



St. Charles Garnier Parish

December 16, 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent



*The crowds asked, "What should we do?".
Luke 3*



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

I draw your attention, once again, to this season of reconciliation and of forgiveness. Please take this time to reflect where reconciliation is needed in your personal life and your relationships and take some concrete steps towards healing.

In addition the Sacrament of Reconciliation, that celebrates the gift of forgiveness and God's many graces associated with it in a formal way, you are invited to celebrate reconciliation with the poor through charity, with others by asking for forgiveness and granting forgiveness and with creation by adopting a more simple lifestyle, all in preparation for the Lord's coming.

For those relationships where forgiveness and healing is more difficult, begin by taking the first step. It may be as simple as to pray for the ability to forgive (or to be forgiven) or the desire to begin the process in earnest. Reconciliation is not always easy. Some hurts, like those inflicted on our First Peoples, may take generations to heal. What is important is that we take the first step and never tire of honoring the process and our resolve to be reconciled.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on Wednesday, December 19th and at St. Pius X Parish on Thursday, December 20th at 6:30 pm. Fr. Bart will also be available 40 minutes before each Mass. The grace received in the Sacrament can pave the way to greater reconciliation with our neighbours.

Fraternally in Christ,
Fr. Bart van Roijen

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Dec. 17	8:30 am	Int. Sophie & Romuald Sedjro & Family
Tuesday	Dec. 18	8:30 am	✠ Regina Atrens
Wednesday	Dec. 19	8:30 am	✠ Georgina Pauline Gropp
Thursday	Dec. 20	8:30 am	✠ William Green
Friday	Dec. 21	8:30 am	✠ Margaret Goyer
Saturday	Dec. 22	5:00 pm	✠ Robert Hooker
Sunday	Dec. 23	8:30 am	✠ Emmaus Thomas Grimard
		10:30 am	✠ Ken Hanak
		7:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1st Reading: Micah 5:2-5a
2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

GUIDE TO GIVING

December 2018

Monthly Parish collection budget	\$42,500
Collections/SAG received so far this month	\$24,407
Average weekly collection for December	\$12,203

Brother Francis: O Holy Night

Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

Recall the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation that will remind you Who we celebrate during the Christmas season!



"Awesome for the kids big and small."

—Toby J., Toledo, OH

Watch on formed.org



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

Monday to Friday 8:00—8:20 am
 Saturday 4:15—4:45 pm
 Sunday 7:45—8:15 am & 10:00—10:15 am and 6:15-6:45 pm

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 who would like Fr. Bart to visit.

For **END OF LIFE emergencies for patients in the hospital only**—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 and 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

FORMED provides amazing content 24/7 for you to grow in your faith. **It's FREE and EASY to Register!**

- Visit stcharlesgarnier.formed.org with a web browser
- Click on Register
- Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later).

If **FORMED** asks for a Parish Code—use: **XG97TF**. If you are still having difficulty logging in to FORMED please call Nicole Horsman @ 250-681-0091.

PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Dec. 16	11:30 am	St. Nicholas Party
Dec. 17	1:00 pm	Card Social
Dec. 17	7:00 pm	Movie Night
Dec. 19	10:00 am	Catholic Moms Connect
Dec. 19	5:00 pm	Freedom's Door Christmas Party
Dec. 20	6:00 pm	Mountainview Staff Party
Dec. 24	4,6,8, & 10:00 pm	Christmas Masses
Dec. 25	9:30 am	Christmas Mass
Dec. 26	9:15 am	SSVP
Dec. 31	8:30 am & 5:00 pm	New Years Eve Masses
Jan. 1	10:30 am	New Year's Day Mass

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2018-19

“Jesus said, Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, who will not receive a hundredfold now in the age.” (Mark 10:29-30)



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 package from the ledge in the foyer. No gift is too small and we are counting on 100% participation of all parishioners.

Thus far, we have raised \$ 54,716.90 which is 67.0% toward our Pilgrimage of Faith Goal. Your continued support is necessary to meet the many needs that face us today, such as ministry to our indigenous peoples, or the education of our seminarians. Please help us to meet these needs.

SSVP THANKYOU



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul wish to thank the parishioners for their generous support. This Christmas you are helping us give over 80 Christmas hampers to 25 families with 47 children and 15 couples and 42 single people. You help provide cheer to our brothers and sisters in need.

To date, there are 73 cloth grocery bags that haven't yet been returned. It's never too late! We will continue to help people over the Christmas season. And if you decide that you are not able to fill the bag this year, just return it and we will pack it away for next year.

We wish you, your families and your friends every blessing of peace and joy.

SSVP REQUEST

This past week, St. Vincent de Paul helped re-settle a Syrian refugee family of 10 into Kelowna by providing furniture. As a result, our store of furnishings are severely depleted and with 2 further families expected to arrive in Kelowna before Christmas, we are in urgent need of good quality furniture and household items, linens, etc. Please call Walter at 250-859-1645.

2018 ADVENT RECONCILIATION RITES

PARISH/SCHOOL	DAY	DATE	TIME
St. Edwards	Tuesday	Dec. 18	6:30 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes School	Wednesday	Dec. 19	1:00 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Wednesday	Dec. 19	6:30 pm
St. Pius X	Thursday	Dec. 20	6:30 pm

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve: 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: 9:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve: 8:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day: 10:30 a.m.

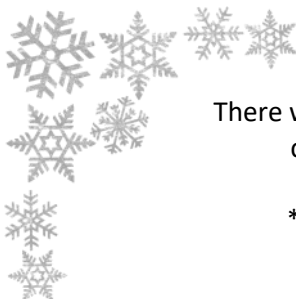
CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS SCHEDULE

Attention **Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, & Security Patrol.**

Please take a moment to stop in the foyer and sign the **sign-up sheet** for the Christmas & New Years Masses that you will be attending and at which you would be willing to serve.

Please Volunteer! Thank You!

BIG WHITE MASS

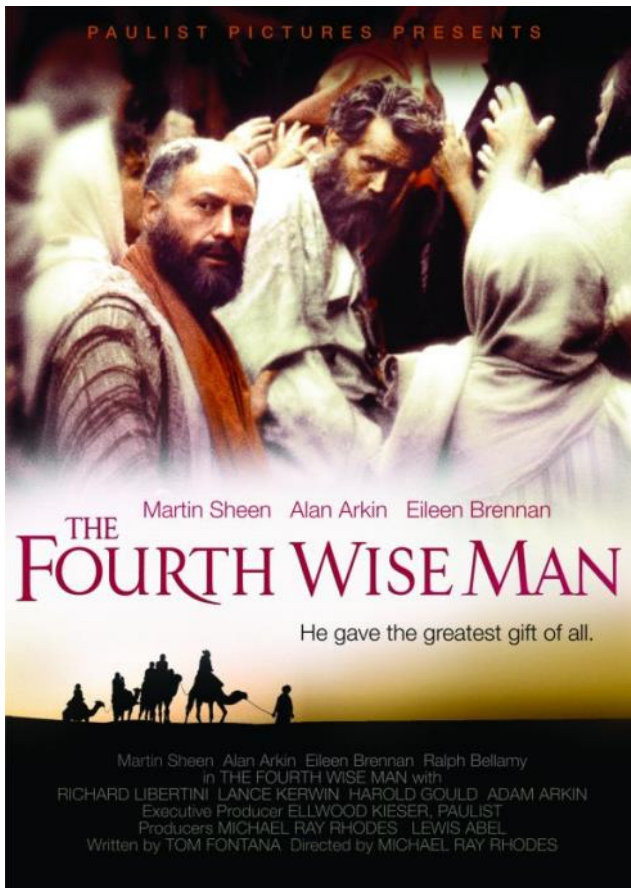


There will be Mass at Big White every Sunday @ 3:30 pm, starting Sunday, December 16th and concluding at the end of the ski season. Mass will be held in the staff lunch room, upstairs in the main ski rental building (watch for signs).

****NOTE:** There will be Mass on December 25th and January 1st at 3:30 pm also.**

MOVIE NIGHT

Our next Movie Night with Fr. Ron Dechant, OMI will be on Monday, December 17 @ 7:00 pm in the hall. The movie will be **The Fourth Wise Man**. This fictional story set in Biblical times is told in gently comic terms. A Magi named Artaban (Martin Sheen) sees a sign in the heavens that he hopes will lead him and his faithful servant to the Messiah. Artaban takes with him three precious gifts to present to the Messiah. For 33 years Artaban pursues Jesus, only to miss Him at every turn. Along the way, Artaban uses his gifts to help people in dire need. He now has nothing to present to the Messiah when he finds Him. The story culminates on Easter Sunday as Artaban, old and dying, finally encounters the new King, bringing peace to his life. A deeply moving experience examining what true faith really means. Starring Martin Sheen and Alan Arkin.



CONSIDER BECOMING A SACRISTAN!



Our parish needs additional Sacristans. It's a "behind-the-scenes" ministry allowing for quiet service in the church, the duties are a devotional joy!

Your duty is once a month and training is with an experienced Sacristan. Individuals or couples, young or mature ~ a rewarding opportunity to serve your parish that comes with many blessings. Contact Brenda Korby 250-859-0840.

LOVE MADE EASY

Show your love for our Pakistani Catholic refugee family with an easy automatic **monthly direct debit** in the amount you choose. Electronic deductions for the refugees will take place on the 30th of each month. Forms are available from Marilee in the SCG office. Please enter an end date of May 30, 2019 since our sponsorship year ends in early June 2019. Love made easy--and tax deductible.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

St. Joseph Elementary School, Kelowna

Certified Education Assistant. Additional training in Applied Behavioral Analysis and Autism Spectrum Disorder is an asset.

View the diocesan school website www.cisnd.ca for posting details, application documents and process.

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.

www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

250-762-2273

Like us on Facebook: Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – SACRED TIME

This week the conversation continues

Suggestions:

- **Join in the Song**
“All is Well” we have permission from the Copyright holder to use this song for First Nations Ministry in the Diocese of Nelson. It is a simple praise song that can be sung once or many times to set the mood for our conversations. May it touch your hearts.
- **Use the Advent Wreath**
This Sunday the three candles (2 purple and the pink one) are lit.
- **Include a prayer intention**
A conversation with God can place everything that follows with all that God wants to do for us and with us. We share from our own concerns, but we want to be sure to listen to God’s compassionate response. May it be a time of special grace.
- **Speak with others**
Include faith in the conversation, joining with one, two or three others (or your whole family) first, then expand the conversation more broadly. Be open to their thoughts without needing to correct or convince. Really get to understand exactly what they are saying. There will be more time to react and clarify as time goes on.
- **Share your experience** – check out the online resources <https://www.coursera.org/lecture/indigenous-canada/indigenous-worldviews-xQwnm> and <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15xGO7G9nIOhu7t5A6eJc6vdrbn8fUlqn>
- **Finish with the Session song and a closing prayer**
“Hope Before Us” from *Prayer for Peace* Copyright 1987 by David Haas

After your time with others there are a number of possible ways to share the results with me:

- Talk to me in person (I am visiting throughout the Diocese)
- Email me a brief comment at: FNM@nelsondiocese.org
- Send an even briefer text message to 250-317-4575

THE ST. CHARLES CHILDREN’S CHOIR PRACTICES

The St. Charles Children’s Choir will be having 3 more practices before we sing at the 4pm mass on Christmas Eve. Please join us on December 9, 16, and 23 right after the 10:30 am mass. Children of all ages are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Abbey Ackerman at 250-899-4384 or aerackerman@gmail.com.



LOAVES & FISHES

Loaves and Fishes ADVENT STORE HOURS:

We will be open until **7:00 p.m. !!**
Monday—Friday
During December (until 21st)





Please join us for our special fundraising evening as we celebrate Immaculata's fine young artists, musicians, and actors...

Wednesday December 19, 2018
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Admission by Donation

- * Gallery and silent auction of student art work from Grade 8-12 Art/Photography Classes
- * Immaculata Band performances by Grade 8-12 students
- * Grade 9 drama production "A Charlie Brown Christmas"
 - * 50/50 draw and Gingerbread House raffle
 - * French café hosted by French students
 - * Bake sale
 - * Refreshments

Wine cash bar by Intrigue Wines

All proceeds will go towards the Fine Arts Department

(Debit/Credit machine available)



Come to our 13th annual faith filled and fun **Saint Nicholas Party**, Sunday, December 16th following the 10:30 Mass. Hot lunch provided. Games, crafts, cookie decorating and more. Celebrate advent and learn about the virtue of generosity which St. Nicholas exemplified. Enjoy a hayride and perhaps there will even be a visit from Saint Nicholas ... Everyone welcome to come and celebrate as a community family.

YOUNG ADULT RISE UP CONFERENCE

December 28 to January 1, Calgary, AB
For young adults aged 18-35, **Rise Up** is an annual national conference hosted by Catholic Christian Outreach to motivate and inspire leaders for the renewal of the world. Join young adults from across the nation in Calgary on Dec. 28, 2018 to Jan. 1, 2019. For more details and to register, go to <https://cco.ca/rise-up/>. Some funding available -- contact your parish office for details.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO THE MEDJUGORJE YOUTH FESTIVAL

St Charles Garnier is partnering with Holy Child Parish youth group in Summerland to offer an opportunity for youth ages 16 and up to attend the Medjugorje Youth Festival July 30th - Aug 15th, 2019. The trip starts with a week in Medjugorje with daily Mass, Rosary, visits to Apparition Hill, Cross Mountain and other faith communities. We'll also be visiting Rome including the Vatican, Assisi and Florence.

For more information please speak with the chaperone from St Charles Garnier, Christina Hidalgo. (250) 872-9776 or (778)388-9477 or chris-hidalgo@hotmail.com.

FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

As the season of Advent approaches, we encourage parents and grandparents to consider making this Advent special for your family by "Celebrating the Waiting". Support for starting your own Advent family tradition and restoring some peace to the season can be found at www.dofnelsonfaithfomation.com.



**Diocese of Nelson (Kelowna)
Catholic Independent Schools**

invites applications for the position of

Administrative Assistant
to the Superintendent of Schools and the
diocesan Director of Faith Formation



The Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson is seeking a full- to part-time administrative assistant to support the Superintendent of Schools and the diocesan Director of Faith Formation. Working in the Kelowna Catholic Pastoral Centre, the incumbent will provide comprehensive administrative support and liaise with both school and parish communities in a courteous and efficient manner while maintaining absolute professionalism and confidentiality.

Preference will be given to candidates with the following qualifications and skills:

- Identification with, and participation in, the life of a Catholic parish
- Commitment to Catholic education and lifelong faith formation
- Experience prioritizing and organizing multiple tasks; comfortable both taking direction and working independently to anticipate needs, manage deadlines, and complete tasks thoroughly and accurately
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills; experience liaising with a diversity of persons and organizations, and contributing to the positive culture of the workplace
- Excellent command of the English language: writing, editing and proofreading
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, Publisher), and experience managing online content
- Adept at organizing online and office filing systems, managing office supplies and services, booking travel and hospitality, taking minutes, administering employment contracts and expenses, and contributing to the success of meetings, seminars, and conferences
- Resourceful in directing or answering a wide variety of inquiries
- High levels of initiative, adaptability, good judgement, and confidentiality.

Please provide your cover letter and résumé, three professional references, a reference from your pastor (form at <https://www.cisnd.ca/employment.php>), a copy of any post-secondary transcripts or certificates, your most recent job evaluation report (*if available*), and baptismal and marriage certificate (*if applicable*) **on or before January 15, 2019**.

For further information call: Art Therrien 250-762-2905 extension 2
Yvonne Valiant 250-448-2725 extension 110

Applications may be forwarded to C.I.S.N.D. at 3665 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna, BC, V1W 4M7, or emailed to faithformation@nelsondiocese.org (include "Administrative Assistant" in email subject line).

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

BICYCLES FOR HUMANITYKeith Germaine250-870-3518

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Meet second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am
 President:Marion Schneider 250-860-8381
 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 2:00 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: Paul King 250-868-1311
 Email: paul.king33@shaw.ca

**KNIGHTS BREAKFAST AFTER A.M. MASSES LAST SUNDAY
 OF EACH MONTH, SEPTEMBER TO JUNE**

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.
 ContactChristine Reeves, OFS 250-575-2043
 E-mail: cbreevesac@shaw.ca

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

Meet second Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm in St. Charles Garnier Hall.
 Inquiries 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 Rod Attwell 250-212-3990
 Campus Ministry (Kelowna Catholic Collective) email: ubco.focus@gmail.com
 Children's Liturgy
 Eucharistic Ministers Dave Crane 250-861-4085
 Hospital Visitation & Eucharist Ethel Robidoux 250-860-2101
 Catholic Moms Connect Group Lindsay Rowe 778-478-1133
 Music JoAnn Young 250-764-0485
 Readers.
 Sacristans Brenda Korby 250-859-0840
 Safe Environment Coordinator Bob Fortier 250-861-8709
 or email: frolics41@yahoo.ca
 Ushers Gino Servedio 250-764-3182

CONTACT NUMBERS

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN . . . Martha Calderer236-420-1970
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 . . . kelownarighttolife@telus.net . . . 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.**