



# ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH

December 8, 2019

## Second Sunday of Advent

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.  
*Matthew 3*



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### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Congratulations Bishop Bart van Roijen!!

We are delighted and thrilled to celebrate your Episcopal Consecration on the 12th December 2019.

It's a great honor for the Diocese of Nelson in general and St. Charles Garnier Parish in particular to participate in your New Apostolate.

The letter of Paul to Galatian 2:20 squarely explains your New Role in the Ministry of the Church : " I live, not I, but Christ lives in me. The life I live, I live by faith. Faith in the Son of God, who loved me and sacrificed His life for me".

Bishop Bart has been called and chosen by the Lord 'to work for Him with untiring effort and great earnestness of Spirit' (Rm 12:11) MAY GOD IN HIS GRACIOUSNESS bless Bishop Bart with His graces and gifts and hold him so very special to His Sacred Heart.

May Bishop Bart spread the fragrance of Christ's love and peace to all people of goodwill and touch thousands and millions of lives on behalf of the warmth of Christ. We wish him God's bountiful blessings!!

Affectionately in the Service of Christ & the Church,

Fr. Gabriel. C.

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	Dec 9	8:30am	Int. Marlene Hughes
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dec 10	8:30am	Int. Martin Wachla
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dec 11	8:30am	Int. Michael Geismayr
<b>Thursday</b>	Dec 12	8:30am	✠ Robert Hooker
<b>Friday</b>	Dec 13	8:30am	✠ Barbara Schepensky
<b>Saturday</b>	Dec 14	5:00pm	✠ Peter Mlikotic
<b>Sunday</b>	Dec 15	8:30am	✠ Victor and Jose Dos Santos
		10:30am	✠ Mary Rose and John Harper
		7:00pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1st Reading:	Isaiah	35:1-6a,10
2nd Reading	James	5:7-10
Gospel:	Matthew	11:2-11

### GUIDE TO GIVING      December      2019

Monthly Parish collection budget	\$ 42,500
Collections/SAG received this month to date	8,253
Average weekly collection for Dec	8,253

## 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. 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

<b>First Sunday of the Month</b> <i>Immaculate Conception Church</i> <b>and</b> <i>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.

<b>St. Charles Garnier School Board Rep.</b>	Rita Smith
<b>Immaculata High</b>	250-762-2730
<b>St. Joseph Elementary</b>	250-763-3371
<b>Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School</b>	250-768-9008
<b>Kelowna Catholic Independent Schools</b>	250-448-2725 or 250-762-2905
Fax: 1-866-964-3858	Website: <a href="http://www.kelownacatholic.org">www.kelownacatholic.org</a>

## FORMED



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.

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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## PARISH EVENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
Dec 9	Monday	1:00– 4:00 pm	Card Social.
Dec 10	Tuesday	9:30-12:00	CWL Exec. Meeting followed by Luncheon.
Dec 11	Wednesday	9:30 am 9:15—11:30	Catholic Moms Connect Group. SSVP
Dec 12	Thursday	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group. K of C General Meeting.
Dec 15	Sunday	After 10:30 Mass	Lunch—provided by the Jarrouj Family

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Corpus Cristi	6:30 pm	Wed. Dec. 11th
St. Pius X	6:30 pm	Thurs. Dec. 12th
Our Lady Of Lourdes	6:30 pm	Fri. Dec. 13th
St. Edwards	6:30 pm	Tue. Dec. 17th
St. Charles Garnier	6:30 pm	Wed. Dec. 18th
Immaculate Conception	3:30 pm	Thurs. Dec. 19th

### 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.

### VACANCY FOR PARISH ADMIN.

St. Pius X Parish is looking to fill the Parish Admin Asst/Bookkeeper position. Please submit résumé to [spx@shawcable.com](mailto:spx@shawcable.com) on or before Dec. 15, 2019. Parish Office hours: 9:30-2:30pm. Please visit the parish website at [spxbc.com](http://spxbc.com) (bulletin section) to view the full details of the job description.

### SSVP—CHRISTMAS HAMPER



**Christmas Hamper Program 2019 will have a “new look”!**

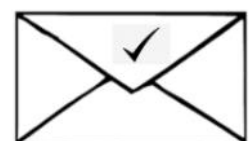
After much deliberation and thought we have decided to follow the model of the other Kelowna parishes in order to ease the heavy physical workload of collecting, sorting and distributing donated groceries.

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.



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## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

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**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  
10:30 a.m.

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## FREEDOM'S DOOR

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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.*

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## RACHEL'S CORNER

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"It is like someone has given a huge gift to your garden that for years has not been green nor growing and suddenly, everything begins to grow again in the garden of your life. I feel loved by God, worthy of His love and I have been able to accept the mercy of God again. I am alive again."

- Testimonial

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and come alive again, but this time in His merciful embrace.

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[info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com)

250-762-2273

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### CARDS 4 KIDS

Orders available for pick up today after mass. We will also be having our final sale of the year this weekend. If you need cards before our next sale in January, they can be purchased at the school Monday to Friday from 8:30-3. Thank you for all your support in 2019!

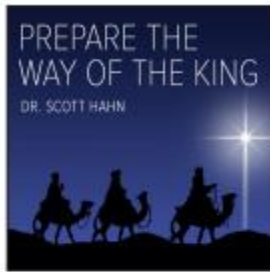


St. Joseph School presents  
**“The Spirit of Christmas”**  
concert next  
Thursday, December 12th at 1:30.  
All are invited to watch this  
annual performance!

### FORMED

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PICK OF THE WEEK



**Prepare the Way of the King**  
Dr. Scott Hahn

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#### *The Greatest Gift We Can Ever Receive*

Dr. Scott Hahn reveals what scholars know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind – Jesus Christ.

### 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.

## Advent Challenge Complete as many acts of kindness

Christmas is the season of giving and the best way to show God our love, is to show love to our neighbors and friends.


- ◇ Smile a stranger.
- ◇ Hug your parents.
- ◇ Give someone who is having a tough day a high five.
- ◇ Write someone a nice note.
- ◇ Hold the door for the person behind you.
- ◇ Call one of your family members just to say "I Love You"
- ◇ Clean up your toys without being asked.
- ◇ Thank all the people who help us every day, janitors, school nurses, teachers, lunch ladies etc.

We are here to serve God and spread his love!





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# Absolute Justice Kindness & Kinship

**Free Admission  
Free East Indian  
Dinner**

**Vernon Recreation Centre  
3310 37th Avenue  
Vernon, BC V1T 8P5  
Monday, November 25, 2019  
Time: 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

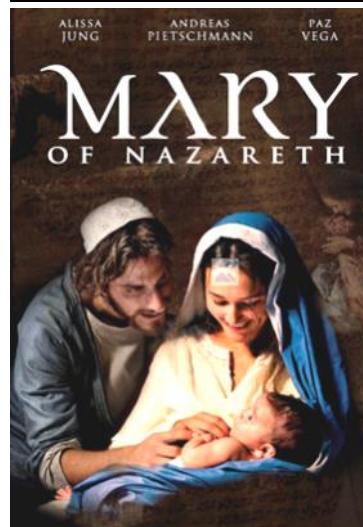


<b>Moderator</b>  Shirley Burnham	<b>Indigenous</b>  Carol Jones	<b>Islam</b>  Usair Khan	<b>Buddhism</b>  Kae McAndrew	<b>Jewish Faith</b>  Susan Shawler	<b>Christianity</b>  Robin Jacobson
<b>Christianity Cultural Center</b>  Carol Jones	<b>Baha'i</b>  Eve Straas	<b>Centre for Spiritual Living</b>  Dale Jukes	<b>Christianity York Church</b>  Gordon Oliver	<b>Sikhism</b>  Gurpreet Singh	<b>Methodist</b>  Greg Wright

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## 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.

## 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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**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  
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 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.**