



Among you stands one whom you do not know.
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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Dec. 18	8:30 am	✠ Lynn Callow
Tuesday	Dec. 19	8:30 am	✠ Darek Mitchell
Wednesday	Dec. 20	8:30 am	Int. Regina Atrens
Thursday	Dec. 21	8:30 am	Int. Mohan family
Friday	Dec. 22	8:30 am	✠ Wolfgang Dabelstien
Saturday	Dec. 23	5:00 pm	✠ Ken Hanak
Sunday Dec. 24		8:30 am	Int. Dora Lemmerick
		10:30 am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier
Christmas Eve		4:00 pm	✠ Maria Lute & Margaret Taylor
		6:00 pm	✠ Martin Segbeaya
		8:00 pm	✠ Kevin McKeough
		10:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier

GUIDE TO GIVING	2017 YTD	2016 YTD
Collections	\$ 471,599	\$ 448,251
Building Fund		\$ 43,624

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Some of you may be wondering: "what's happening with our water system?" After all, we've been on a boil water advisory for most of 2017.

The good news is: "A new system has been installed." The delay was mainly the result of the flood last spring, which caused an inordinate amount of work at Interior Health dealing with contamination issues in other systems. We had to wait our turn until Interior Health approved our new system for installation.

Now that it is installed we remain on a boil water advisory until our system tests positive for three straight months, with samples taken once a day. We, therefore, project that we will be given a clean bill of health around Easter. We will let you know as soon as that happens.

It is also important to know that we have spent \$21,000 on the new system and that there is still a bit of work to do. Our well head needs to be raised and better protected. This, too is part of our overall agreement with Interior Health and will have to be done before we receive the green light. We hope to have this work done in the next few months, depending on the availability of well experts (who were also inundated with work from the spring floods).

In the meantime, we urge you to observe the boil water advisory in all of your functions. New signs have gone up as a reminder. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and understanding. The end is in sight.

Fraternally in Christ,

Fr. Bart van Roijen

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

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

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.

For emergencies **while you are a patient in the hospital**—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
Immaculate Conception Church
and
Corpus Christi Parish

Second Sunday of the Month
St. Pius X Parish

Third Sunday of the Month
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Last Sunday of the Month
St. Charles Garnier Parish

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

ADVENT 2017 RECONCILIATION RITES

PARISH	DAY	DATE	TIME
Our Lady of Lourdes School	Wednesday	Dec. 20	1:00 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Wednesday	Dec. 20	6:30 pm
Immaculate Conception Parish	Thursday	Dec. 21	3:30 pm

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

Dec. 24th—4th Sunday of Advent:
Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am

Dec. 24th—Christmas Eve:
4:00, 6:00, 8:00 & 10:00 pm

Dec. 25th—Christmas Day:
10:30 am

Dec. 31st—Feast of The Holy Family:
Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30, 10:30 am

Jan. 1st—Mary, Mother of God:
Sunday 7:00 pm & New Years Day: 10:30

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!

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE ROHINGYA APPEAL

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is launching an emergency appeal to help the Rohingya communities who have been forced to flee Myanmar and seek refuge in Bangladesh. The sorry plight of these refugees is in the daily news. Bishop John would like the parishes to make a special appeal for the needs of the Rohingya people. You can participate in the appeal by placing an envelope marked DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE or ROHINGYA APPEAL in the collection plate.

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

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 blank package from the foyer or contact our parish office and we will provide a package for you.

We have raised \$ 65,018—77.1% toward our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal Goal.

MOVIE NIGHT

Our next movie night with Fr. Ron Dechant, OMI will be on Monday, December 18, 2017 at **6:30 pm** in the hall.

Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus.

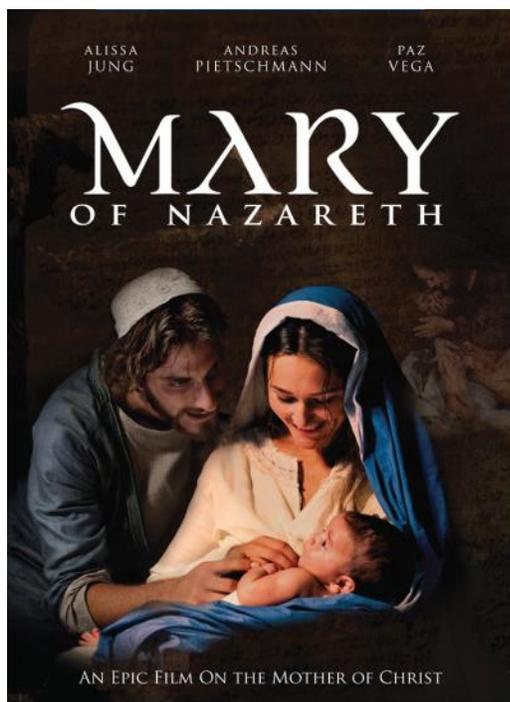
The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his passion and death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection.

153 minutes

For a review check out YouTube:

Fr. Don Calloway, Mary of Nazareth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IsFw0npC0z4>



SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

A Safe Environment Policy workshop will be held on Thursday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (3665 Benvoulin Road). New volunteers who work with children, youth or vulnerable adults, people who are renewing their training and anyone interested in learning more about this policy and how to protect vulnerable people is welcome to attend. Please read the policy before you arrive. It is available from the Safe Environment Office webpage (www.nelsondiocese.org) or from your parish office. Please RSVP to seo@nelsondiocese.org (preferred) or 250-448-2725 ext 225.

KELOWNA CATHOLIC MENS BREAKFAST & VIDEO SERIES PART 2

Part 2 of the popular **That Man is You** video series will start Wednesday, January 10th and run for 13 weeks. **That Man is You** addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those that influence their roles as husbands and fathers. Men meet Wednesday mornings 6:00 - 7:30 at St. Pius X for fellowship, a great breakfast and a life-changing experience! **New Participants Welcome!** The only cost for this program is breakfast! For more information, contact Fr. Gerald at spxpastor@shaw.ca or David Z at david@icckelowna.ca.

To reserve your spot for the next session contact St. Pius X parish office at 250-762-2587 by Tuesday, December 19.



MASS AT BIG WHITE

Big White Mass - **every Sunday @ 3:30PM**, starting Sunday, December 17th & concluding Sunday, April 1st, 2018—Easter Sunday.

Mass will be held in the staff lunch room, upstairs in the main ski rental building (watch for signs).

****NOTE: NO Mass on Sunday, December 24th.****

There will be Mass on December 25th & January 1st at 3:30pm.

Rachel's Corner

"As the father of a son, who I did not allow to live, and knowing that I hurt Father God as well as my wife, I now realize I didn't know what I was doing at that time, and I so very much regret what I have done. God has mercifully forgiven me and I hope to live differently now."

- Retreat Testimonial

Deep down inside do you acknowledge your participation in the abortion decision? That is the first step towards being able to be free of the burden of shame and regret. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat with other women and men as they free themselves of what has affected them for so long in every area of their life.

Healing after Abortion Ministry
250-762-2273 – info@rachelsvineyard.com

www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com

Facebook: Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Immaculata Regional High School, Kelowna:

1 Certified Education Assistant
French Teacher (teacher position for the 2018-19 school year)

St. Joseph Elementary School, Kelowna:

1 Certified Education Assistant. Note: this is a temporary position for January, February and March 2018.

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

CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION BURSARY

The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 each to two 2018 graduating students who are enrolled in Catholic secondary schools, or who are members of BC or Yukon parishes and enrolled in public secondary schools, or who are home-schooled. Students are asked to submit a 500-word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care. Submissions must be received on or before March 9, 2018. For further details, please refer to the poster on display in the vestibule of the church or check the CHABC website at www.chabc.bc.ca under News and Events.

ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR



We are looking for someone to coordinate the training and scheduling of altar servers. If you are interested in assisting with this ministry, or for more information please contact Fr. Bart 778-478-6288.



RETROUVILLE

Retrouville - A lifeline for trouble marriages

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring - your relationship grown cold, distant - thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but (both of you) wish to try again - then Retrouville program may help you.

RETROUVILLE (Rediscovery), supported by the Life, Marriage and Family Office of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six to seven follow-up sessions on the Sundays following the weekend.

The next program is scheduled to start on the weekend of April, 20-22, 2018. To register please visit www.retrouvillevancouver.com. For more details send us an email at vancouverbc@retrouville.org or phone Marc and Candice 604-530-6710 and leave a message. All inquiries are confidential.

2018 BOOK OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2018 offering envelopes are available for pick up from the tables in the Parish Hall. Please note that the information shown on the label is what will be printed on your tax receipt. Please check this carefully and let us know of any errors or changes as soon as possible. If you are participating in the monthly SAG (preauthorized giving) you will still need to pick up your envelopes as you will want to use your envelopes for the Special Collections not covered by your regular SAG donation.

VERY IMPORTANT:

Please **DO NOT** use your new envelopes before 2018! Your envelope number changes each year. Using envelopes from other than the current year could result in confusion and not receiving proper tax credit for your donations.

ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH
(Dedicated to the memory of Father Charles Pandosy)
3645 BENVOLIN RD
KELOWNA BC V1W 4M7



My Offering

To: _____

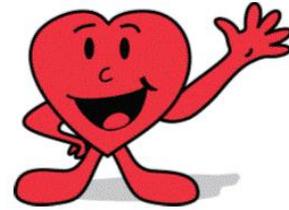


FIND HELP • DISCOVER HOPE • EXPERIENCE HEALING

DIVORCE *Care*



DivorceCare for Kids



**Sessions for DivorceCare and DivorceCare for Kids (ages 5-12)
will run concurrently**

January 9th through to April 3rd.

**Sessions will be held on Tuesdays 6:00—8:00 pm at St. Charles Garnier Parish,
3645 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna, BC**

No time off for Spring break.

\$25.00/person for each program

Register at St. Charles Garnier parish office.

15 GRINCH TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's, we throw away a million extra tons of garbage each week. So why not make this holiday season an eco-friendly one? Here are some tips to get you started.

1. Lower the heat before guests arrive. You'll save energy and the extra body heat generated by guests will warm the room.
2. The smaller the bulb, the lower the wattage. A lower-wattage bulb consumes less energy and gives off less heat, making your lights safer.
3. Donate unwanted gifts or last year's gifts the kids have outgrown to charity.
4. Update and pare down your holiday mailing list to reduce the volume of mail sent. Send out Christmas e-cards.
5. Reuse boxes and shipping materials — peanuts, shredded newspaper, and bubble wrap.
6. Recycle holiday gift wrap or use materials and bags that can be re-used.
7. Get a tree that can be mulched or planted after the holidays.
8. Recycle your fresh tree after Christmas.
9. Decorate with lights using light emitting diodes—LEDs.
10. Give gifts that don't have to be wrapped at all, i.e., concert tickets, gift certificates, etc.
11. Shop online and don't waste gas driving to the shopping mall.
12. Use timers on interior and exterior lights.
13. Replace outside lights with motion-sensor lights and use solar powered lights for other outdoor lighting.
14. Dimmer switches are an inexpensive way to save energy while setting the mood.
15. Go for more energy-efficient old-fashioned decorations like strings of popcorn, gumdrops or cranberries, gingerbread men, and candy canes.



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

BICYCLES FOR HUMANITYKeith Germaine250-764-2942

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Meet second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am
 President:Linda Servedio. 250-764-3182
 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 2:30 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:Davy Janko 250-980-8727
 Email: djanko@stcharleskoc.com

***Last Sunday of each month, September to June—
 Knights Breakfast after a.m. Masses***

PRAYER TO ST. PEREGRINE

The Secular Franciscans are holding prayer sessions for those afflicted with cancer and other diseases on one Monday of each month. Contact Christine for dates and times. All are welcome. If you have friends or family members with cancer, add them to our list, as we pray daily for them.
 Christine—250-768-5274—email: cbreevesac@shaw.ca

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

Meets every 2nd Sunday at 12:30 pm in St. Charles Garnier Hall.
 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
- Campus Ministry email: ubco.focus@gmail.com
- Children’s Liturgy children@stcharlesgarnier.ca
- Eucharistic Ministers Dave Crane 250-861-4085
- Hospital Visitation & Eucharist. Ethel Robidoux 250-860-2101
- Moms & Tots Group Lindsay Rowe 778-478-1133
- Music JoAnn Young 250-764-0485
- Readers.
- Sacristans Flo Pasutto 250-764-8716
- Safe Environment Coordinator Bob Fortier 250-861-8709
 or email: frolics41@yahoo.ca
- Security Patrol.
- Ushers Gino Servedio 250-764-3182

CONTACT NUMBERS

- CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN. . . Martha Calderer . . .236-420-1970
- CLUBHOUSE DAYCARE250-860-4393
- CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE250-491-1088
- CURSILLO John Schlosser. 250-764-7007
- DIOCESE OF NELSON—Catholic Pastoral Centre250-448-2725
- ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER 250-764-4333
- FREEDOM’S DOOR freedomdoor@shaw.ca 250-717-0472
- GRIEF TO GRACE www.GrieftoGrace.org 250-878-7603
- KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE250-862-8202
- OZANAM HOUSEhope@ozanamhouse.com 250-762-4673(HOPE)
- PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE 250-763-2112
- RACHEL’S VINEYARDinfo@rachelvineyardkelowna.com250-762-2273
- 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.**

