okanagan Rd Ctr E, Lake Country, BC  
(250) 766-3146

Free Admission

This is a documentary film on  
gendercide and  
violence against women.  
Admission is free.  
For further info contact  
St. Edward's  
Parish Office  
250-766-3146.

Let us  
remember that  
sex-selective  
abortion is an  
act of violence  
against women  
and girls.

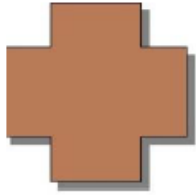
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THE THREE DEADLIEST WORDS IN THE WORLD

### BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

FRIDAY, December 20th at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's United Church, 3131 Lakeshore Rd. This service is a time for people to bring their grief and tears to worship openly instead of hiding behind a mask of holiday cheer or refraining from worship altogether. The darkness of mid-winter reminds us that the nighttime is often the most difficult time to face grief, particularly with the frenetic energy that surrounds this season. This service provides an opportunity to care for each other in our pain, and to remind ourselves and others that the Light continues to shine in the darkness.



## DIOCESE OF NELSON

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November 25, 2013

Dear sisters and brothers,

The Diocese of Nelson includes eleven First Nations communities:

**Kootenay Region:**

Cranbrook:	St. Mary's Band (Aqam)
Windermere:	Akisqnuq First Nation (Formerly Columbia Lake Band)
Invermere:	Shuswap Band
Grasmere:	Tobacco Plains Band
Creston:	Lower Kootenay Band (Yaqaan Nukiy)

**Okanagan Region:**

Oliver:	Osoyoos Indian Band (Inkameep/Nk'Mip Band)
Osoyoos:	Chopaka Reserves of Lower Similkameen Indian Band (Mililkameugh) based in Keremeos.
Penticton:	Penticton Okanagan Indian Band (Sn Pint'Ktn)
Princeton/Hedley:	Upper Similkameen Indian Band (Similikameugh)
West Kelowna:	Westbank First Nation (Tsinstikeptum)
Winfield:	Okanagan Indian Band (S-Ooknahkchinx).

On the Second Sunday of Advent, the weekend of 7 – 8 December, the Diocese of Nelson as well as other Dioceses across Canada, will participate in a pew collection entitled **Moving Forward: A Campaign for Healing and Reconciliation**. The pew collection will fund projects to build bridges with the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada who have suffered the trauma of the residential schools.

It is difficult for many to understand the ongoing trauma of residential schools since these schools have been closed for almost a generation. However, five generations of Aboriginal children, often at the age of five and six, were removed by force from their families and communities and consigned to residential schools. Brothers and sisters were separated from one another. Children grew up with very limited contact with parents, family and community. The rupture within family and community relationships persists to our present day. The problem was created over five generations and it will require time, patience and effort to heal.

**Moving Forward: A Campaign for Healing and Reconciliation** appeals to your generosity to create outreach programs into the First Nations communities of our region. Your donations will be used for the following programs:

- **Returning to Spirit** – A well-tested program which brings together Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal participants in a three-part program of healing. **Returning to Spirit** builds bridges of understanding. Last year, **Returning to Spirit** was conducted in the East Kootenay region.

It is our hope to conduct another session of **Returning to Spirit** in the East Kootenay region. We also wish to bring **Returning to Spirit** into the South Okanagan.

- **Grief Support Group** at St. Mary's Band (Aqam) of the Ktunaxa First Nation in Cranbrook
- **First Nations Healing Support Group** on the Chopaka Reserve near Osoyoos
- **Coffee House for Aboriginal Youth** in the South Okanagan
- Program to introduce First Nations languages and culture to the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students at St. Mary's School (Cranbrook), Holy Cross School (Penticton) and Our Lady of Lourdes School (West Kelowna).
- Program of the Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Diocese (CISND) to educate school employees about the residential school legacy and to build a positive appreciation for First Nations history and spirituality.

I am asking that the Diocese of Nelson participate in the Canada-wide collection, **Moving Forward: A Campaign for Healing and Reconciliation**. Your donations will be applied to healing and reconciliation within our own communities and among our own peoples.

Your prayerful and generous response will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ John Corriveau". The signature is written in a cursive style.

+John Corriveau, OFM Cap.  
Bishop of Nelson



## Rachel's Corner

Other than the loss of the life of the unborn child, one of the greatest tragedies of abortion is the spiritual damage it inflicts upon women, men and families who are ensnared by it. They are left behind bruised, despairing and alone.

We are ready to help you find hope again. Please call.

Abortion AfterCare-Healing / The Rachel Ministries  
250-762-2273 rv.kelowna@hotmail.com

## FAIR TRADE GOODS

Will now be on sale the **first & third** Sundays of each month from now until Christmas. Please sign up for membership in Development and Peace at the same time.



## POLISH ROSARY

First Friday of each month immediately after 5:15pm mass in Immaculate Conception Church. Contact Grazyna Kuliga 250-861-6577 or Aleksandra Nowak 250-765-1826.

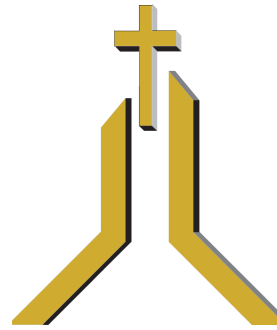
**SPANISH MASS**—Mass will be celebrated in Spanish at 3:30 p.m. on the **4th Sunday** of the month at **St. Theresa's**, Rutland.

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

## PERPETUAL ADORATION



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.



## NEW PARISHIONERS

*Welcome!*

Please register by filling out the yellow cards found on the ledge in the foyer and placing them in the collection basket. If you would like envelopes please check the box on the reverse. Envelopes will be assigned and placed on the ledge in the foyer for pick up. The label on the envelopes will have your name on it, the number identifies you and a tax receipt will be sent to you at the address you registered with.

You may also register on-line @ [www.stcharlesgarnier.ca](http://www.stcharlesgarnier.ca) where you can also *sign up for the bulletin to be emailed to you each week.*



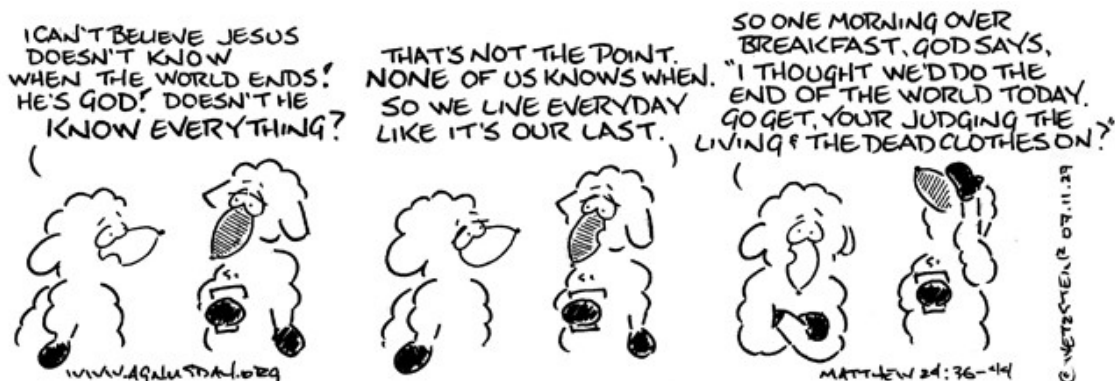
## Please remember:

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.**



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