



# ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH



December 22, 2019

Forth Sunday of Advent

Jesus was born of Mary,  
who was engaged to Joseph, son of  
David.  
*Matthew 1*

## Love



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### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Monday	Dec 23	8:30am	Int. Martin Wachla
Tuesday	Dec 24	4:00	Int. Murdo Mackinnon
		6:00	Int. Isherwood Family
		9:00	Int. Gregory J. Bittman
Wednesday	Dec 25	8:30am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier
Thursday	Dec 26	8:30am	Int. Terry & Ron Busch
Friday	Dec 27	8:30am	✠ Ivan Mlikotic
Saturday	Dec 28	5:00pm	✠ Natalia Mlikotic
		8:30am	✠ Henry Thalheimer
		10:30am	✠ Evelyn Gagnon
Sunday	Dec 29	7:00pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1st Reading:	Sirach	3:2-6, 12-14
2nd Reading	Colossians	3:12-21
Gospel:	Matthew	2:13-15 19-23

GUIDE TO GIVING	December	2019
Monthly Parish collection budget		\$ 42,500
Collections/SAG received this month to date		3,130
Average weekly collection for Dec		10,710

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

I am delighted to wish all our Beloved Parishioners on this Solemn Feast of Christmas God's Bountiful Blessings!! May the Holy Birth of Christ the Messiah, bless you and all your loved ones with Love, Joy, and Peace.

Birth of Christ is a "Good News of Great Joy for all People" (Lk 2:10-12) Wonderful birth of Christ is the Master Plan of the Divine for Humankind. We are Speechless and wonderstruck. The fusion of the Divinity & Humanity revealed in this Supernatural Mystery is so very Amazing to behold.

'The Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder' as such Simeon exclaimed beholding this New Born Christ in his arms: "Master, now you can let your Servant go in Peace, just as you promised. For my eyes have seen the Salvation which you have Promised for all People. May your Glory Enlightens everyone". (Lk 2:29-32)

### New Year 2020

'Let Prosperity and Peace Abound through our Human Fraternity' wished His Holiness Pope Francis in His New Year Message for 2020. Our human differences are a Source of Richness and it is not a Detriment for living together and sharing God's riches. Variety is the spice of life. Let us try to promote Unity in diversity and benefit from the richness of our cultural variation. May this New Year of Grace Help us Rediscover the Bonds of Fraternity. May God bless our Earthly Planet with Peace & Fraternity throughout this year 2020 and beyond!

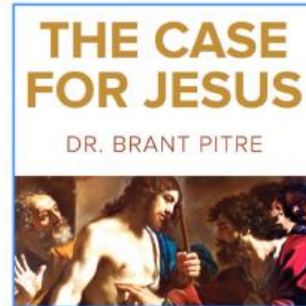
Affectionately in Jesus!

Fr. Gabriel. C.

PICK OF THE WEEK

The Case for Jesus

By Dr. Brant Pitre



Dr. Pitre exposes the problems with the many false theories that have resulted in widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christianity.

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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](mailto: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. Gabriel 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**

<b>First Sunday of the Month</b> <i>Immaculate Conception Church and Corpus Christi Parish</i>	<b>Second Sunday of the Month</b> <i>St. Pius X Parish</i>
<b>Third Sunday of the Month</b> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes Parish</i>	<b>Last Sunday of the Month</b> <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](http://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](http://www.kelownacatholic.org)



## PARISH EVENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
Dec 24	Tuesday	4:00-6:00-9:00 pm	Christmas Eve Masses.
Dec 25	Wednesday	9:30 am	Christmas Day Mass.
Dec 25-28			Office will be closed.

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE



**Christmas Eve:**  
Tuesday,  
December 24th, 2019  
4:00 6:00 & 9:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day:**  
Wednesday,  
December 25th, 2019  
9:30 a.m.

**New Year's Eve:**  
Tuesday,  
December 31st, 2019  
5:00 p.m.  
**New Year's Day:**  
Wednesday,  
January 1st, 2020

*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.*

### YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

Kelowna Catholic Parishes Youth Winter Retreat Grade 8 -12, Jan. 24-26, 2020, Gardom Lake Bible Camp. Sponsored by the Diocese of Nelson & the Catholic parishes of Kelowna and organized by ICC Youth Ministry, our theme this year is 'Who Are You?' ... four reflections on God's purpose for your life.

Registration fee of \$122.00 includes transportation by school bus, accommodation, six meals and all activities (snowshoeing, fire building, etc). Information and registration forms available at your parish office. For more information, contact Fr. Gabriel.

Registration deadline Jan. 5, 2020 (or until full).

### PROLIFE

Welcoming Jesus in the Unborn The weekly Vigil to witness to the Sanctity of all Human Life will be held on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. KGH Hospital will be performing abortions on Christmas Eve!

To counter this grave assault on the most innocent, the Vigil will be held from 10 am - 1 pm. During these final days of Advent, please consider your time and commitments. Do you have 1 hour to stand for LIFE? Realizing the PRO LIFE PRAYER VIGIL was the critical motivation to draw Abby Johnstone out of the Planned Parenthood clinic in 2012, our witness is crucial. Abby has since converted from abortion advocate to Pro Life, and journeyed further, converting to the Catholic Faith! Do you have 1 hour to stand with Jesus at the foot of the Cross? Everyone welcome. Signs provided.

God bless your Advent Journey!



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## MOVIE NIGHT

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Next movie with Fr. Ron Dechant, OMI will be: Monday, Jan 6th, 2020 @ 7:00 pm in the hall of St. Charles Garnier.

### **"The Reluctant Saint".**

Maximilian Schell stars as "the flying friar", St. Joseph of Cupertino, in this heartwarming and

amazing true story of the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood. In the impoverished village of 17th century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant Abbott (Ricardo Montalban) to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local Bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest. Yet some are convinced that it is the devil, not God, who is responsible for Joseph's miraculous powers until a final miracle reveals to all his true sanctity.

## **Bishop Bart van Roijen's Installation RESCHEDULED**

We have in hand the recording of the installation of Bishop Bart, thanks to the good work of the people in Nfld.

The viewing (a little over two hours in total) will be held on

**Friday, January 3, 2020 at 1:30 pm  
in St. Charles Garnier Church.**

It is also viewable online at:

<https://youtu.be/tjJBHPptyWs>

but viewing it with friends in the church community will add additional flavour!



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## ADULT CHOIR

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### **JOIN THE CHOIR!**

Rehearsals start in January. Men and women are welcome!

Contact Corinne McCarthy  
[gemccarthy@shaw.ca](mailto:gemccarthy@shaw.ca) or 250-258-9677

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## RACHEL'S CORNER

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"God can heal a broken heart, but He needs to have ALL the pieces."

Author Unknown

When you look at your broken heart are there pieces missing? The pieces that were shattered when you had the abortion? God can put your heart back together again. ... He just needs all the pieces, no matter how big or small they are. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and allow Him to hold you in His merciful embrace and love you back to life again.

[www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com](http://www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com)  
[info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com)

250-762-2273

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## NEED OF A TREADMILL

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Fr. Gabriel is looking for a treadmill, please contact the office. 250-860-6776

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## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES SCHEDULES

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### Immaculate Conception Church

**Christmas Eve:** Tuesday, December 24, 2019

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Midnight Mass 12:00 am

**Christmas Day:** Wednesday, December 25, 2019

9:00 - 11:00 am

Christmas Latin Mass 1:00 pm

**New Year's Eve:** Tuesday, December 31, 2019

5:30 pm—Benediction 11:30 pm

**New Year's Day:** Wednesday, January 01, 2019

9:00 am 11:00 am

### Corpus Christi

**Christmas Eve:** Tuesday, December 24, 2019

4:00 - 7:00 pm

**Christmas Day:** Wednesday, December 25, 2019

10:00 am

**New Year's Eve:** Tuesday, December 31, 2019

5:30 pm

**New Year's Day:** Wednesday, January 01, 2019

10:00 am

### St Pius X Parish:

**Christmas Eve:** Tuesday, December 24, 2019

4:00 – 7:00 pm

**Christmas Day:** Wednesday, December 25, 2019

9:00 – 11:00 am

**New Year's Eve:** Tuesday, December 31, 2019

8:00 pm

**New Year's Day:** Wednesday, January 01, 2019

9:00 am

### Our Lady of Lourdes

**Christmas Eve:** Tuesday, December 24, 2019

2:00 pm Pine Acres |5:00 pm Family Mass |7:30 pm

12:00 am-midnight Mass

**Christmas Day:** Wednesday, December 25, 2019

10:00 am

**New Year's Eve:** Tuesday, December 31, 2019

5:00 pm

6:00 pm - Holy Hour of Adoration

**New Year's Day:** Wednesday, January 01, 2019

10:00 am

### St Edwards

**Christmas Eve:** Tuesday, December 24, 2019

5:00 pm

**Christmas Day:** Wednesday, December 25, 2019

10:00 am

**New Year's Eve:** Tuesday, December 31, 2019

5:00 pm

**New Year's Day:** Wednesday, January 01, 2019

10:00 am

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## BIG WHITE MASS

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Every Sunday @ 3:30pm, starting Sun., Dec. 15th & concluding at the end of the ski season.

Mass will be held in the fire hall (watch for signs)

**\*\*NOTE:** There **will** be Mass on Christmas and New Years day at 3:30 pm

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## CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

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The People of Faith Prayer Group will be taking a break for Christmas. We will resume in the new year. May God Bless you all, over this beautiful season of the birth of our Lord Jesus..

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## CATHOLIC MEN

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This is an IMPORTANT message to all Catholic men. This is the time of year when we tend to look back and see where we want to improve our lives (exercise, eating, time with family, etc.) and we make New Year's resolutions to address those and other issues. But how often do we chose to make a New Year's resolution to grow in our spiritual life, become a better father, a better husband, a better son?

The opportunity is here to do just that. A PROVEN Catholic men's program exists and is expanding in our diocese starting in the new year. Several Kellowna Catholic men have already been using this program or almost a year and the results have been incredible. The program is called Exodus 90 (<https://exodus90.com>) and we're starting new groups in January of men who want to want to improve their lives physically, emotionally, and most of all, spiritually. Give this gift to yourself, it will impact your entire family and relationships for the rest of your life.

Call Grant Fuergutz (250) 717-6873 for more details and info on sign up, Q & A, etc. You will only have ONE chance to start a new decade, decade, make a decision to have an impact on the ones you care about the most.







Office of the Bishop

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Christmas 2019

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For us, the Advent season is one of welcome and waiting. We wait in patience to welcome the Christ-child in our midst, and all those who also honour and cherish God's gift to the world.

Soon our parishes will be filled to overflowing with Catholic faithful from near and far. Some we see occasionally, others only at Christmas and Easter.

As you open your hearts to Jesus this Christmas, please open your hearts to all who will visit our churches for Christmas Mass. Welcome them as you would welcome a long-lost friend. Be instruments of peace and joy, so that they encounter Jesus in you. Introduce yourselves, and invite them back. Make them feel at home. This is one of the best times we have to evangelize or re-evangelize during the year.

This is a graced time for the whole world. This is a time when we can be graced instruments of God's love to one another.

May God bless each and every one of you abundantly this Christmas and in the New Year!

✠ Gregory J. Bittman  
Bishop of Nelson

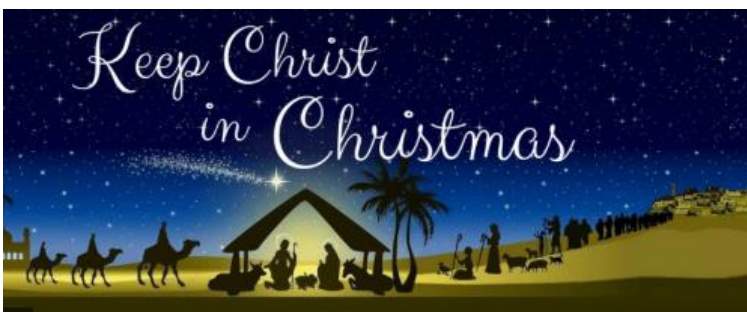
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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*May the Lord Jesus Christ grant you peace and renew your strength for the years ahead.*

*From: St. Charles Garnier Parish Staff +*

**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 Hidalgo . . . . .250-872-9776

**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](http://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](mailto: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 Calderer . . . . .236-420-1970  
**CLUBHOUSE DAYCARE** . . . . .250-860-4393  
**CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE** . . . . .250-491-1088  
**CURSILLO** . . . . . John Schlosser. . . . .250-764-7007  
**DIOCESE OF NELSON—Catholic Pastoral Centre** . . . . .250-448-2725  
**ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER** . . . . . 250-764-4333  
**FREEDOM'S DOOR** . . . . . [freedomdoor@shaw.ca](mailto:freedomdoor@shaw.ca) . . . . . 250-717-0472  
**GRIEF TO GRACE** . . . . . [www.GriefftoGrace.org](http://www.GriefftoGrace.org) . . . . . 250-878-7603  
**KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE** . . [kelownarighttolife@telus.net](mailto:kelownarighttolife@telus.net) . . .250-862-8202  
**OZANAM HOUSE** . . .[hope@ozanamhouse.com](mailto:hope@ozanamhouse.com) . . . 250-762-4673(HOPE)  
**PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE** . . . . .250-763-2112  
**RACHEL'S VINEYARD** . . [info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto: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](http://www.stcharlesgarnier.ca) where you can sign up for the bulletin to be **emailed to you each week.**