



ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

Keep awake, you must be ready.
Matthew 24



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Dec 2	8:30am	Int. Martin Wachla
Tuesday	Dec 3	8:30am	✠ Norm Renaud
Wednesday	Dec 4	8:30am	Int. Joan Foerster
Thursday	Dec 5	8:30am	✠ Jane Furgson
Friday	Dec 6	8:30am	Int. Gudrun & Arthur Cobham
Saturday	Dec 7	5:00pm	✠ Zoro Kovacic
Sunday	Dec 8	8:30am	✠ Concetta & Emilio D'Anzica
		10:30am	✠ Keven Richard
		7:00pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

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

GUIDE TO GIVING November 2019

Monthly Parish collection budget	\$ 42,500
Collections/SAG received this month to date	7,152
Average weekly collection for Nov	8,100

welcome

Welcome, **Father Gabriel**, to St. Charles Garnier Parish as our new pastor.

We look forward to getting to know you as we begin our Advent journey together and as we support one another through our prayer and service. May God be with you as we begin this new pastoral year.

PRAYING ADVENT

An excerpt from *Creighton University's Online Ministries*.

(from the website onlineministries.creighton.edu)

What am I experiencing in my life, as Advent begins?

Many of us are in an ideal place to begin Advent, but we don't know it. It can be tempting to think that, because we are struggling these days, we can't enter into Advent without a big change in our mood or without distancing ourselves from our real experience. Nothing could be further from the truth. Advent is about letting God come to us. We do the letting and God does the coming. And, the whole mystery of our faith is that God is not reluctant to come into an unusual relationship (like Mary and Joseph's) or to be born in the poverty of a makeshift stable. We are tempted to prepare for Advent by cleaning everything up first – by, in effect, saving ourselves first. Our opening to Advent is to realize we need saving and to accept the saving love of our God.

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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. Gabriel 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

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How can we have hope and expect God will come to us? The readings of Advent open up a whole series of promises, full of powerful images, that keep reminding us that our God will come to save us. They free our imaginations to see and experience that coming with drama and joy – a banquet with “choice wines and rich, juicy food.” They invite us to imagine when “a time will come for singing.” They give us the opportunity to hope beyond our wildest hopes in the past – “the lion will lie down with the lamb” and “they will prepare for war no more.” They open our hearts to imagine the love of our God embracing us in the coming of one like us, who knows our life and its struggles and offers us the hope of the Spirits presence with us every day, in every moment.

What are the key first steps to enter into Advent?

We can all slow down. We can all breathe more deeply. We can all begin to trust that this will be a blessed time. Then, when we let ourselves be who we are, and hear the Scriptures, we can begin to quietly pray, “Come, Lord, Jesus, come into this house, into my family, into our struggles. Come and heal us, and give us joy again. Come and unite us and let us experience, each in our own way, a bit of the joy you are offering me now.”

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This Advent season get to know Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the movie *Mary of Nazareth*. This movie vividly captures the essence of Mary’s profound faith and trust in God and her special role in God’s plan for our redemption.

This Advent season, walk with Dr. Tim Gray on a journey of renewal to ready your heart for the Coming of Christ. Each day of Advent, Dr. Gray will unpack the meaning of this season and its rich traditions, as well as offer practical advice for making this Advent your best yet.

PARISH EVENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
Dec 2	Monday	1:00– 4:00 pm	Card Social.
Dec 3	Tuesday	9:30-12:00	CWL Exec. Meeting.
Dec 4	Wednesday	9:30 am	Catholic Moms Connect Group.
Dec 5	Thursday	7:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group.
Dec 6	Friday	9:00-10:00 am 3:00-4:30 pm	Adoration. St. Nicholas Party

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For children, Brother Francis leads us on a daily journey in this special seasonal celebration of the coming of the Lord. Featuring meditations prayers and suggested activities to keep our focus on Christ this Christmas.

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2. Select your parish.
3. Register with your name and e-mail address.
4. Check that e-mail account for a link to begin using FORMED.

For technical issues see help.formed.org and for additional support e-mail: nicolehorsman@telus.net

SSVP—CHRISTMAS HAMPER



Christmas Hamper Program 2019 will have a "new look"!

After much deliberation and thought we have decided to follow the model of the other Kellowna parishes in order to ease the heavy physical workload of collecting, sorting and distributing donated groceries.

The green grocery bag will be replaced with a special donation envelope available during the month of November. So instead of filling the bag with food items we will gratefully accept a monetary donation into the envelope. We, in turn, will give each family grocery store gift cards in order to fill their own hamper with Christmas cheer.

In advance and as always, on behalf of our neighbours in need, we continue to be blessed by and thank you for your generosity.

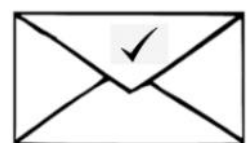
Income tax receipts upon request.

Thank you.

LUNCH DEC 15, 2019

Falafel and other sandwiches will be provided by the Jarrouj Family after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday December 15th.

All donations will be for St. Charles Garnier Church.



SEASON OF CREATION

Did you know that...? "St. Joseph's School is committed to a litter-free lunch. Litter-free lunches at school are the best form of recycling. On average, a school-age child with a disposable lunch generates approximately 30 kg (67 lbs.) of waste per school year. That means that if your child has 25 students in his/her class, they are producing 737 kg (1,625 lbs) of waste each year. This is more weight than the average car...just imagine what a whole school produces! We ask that whatever comes in your child's lunch bag goes home in their lunch bag, including empty juice boxes, food wrappers, and even hot lunch containers. In this way, we will create far less garbage at school and you will have a better idea of what your child is finishing for lunch."

--from St. Joseph's Newsletter

FREEDOMS DOOR



We have our annual FREEDOM'S DOOR CHRISTMAS TREE on display in the foyer of our church. We invite you to take a paper decoration from our tree. On the back

is a stated gift for you to purchase and return next Sunday to place under the tree. Please return the decoration and please DON'T wrap the gift. The gifts will be gathered and placed in a Christmas decorated bag for each of the men of Freedom's Door on Christmas morning. There are 63 men currently staying at Freedom's Door and undergoing an addiction recovery program.

Your generosity will be such a boost and an outreach to men who have suffered a lot and who have often felt that no one cares. All gifts to be returned by Dec. 21, please.

Help them to have a MERRY CHRISTMAS. Thank you for your generosity!!



Christmas Prayer for Your Family

In our parish this Christmas, each family will again be invited to pick up a lighted votive candle from a table in the foyer and take it to the table near the creche at the altar. It will represent your family's presence and prayer before the Newborn King.



During Advent, think about what you want to pray for in your family. Watch for the candles on December 24—25.

Let the candle's light be your prayer.

RACHEL'S CORNER

I am so happy I have been able to receive Communion after so many years! I am not more than God to not forgive myself and I need to learn to see myself as God does."

-Testimonial

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and let God show you how He sees you, loves you and wants to restore you to the person He created you to be.

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250-762-2273

Like us on Facebook: Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

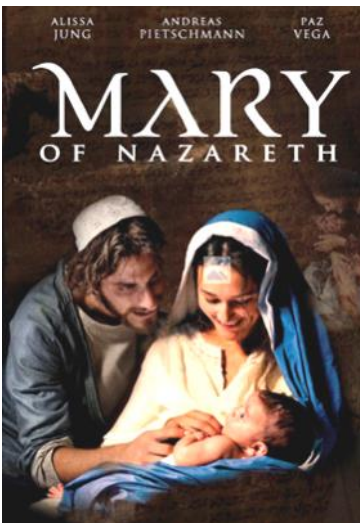
ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS



CARDS 4 KIDS

CARDS 4 KIDS: Christmas orders will be available for pick up after all masses next weekend, Dec. 7 and 8. Next week we will have our final church sale of 2019. Grocery, gas, and restaurant cards will be available. St. Joseph School would like to give a very heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners who have supported the Cards 4 Kids program throughout the year. We look forward to growing the program even more in 2020!

MOVIE NIGHT



Our next movie with Fr. Ron Dechant, OMI

Monday:
December 9th
@ 7:00 pm
St. Charles Garnier Hall.

The life story of the Virgin Mary is followed from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus, capturing the essence of her profound faith and trust in God.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

IRHS	Dec. 3,	St. Joseph School	Dec. 4th
Corpus Christ	6:30 pm	Dec. 11	Wed.
St. Pius X	6:30 pm	Dec. 12	Thurs
Our Lady of Lourdes	6:30 pm	Dec. 13	Fri.
St. Edwards	6:30 pm	Dec. 17	Tues
St. Charles Garnier	6:30 pm	Dec. 18	Wed.
Immaculate Conception	3:30 pm	Dec. 19	Thurs.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The St. Charles Children's Choir will be singing at the 4pm mass on Christmas Eve. If your child is interested in singing with us, please attend our first rehearsal on December 1st right after the 10:30am mass.

We will be practicing Away in a Manger and Silent Night. Children of all ages are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Abbey Ackerman at 250-899-4384 or aerackerman@gmail.com.

OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE

Our Lady of Medjugorje The Queen of Peace invites us to pray for her intentions.

Please join us at St. Pius X Parish each 1st Thursday of the month from 5pm to 7pm beginning Dec. 5th. We will pray the joyful and sorrowful mysteries of the rosary, followed by Holy Mass and closing with the glorious mystery in answer to Our Blessed Mother's call.

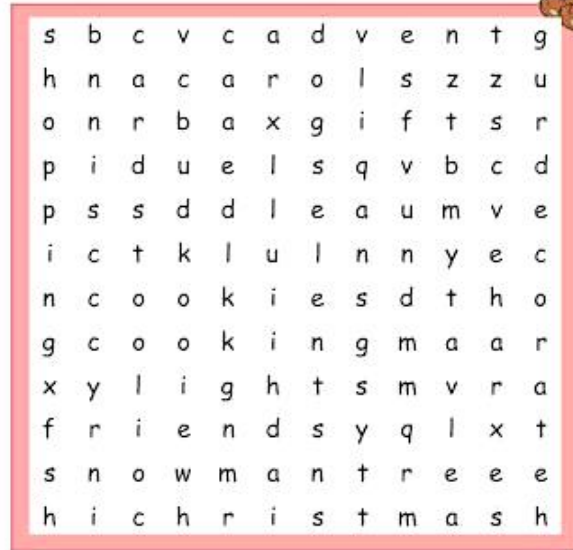
Contact Dianne Beamish at (250)870-8517.

Advent Word Search Puzzle



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See if you can find the Advent words in the puzzle below!



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| advent | christmas | gifts | calendar |
| decorate | cards | shopping | cooking |
| cookies | friends | snowman | santa |
| tree | lights | bells | carols |

Advent Prayer

4, 3, 2, 1... Count the weeks
til Jesus comes.



Each week we add another light.
Our hope for Jesus growing bright.
We pray, we share, we do our part...
to welcome Jesus to our heart!



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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve:
Tuesday
4:00 6:00 9:00 p.m.

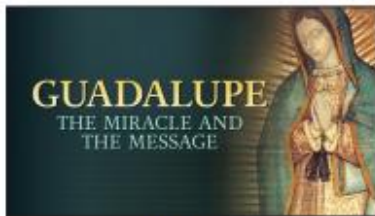
Christmas Day:
Wednesday
9:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve: 5:00 p.m.
New Year's Day: 10:30 a.m.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Guadalupe
The Miracle and the Message

WATCH ON
FORMED.ORG

The Heart of the Evangelization of the Americas

The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December of 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak). This gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image and the continued relevance of this Marian apparition to the modern world.

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IMMACULATA

Please join us for our special fundraising evening on Tuesday, December 17, as we celebrate Immaculata High School's fine young artists, musicians, and actors...

Doors open at 6:30 pm and admission is by donation. Gallery and silent auction of student art work from Grade 8-12 Art/Photography Classes, Music performances by Grade 8-12 Band students, and Grade 9 Drama production "Deck the Stage".

50/50 draw and Gingerbread House raffle, Bake sale, Refreshments

Wine cash bar by Intrigue Wine. All proceeds will go towards the Fine Arts/Performing Arts Department.



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ST. NICHOLAS PARTY

Please join us on December 6 to celebrate the feast day of St. Nicholas!

We will watch a movie, play games, do crafts, and meet St. Nicholas himself! Pizza will be provided. The party starts at 3:00. We really need you to RSVP by Dec 4th if you are coming: lindsaynrowe@gmail.com. See you there!



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER - "*The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity*" will be moving their Gatherings (and meetings) to ICC beginning September 15, 2019

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

SSVP VEHICLE, RV & TRAILER DONATIONS- KEITH :250-300-1062

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. Kathleen Baldwin 250-860-4098
 Sacristans Brenda Korby 250-859-0840
 Safe Environment Coordinator Jessy Edwards 250-575-5319
 Ushers George Jarrouj 10:30 mass

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.**