

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2012

Come, Lord Jesus

Your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21

MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday 8:30am
Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am & 7:00 pm
Praise & Worship at 6:45 pm
Every 1st Friday evening 7:00pm
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30—4:45 pm
Sunday 8:00—8:15 am & 10:00—10:15 am
ALSO BY APPOINTMENT

BAPTISMS—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

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

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
Eucharistic Ministers
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. Frank Richter 764-3640
Ushers Gino Servedio 764-3182
Visits for the homebound. Richard Burke 712-9493

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 878-7603
KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE 862-8202
PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE 763-2112
RACHEL’S VINEYARD 762-2273

ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH

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Email: kevin@stcharlesgarnier.ca (Adults) or
children@stcharlesgarnier.ca

Coordinator of Youth & Young Adults: Andrea Kouwenhoven
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Table with 3 columns: Council Chair, Recording Secretary, Finance Committee, Maintenance, CWL Rep., SSVP Rep., K. of C. Rep., Dev. & Peace Rep., Security Patrol, Member. Includes names and phone numbers.

PARISH PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- Ed Rollheiser—Chairperson 764-8158
Harold Hamel
Chris Schmidt
Lorraine Farrow

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)

Kolleen O’Shea 469-0679 or Carol Stamer 575-0728

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS www.stcharleskoc.com

Meet second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.
Grand Knight: Stefan Farrow. 448-0905
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 or Alice - 860-3541
SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER Alice—860-3541
Email: 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

PARKING LOT SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sat. Dec. 8	5:00 p.m.	Pat Palmer
Sun. Dec. 9	8:30 a.m.	Gerry Goyer
	10:30 a.m.	Ron Beahun
	7:00 p.m.	Tom Schmidt

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sat. Dec. 8	5:00 p.m.	Rory & Raine Fader
Sun. Dec. 9	8:30 a.m.	Andrea
	10:30 a.m.	Sylvia & Group
	7:00 p.m.	Youth

GUIDE TO GIVING	2012 YTD	2011 YTD
Collections	\$ 415,348	\$ 383,526
Building Fund	\$ 73,260	\$ 34,332

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Dec. 3	8:30 am	Joe Longacre ☩
Tuesday	Dec. 4	8:30 am	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
Wednesday	Dec. 5	8:30 am	Vern Keating ☩
Thursday	Dec. 6	8:30 am	Frances Hilmer ☩
Friday	Dec. 7	8:30 am	Joe Cournane & Mary & Michael Darcy ☩
Saturday	Dec. 8	5:00 pm	Ivan Mlikotic ☩
Sunday	Dec. 9	8:30 am	Anne Prior ☩
		10:30 am	Theresa Royer ☩
		7:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

If you are confined to your home, in a care home or know of someone who is & would like the Eucharist—or just a visit, please call the office at 250 860-6776 or Richard Burke 250 712-9493.

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 for more information.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS INFO.

S.C.G. School Board Reps.	Rob Sali	764-8384
	Kim Macaulay	764-2924
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		

5:00 pm MASS NEXT WEEK

READERS	Keith Germaine Denise McSweyn
EUCCHARIST	Flo Smith, Bert Wolf [L] Karen Krout, Irene Claggett Bonnie Cunningham
USHERS	Gerry Baker, ValCylwa Walter Lever, Gerry Goyer
ALTAR SERVERS	Joel & Gracelynn

8:30 am MASS NEXT WEEK

READERS	Russ Radi Margaret Radi
EUCCHARIST	Leona & Vic Stocker Marg Duff, Yolanda Fradette Bill Rodden
USHERS	Tom Phillip, Russ Radi Tony Ackerman Mike Servedio
ALTAR SERVERS	Rochelle

10:30 am MASS NEXT WEEK

READERS	Rita Clark Walter Schredl
EUCCHARIST	Rita Clarke, Jim Smith Marie Cameron, Madeleine Allen [L], Merie Vassar
USHERS	Ken Aquilon, Don Schafer Elizabeth Koller Mario daRosa
ALTAR SERVERS	Tianna & Sophia

7:00 pm MASS NEXT WEEK

READERS	Adam M. & Becca
EUCCHARIST	Steve, Leah & Chelsea
USHERS	<i>Please volunteer</i>
ALTAR SERVERS	Elijah, Trinity & Kianna

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1st Reading:	Jeremiah 33:14-16
2nd Reading:	1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Gospel:	Luke 21:25-28, 34-46

A CHRISTMAS GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING

Donate towards a goat, mosquito net or school lunch program and send a card as a present to someone for Christmas. Money goes to support "Project Grow". Cards are for sale after Masses.

Project **GROW**
Ghana Rural Opportunities for Women

ITALIAN MASS



Bishop John will celebrate **Mass in Italian** on December 19th @ 5:00 pm at St. Charles Garnier. Pot-Luck supper will follow in the parish hall.

SPONSORS NEEDED

There are times when our Parish needs to provide Sponsors for Adults Inquiring about Initiation into the Catholic Faith through our RCIA process. If this role interests you please contact Kevin asap—kevin@stcharlesgarnier.ca
Requirement: Received all 3 Initiation Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist), at least 16 years of age, practicing Catholic and willing to accompany the Inquirer through this journey.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT SEMINAR

Safe Environment Seminar on December 7th, 2012 at St. Pius X, 6pm with Fr. Conrado Beloso. To register, please call (or leave a message) Holy Spirit parish office at 250-765-1327. Revised protocol and forms will be provided.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday Dec. 4th at 6:30pm

Note* For Catechism Families: there will be No Class anymore on Dec. 11th because we would like all to attend the St. Nicholas Party on Dec. 9th. Please contact Andie to RSVP for seating and food if you would like to get involved (service hour opportunity). After the Reconciliation Service on Dec. 4th, we wish you a hopeful Advent and a joyful Christmas and look forward to seeing you at Church over the next few weeks. Classes will begin again in the New Year starting on Jan. 8th.



PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL



The 2012 Appeal is progressing well. To date 148 parishioners have contributed a total of \$66,792.80 for an average gift of \$451.30. This is 100% of our Diocesan Goal and 40.8% of our Parish Goal and 66.8% of our overall goal. **Any funds donated now will come back to the parish as non-taxable income.** We thank all who have contributed to date and encourage all parishioners to participate in this program which is vital to our Diocese and Parish. **All remaining pledge cards have been mailed out.** If you did not receive your pledge card, please pick up a blank package from the ledge in the foyer and check with the office to ensure that you are registered.

FIRST FRIDAY

FRIDAY, December 7th, 2012 is First Friday. Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Adoration will follow the evening Mass and conclude at 9:00 p.m.

HEY YOUTH!!

This Friday December 7th is the Junior Youth Group

(grades 6 and 7)

Christmas party!

Come out for a night of fun with friends from 6:30 until 8:00 pm here at St. Charles Garnier in the parish hall. We hope to see you there! Bring your friends!!



We are in need of more volunteers to serve as Ushers at all the Masses, but **especially at the 10:30 Mass.** If you feel called to serve in this way please call Gino 250-764-3782 or the Parish Office 250-860-6776.

CHRISTMAS DECOR

If you would like to make a donation towards the Christmas flowers, it will be greatly appreciated. Drop an envelope in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office.

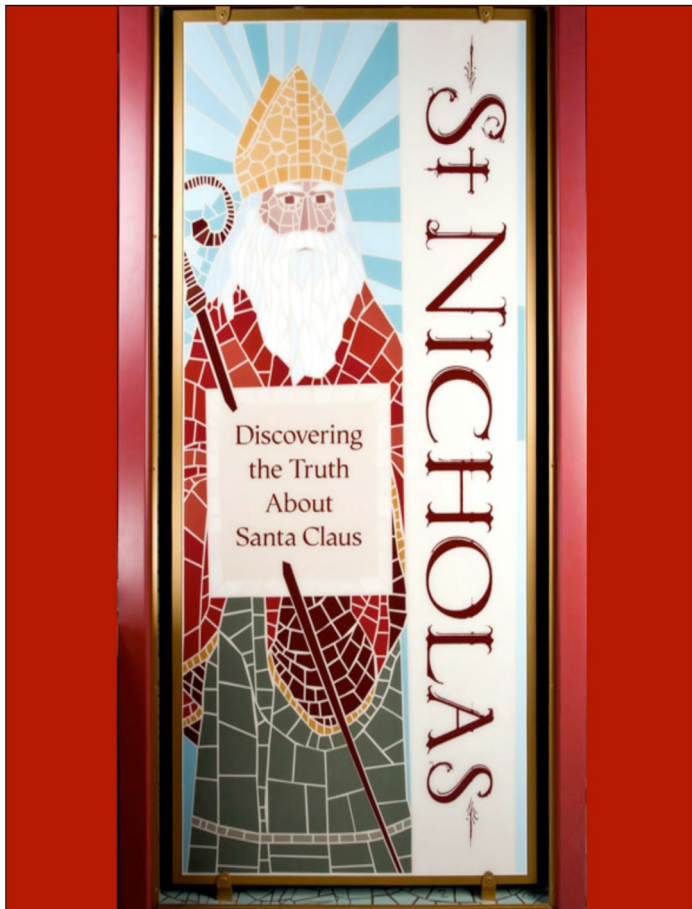
GOOD NEWS BEARS

Please watch for Vincent, the "Bear that Cares", on CHBC's evening Television news. If you make a donation, please write "**St. Vincent de Paul, St. Charles Garnier**" on your cheque in order for the donation to be returned to our parish. Each donation gives you a chance of winning one of the Bears and helps our Christmas Hamper program!



7TH ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS PARTY

It's that time of year again, we are busy starting to plan the annual St. Nicholas Party coming up on December 9th!! We are requesting donations of mandarin oranges, candy canes and gold coins to give to the kids in a goodie bag! If you are able to donate any of these items please drop them off at the parish office! If you would like more information regarding the party, please contact Andrea at [250-863-3347](tel:250-863-3347) or email youth@stcharlesgarnier.ca Thanks!



ST. CHARLES GARNIER 7TH
ANNUAL
ST. NICHOLAS PARTY!

December 9th, 2012
SIGN UP TODAY TO JOIN THE
FESTIVITIES

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.

OUTDOOR ADVENT FIRESIDE REFLECTIONS

Outdoor Advent Fireside Reflections to be held each Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in preparation for the Christmas feast. We will reflect on the Gospels of Advent as a group. Lead by a church member. Begins December 6th. We will meet in the church entrance. Dress warm, hot chocolate will be provided.



FRIENDS IN FAITH

Friends in Faith an Adults Singles Ministry. We are looking for Catholic adults who are single, divorced, and widowed that are ages 30 and over to come and be a part of a group that is focused on building a singles community within the church. Come and join us on Sunday, December 16th from 1:00-4:30pm to go Caroling and out for a hot beverage afterwards. We are going to go Christmas Caroling at Sutherland Hills Rest Home and Missionwood Retirement Resort located in Kelowna to spread some holiday cheer. We will meet at the Pastoral Centre meeting room which is located on the grounds of St. Charles Garnier Church at 1pm to gather to practice our songs then go caroling. We will be car pooling to each location. Register by December 12th contact Carol @ 250- 575-0728 or Kolleen @ 250-469-0679.

PEOPLE OF FAITH PRAYER GROUP

God is good! "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever!" *Psalm 107:1* Thank you to all who came out to the Healing Mass! It was such a beautiful service. What a blessing! Wonderful to see so many of you come. Thank you Fr. Don Wilson and ICC Parish!

The people of Faith Prayer Group **invite you** to join us on Tuesday evenings 7:00 pm at Charity Hall (ICC Parish) for wonderful evenings of spirit filled Praise...Prayer...and...worship! Love for you to join us! "Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom." *Psalm 145:3*
For more info please call Piera 250-762-6150.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

On the weekend of November 24/25 and Dec 1/2 our members will be handing out cloth bags for your donation 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 items as we cannot use them for our Hampers. We ask that you please return the bags Dec 1/2 or Dec 8/9 but no later than Sunday a.m., Dec 9. We thank you for your generous support of the Christmas hamper program to help God's poor and needy in our area.



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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.

ICC PARISH MISSION

December 1st—6th, **Bishop Gary Gordon**, of the Diocese of Whitehorse, will preach a parish mission at ICC. All masses on the weekend of Dec. 1/2 will be celebrated with Bishop Gordon. Weekday Masses on Dec. 3rd-6th will be moved from 8:00am to 11:00 am and from 5:15pm to 7:00 pm and all will be celebrated and preached by Bishop Gordon. For more info call 250-762-3910.

CURSILLO

Cursillo Utreya: Thursday, December 6th from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at St. Charles Garnier Parish's meeting room at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Please use back entrance.

INN FROM THE COLD



Inn From The Cold has opened it's arms and doors to the homeless in our community. **Practical donations** provide some of the basic necessities to operate this program. Donations including shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hairbrushes can be **dropped off @ Kelowna Pro Life Thrift Store**, 1159 Sutherland Ave. Wed.—Sat. (10—4 pm). Partially used bottles & paste are useful also! Please mark your donations for INN FROM THE COLD. Thank you for sharing!

MILITIA IMMACULATA MASS

The December Mass of the **MILITIA IMMACULATA** will be celebrated on **DEC. 8**, the 2nd Saturday of the month. This will honor the Major **MARIAN FEAST DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**. Mass will be @ ICC @ 9 am. **Confessions @ 8 am, Rosary @ 8:30 am**. This is an opportunity for those who are consecrated to renew their consecration vows and for new members to consecrate themselves to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, following the spirituality of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Coffee to follow in Charity Hall.

Rachel's Corner

It is only right that the reparation for abortion is found not by clinging to guilt and despair, but by trusting in God's love. Accepting God's forgiveness is your first step toward an obedience which is rooted in both faith and hope, and it is your only escape from the tar pit of despair. We can help.

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

KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE

The **PENNIES FOR LIFE** fund has reached **73,908 pennies. = \$739.08!!!!** Kelowna Right to Life thanks you for your support. Donations of pennies (all other coins welcome too!) may be dropped off @ Pro Life Thrift Store, 1159 Sutherland, or dropped in the jars in the church entrance. They do not need to be rolled. Margarine tubs, sandwich bags, jars are all convenient containers. Please contact Kelowna Right to Life @ 862-8202 or kelownarighttolife@telus.net if you would like a jar to display at your business or social gatherings. God Bless your generosity.

The Kelowna Right to Life Society is once again hosting the annual **Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Vigil** at Kelowna General Hospital on Sunday, December 9th from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. December 9 marks the 481st anniversary of Juan Diego's first encounter with the Virgin Mary. Three days later the image of the Lady of Guadalupe appeared on the now famous tilma. The Lady of Guadalupe is credited with converting millions to the Catholic faith and ending the practice of child sacrifice among the Aztecs. Please meet at the corner of Royal Ave and Pandosy Street and join us in praying for an end to abortion in our nation. Dress warm! Call [250 862-8202](tel:250-862-8202) for more information or visit www.prolifekelowna.com.

VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONISTS

VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONISTS ALWAYS NEEDED at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, next to St. Charles Garnier Church, Kelowna. There are only a dozen or so volunteers currently available; they would love to have less frequent shifts. Bishop and Staff are very appreciative of the volunteer's services.



Volunteers for this ministry, men or women, would need to be able to take either a 9:00-1:00 or 1:00-4:30 shift, be familiar with Catholic life, be comfortable with learning the simple phone console, and be able to provide a reference from the pastor of their parish. If you would like to minister in this way, contact Sr. Phyllis Giroux at phyllis.giroux@nelsondiocese.org or [250-448-2725, ext. 200](tel:250-448-2725).

LIGHT WEIGH

A Catholic Weight Loss Program.

January is always a time of resolutions and new beginnings. This year you can fulfill two resolutions at once—deepen your spiritual life and learn more about your Catholic faith as well as shed those unwanted pounds. A small group of us began this program in September and have enjoyed it so much that we are repeating it beginning January 15, 2013. If you would like to learn more about your Catholic faith and attain peace with God, yourself and food, losing weight along the way, we invite you to attend our Orientation on December 11, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Bedford Room of ICC Parish Centre. There are no weigh-ins or diet plans—simply learning to listen to our bodies and follow the example of the Saints. For more information call Linda at 250-868-9688 or Margaret at 250-762-8274.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION RITES

St. Charles Garnier	Tuesday	Dec. 4	6:30 pm
Immaculate Conception	Thursday	Dec. 6	3:30 pm
Holy Spirit	Monday	Dec. 10	6:30 pm
St. Pius X	Tuesday	Dec. 11	6:30 pm
St. Theresa	Thursday	Dec. 13	7:00 pm
St. Edward	Tuesday	Dec. 18	6:30 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes	Wednesday	Dec. 19	6:30 pm

MASS AT BIG WHITE

Every Sunday,
beginning Sunday, **December 9th**
and concluding on Sunday, **March 17th, 2013**.
Mass will be at 3:30 pm in the Schumann House,
a large stone house across from the gondola
and the main ticket office.

Mass will also be held on Christmas Day &
New Year's Day @ 3:30 pm

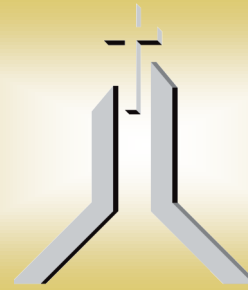
PERPETUAL ADORATION



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.

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.

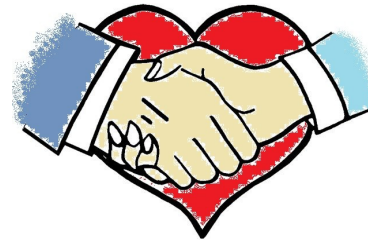


NEW PARISHIONERS

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 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.

ISN'T THE WORLD SUPPOSED
TO **END** ON THE 21ST OF
DECEMBER?



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

IT'S POSSIBLE. ALL OF THE SIGNS
OF THE APOCALYPSE HAVE BEEN
PRESENT SINCE JESUS' CRUCIFIXION.
WE ARE CALLED TO **WATCH** AND
NOT BE **FOOLED**.



OHH.. I'M GOOD THEN.
I'VE **WATCHED** ALL
THE ZOMBIE MOVIES!



LUKE 21:25-36

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