

**December 3, 2017**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**



Keep alert, for you do not know  
 when the master of the house will come.  
 Mark 13



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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

St. Charles Garnier parish has been known for its Christian outreach into the community and beyond. Our involvement in Inn From the Cold, Freedom's Door, Ozanam House, Vida-Ville, Bikes for Africa/Humanity, Okanagan Valley Pregnancy Care Centre and St. Vincent de Paul have given us an opportunity to serve the larger community in the name of Christ and of the Catholic Church.

Some timely bequests over the last few years have put us in the unique position to consider a new outreach initiative. This new initiative might be directed towards the vulnerable in our community; the First Nations people; the youth; those in need of a hand up or any other worthwhile endeavour that promotes the dignity and well-being of those who are in need. If you have any preferences or a specific proposal for us to consider, please address it to the Parish Council in writing and drop it off at the office.

Our ability to engage in a new outreach initiative is separate from our day to day operating budget. Money received from the Sunday Collections and other regular means will continue to go towards the day to day expenditures of the parish and it's capital projects.

Some may suggest we hold onto the money received from the bequests. After all, it is wise to hold onto a certain amount for a "Rainy Day" (when the roof needs fixing). We invite your feedback. Rest assured that a substantial portion will be held in reserve for future capital needs. We will keep you informed of any substantial developments.

Fraternally in Christ,

Fr. Bart van Roijen

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b>	Dec. 4	8:30 am	✚ Norman Metz
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dec. 5	8:30 am	Int. Butterley family
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dec. 6	8:30 am	✚ Ron Fournier
<b>Thursday</b>	Dec. 7	8:30 am	Int. Connie Cournane
<b>Friday</b>	Dec. 8	8:30 am	✚ Odette Guyot
<b>Saturday</b>	Dec. 9	5:00 pm	✚ Peter Mlikotic
<b>Sunday</b>	Dec. 10	8:30 am	Int. of Pyne family
		10:30 am	Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier
		7:00 pm	✚ Hilda & Tom Jones

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14  
 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

<b>GUIDE TO GIVING</b>	<b>2017 YTD</b>	<b>2016 YTD</b>
<b>Collections</b>	\$ 451,737	\$ 428,900
<b>Building Fund</b>		\$ 41,248

## 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](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.

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

<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)

## ADVENT 2017 RECONCILIATION RITES

PARISH	DAY	DATE	TIME
Immaculata High School	Wednesday	Dec. 6	10:30 am
Corpus Christi Parish @ Holy Spirit Chapel	Thursday	Dec. 7	6:30 pm
<b>St. Charles Garnier Parish</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 11</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
St. Joseph Elementary	Tuesday	Dec. 12	10:30 am & 12:30 pm
St. Edwards	Wednesday	Dec. 13	6:30
St. Pius X Parish	Thursday	Dec. 14	6:30 pm
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

## 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.

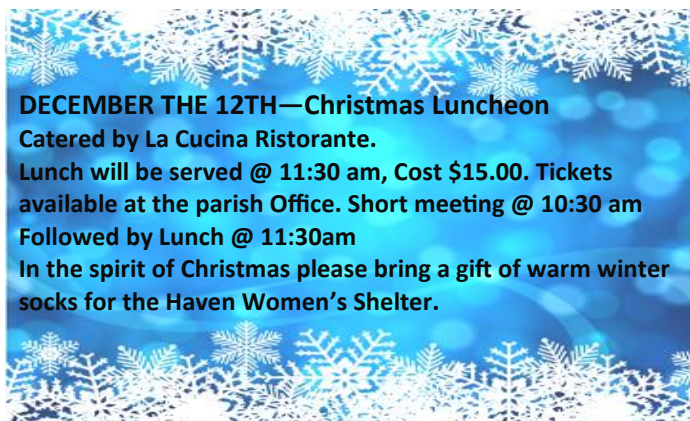
**We have raised \$ 60,099—71.3%** toward our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal Goal.

## CWL NEWS



### 2018 Membership

Its time to renew your 2018 CWL membership, please contact our membership convener Benita Spencer@ 250 - 868 - 8608 if you have any questions.



### DECEMBER THE 12TH—Christmas Luncheon

Catered by La Cucina Ristorante.

Lunch will be served @ 11:30 am, Cost \$15.00. Tickets available at the parish Office. Short meeting @ 10:30 am Followed by Lunch @ 11:30am

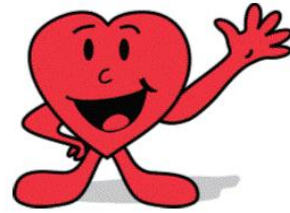
In the spirit of Christmas please bring a gift of warm winter socks for the Haven Women's Shelter.

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## 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.

### 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.

### PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

To the Priests, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Nelson  
With the approval of the Board of Consultors, I am pleased to make the following Pastoral Appointments to be effective on Dec. 1, 2017:

**Father Jojo Augustine** is appointed Pastor of Canadian Martyrs Parish (Invermere) and St. Joseph Parish (Radium Hot Springs)

**Father John Kellogg** is appointed to serve the First Nations communities in the East Kootenay Deanery. Fr. John will reside at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Invermere.

**Father Lawrence Kanickaisamy** appointed Pastor of St. Edward Parish (Winfield) in July 2017, assumed his responsibilities on Nov. 15, 2017.

I express gratitude to Fr. Jack DeVerteuil for serving as Administrator of St. Edward Parish pending the arrival of Fr. Lawrence and to Fr. John Kellogg for serving as Administrator of Invermere and Radium Hot Springs pending the arrival of Fr. Jojo.

#### Other News

**Father Jack DeVerteuil** will take up residence at the Mary Immaculate Cathedral Residence in December. He will be available for replacement ministry.

Sincerely,

+John Corriveau, OFM Cap, Bishop of Nelson

### MAKING ROOM FOR JESUS

Closets bulging? Schedule too full? Basement/Locker jammed with stuff? All that, and Christmas preparations too. Could it be that our busy life and many possessions leave less time and opportunity for us to open to the presence of Jesus who waits to be welcomed into our home and our hearts. Come and explore **VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY** as a means to eliminate the unnecessary and gain the space and time to center on what is most rewarding and meaningful. It is a practice which can free us to be more attentive to our relationships with God, the earth, and each other. Let Advent be a time to let go of some clutter in heart, mind, and surroundings so as to be ready to "Come, let us adore Him".

Tuesday, December 5, 2017  
at St. Charles Garnier Hall.  
7:00 pm

For more info: Contact  
Frances Evers  
250-980-8649.



### THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL



THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM 2017

Christmas Hamper organizing is well under way. Just a reminder that we ask you to please return the bags with your donations on the weekends of Dec. 2/3 or Dec. 9/10 but no later than Sunday noon, Dec. 10. Our donation sorting will take place that afternoon. We thank you for your generous support of the Christmas hamper program to help God's poor and needy in our area.



## MOVIE NIGHT



Our next movie night with Fr. Ron Dechant, OMI will be on Monday, December 4, 2017. "Purgatory: The Forgotten Church". 90 mins duration.

Is there life after death? Our faith says "yes", but what does science and human experience have to offer? Learn about "Out of Body" experiences from scientific research. Do these experiences prove or disprove life

after death? Then what about Purgatory. What evidence is there from science to show anything about purgatory? Have people experienced purgatory in this world? Come and find out the answer in this documentary. You will be surprised.

## ADVENT GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

Advent is the season of vigilance. It's a time of peaceful waiting for the coming Messiah. However, for many of us, the weeks leading up to Christmas can be anything but that. We're stressed, distracted, and pulled in so many directions. You are invited to participate in a daily journey through the Gospels at [adventreflections.com](http://adventreflections.com). When you sign up for Bishop Robert Barron's **Advent Gospel Reflections**, you'll receive a short reflection each morning on that day's Gospel. It's a simple, quick, yet powerful way to enter into the mystery of this season—to pause, reflect, and turn our eyes and hearts upward, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

<https://adventreflections.com/>

## 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](mailto:spxpastor@shaw.ca) or David Z at [david@icckelowna.ca](mailto: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.



## ROOTED IN FAITH

We have been meeting for one year as **Rooted in Faith**, and it is our hope that this new school year you will join us when you can. There is great power and blessing in praying together as a community for a common goal. Our children, staff and families benefit so much from our intercession, but a little-known bonus is that we, as individuals, benefit from this meeting with like minded people. We are not by any means super prayer warriors; we are simple believers who do our best to keep a date with God to ask him to care for our families. We are so blessed to have a community where we can freely pray for our schools. Join us and see!

Wednesdays at 8:50am for about 30 minutes:

December 6, 2017-Bedford Room (ICC Hall)

December 13, 2017-IRHS Chapel

## ANNULMENT SEMINAR

Myths and Truths about the Catholic Church's teaching on Annulment.

While the Catholic Church believes that marriage is a life long commitment, it is a reality that some marriages break down. This seminar will discuss the differences between the myths and truths about Marriage, Divorce and Annulment. If you or someone you love is wondering about Pope Francis' merciful approach and the truths about the new reformed annulment process, come to this seminar.

Presentation by Adjutant Judicial Vicar, Rev. Gerald Sekanga. **Tuesday, December 12th**, St. Charles Garnier Hall. 7:00 pm. Seminar, Q & A and refreshments. For more information please contact The Marriage Tribunal Office 250-448-2725, ext 280 or email: [marriage.tribunal@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:marriage.tribunal@nelsondiocese.org).



## Rachel's Corner

*"It is I, I, who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses; your sins I remember no more." - Isaiah 43:25*

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and encounter your God who yearns to do this for you.... allow Him to take these things that burden your soul and let Him flood you with His peace as He tells you He remembers them no more.

Healing after Abortion Ministry – Rachel's Vineyard  
250-762-2273 – [info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com)

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[www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com](http://www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com)

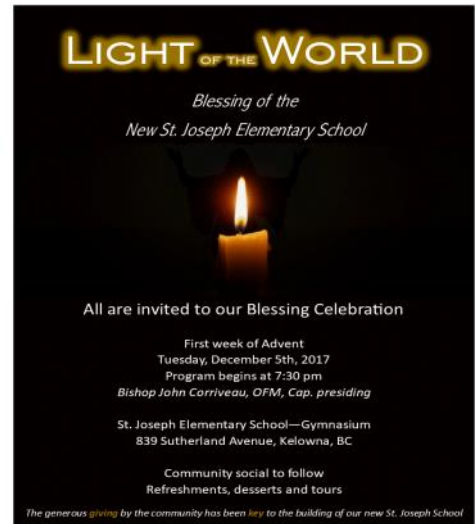
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## BLESSING OF THE NEW ST. JOSEPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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All are invited to our Blessing Celebration.  
First week of Advent, **Tuesday December 5th, 2017.**  
Program begins at 7:30 pm in the gymnasium.  
Bishop John Corriveau, OFM, Cap. presiding.  
Community social to follow. Refreshments, desserts and tours.  
839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna, BC

For more information please contact:  
Holly Routley  
Development Coordinator  
250-575-6996  
hroutley@cisnd.ca



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### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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

**Immaculata Regional High School, Kelowna:**

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

View the diocesan school website [www.cisnd.ca](http://www.cisnd.ca) for posting details, application documents and process.

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### CARDS FOR KIDS

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Pick up your Christmas order after mass the weekend of December 9/10. We will be selling standard cards as well if you need some more. Please note we will not be selling the last weekend of December so now is the time to buy! Thank you for your support.

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### IMMEDIATE JOB OPENING

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**St. Pius X Parish Administrative Assistant**

**Summary**

Reporting to the St. Pius X Parish Pastor, the Administrative Assistant staffs the reception area in the Parish Office and carries out administrative duties.

**Basic Job Description**

Representing the Parish in Christian values, the Administrative Assistant carries out various functions, including working proficiently with Parish and Diocesan computer programs and technology, that enable the smooth and efficient operation of the St. Pius X Parish community. The Administrative Assistant works in extreme confidentiality demonstrating compassion in all interactions with Parish Clergy, staff and parishioners.

This is a .6FTE (22.5 hours/per week) position and is eligible for benefits and possibly pension after successfully completing the probationary period.

Deadline for applications is November 29th and can be submitted electronically to [spx@shawcable.com](mailto:spx@shawcable.com)

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## 12TH ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS PARTY

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We would like to invite families to our **12th Annual St Nicholas Party!**

Please join us this Sunday, **December 3, 2017 after the 10:30 mass.** Lunch will be provided. In order for us to adequately prepare for everyone—please sign-up at church or email: [lindsaynrowe@gmail.com](mailto:lindsaynrowe@gmail.com).

Freedom's Door is the St. Nicholas Generosity Project. Freedom's Door is a non-profit registered society offering hope, healing and wholeness for men with addictions. There will be a tree in the foyer with gift tags on it. Please feel free to take a tag or two and bring your family's unwrapped gift to the party so that we can teach the Christmas spirit of generosity to our children.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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## UKRAINIAN FOOD SALE

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Ukrainian preorder food sale will be held on Thursday, December 7 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The regular Ukrainian food sale will be held Saturday, December 9, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Both will be held at the Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1091 Coronation Avenue and Gordon, in the parish hall.

Items for sale include;

**Perogies** - ingredients are flour, potatoes, cheese, onions, butter - \$6.00 per dozen

**Cabbage rolls** - ingredients are cabbage, rice, onions, butter - \$6.00 per dozen

**Borscht** - ingredients are beets, peas, potatoes, onions, tomatoes - \$7.00 per quart

The perogies, cabbage rolls and borscht are all meatless.

**Garlic sausage** - \$8.00 each.

**Pies** - rhubarb/strawberry, plain rhubarb, peach, plum, apple, apricot. Pies are frozen and need to be baked. \$9.00 each

There will also be assorted home baking but we do not know what the choices will be.

**Cash or cheque ONLY!** Hope you can make it!

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## COME CELEBRATE ADVENT WITH US!

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What: **Advent mass**

Where: **ICC parish**

When: **Thursday, December 7th**

Time: **9:15 am**

Who: **St Joseph School Committee**

Hope to see you there!

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## PRAYER VIGIL

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Please join us for the annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Vigil on Tuesday, December 12th @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, indoors at Immaculate Conception Church on Sutherland Avenue. The purpose of the vigil is to pray for the intercession of our Lady to end abortion in our community and in our nation, in much the same way her appearance in Mexico in 1531 brought an end to the practice of child sacrifice and converted millions to the faith. Contact Marlon at 250 870-4103 for more information.

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## RETROUVILLE

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### **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](http://www.retrouvillevancouver.com). For more details send us an email at [vancouverbc@retrouville.org](mailto:vancouverbc@retrouville.org) or phone Marc and Candice 604-530-6710 and leave a message. All inquiries are confidential.

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## CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION BURSARY

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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](http://www.chabc.bc.ca) under News and Events.

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## IRHS FINE ARTS FUNDRAISING EVENING



### **Immaculata Christmas Fine Arts Fundraising Night**

Our annual Fine Arts fundraising evening is coming up on **December 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm**. Admission is by donation and will feature student art and photographic works and performances by music and drama students. Plus a gingerbread house raffle, refreshments, wine by Intrigue Wines, and 50/50 draw!



# 2017 Advent Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>December 3</b></p> <p><b>"BE WATCHFUL, BE ALERT!"</b> (Mk 13:33)</p> <p>Today take time to reflect on how you want to live Advent this year, to be watchful and alert with all of creation.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>SPEARS INTO PRUNING HOOKS</b></p> <p>"They shall beat their...spears into pruning hooks." (Is 2:4) Today we pray for farmers around the world and those now unable to cultivate the land due to our changing climate.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>THE WOLF WITH THE LAMB</b></p> <p>"The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid" (Is 11:6). How might these images inspire peace and forgiveness in your life?</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>LOAVES &amp; FISHES: ABUNDANCE</b></p> <p>The Gospel of loaves and fishes reminds us we are called to share the abundance of God's love. How might you feed someone today by donating to a local charity addressing hunger?</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>GREEN YOUR ADVENT</b></p> <p>Commit to make one change this year to "green" your Christmas: try a vegetarian recipe, or seek sustainable gifts. See more ideas here: <a href="http://bit.ly/GCCM-GreenXmas17">http://bit.ly/GCCM-GreenXmas17</a></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b></p> <p>Like Mary, how might we set aside our personal plans for God's Love to be present? Do an unexpected kind deed today for a stranger.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>PONDER THE STARS</b></p> <p>"The Lord tells the number of the stars; he calls each by name." (Ps 147). Tonight look at the stars and reflect on how they and all of creation are beloved by God.</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p>"Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs" (Is 40:11). God holds tenderly the animals of land, sea, and sky. Let us do the same today.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>THIRSTY GROUND, SPRINGS OF WATER</b></p> <p>"The thirsty ground springs of water." (Is 35:7) The Earth rejoices in Jesus' birth and its water cleanses the Holy Child and Mother in the stable. Offer a prayer for life-giving water today.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</b></p> <p>"A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars..." (Rv 12:1) The Cosmic Christ dwells in all of Creation.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>EAGLES' WINGS</b></p> <p>"They that hope in the LORD will soar as with eagles' wings." (Is 40:31) Offer a prayer of hope for communities impacted by natural disasters.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>CLOUDS RAIN DOWN</b></p> <p>Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Savior. (Is 45:8) God looked to the natural world as partner in Jesus' birth. Is my relationship with the natural world a mutually life-giving partnership?</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>TREES OF LIFE</b></p> <p>"Blessed is the one who is like a tree planted near running water (Ps 1:3)." We reflect on the importance of trees in our lives, for air, for keeping our climate balanced, for beauty. Pray today for those fighting against deforestation.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>MAKING SPACE</b></p> <p>Advent is a time of making space for Christ's birth in our lives. Can you let go of one personal item today to reflect how you are making way for Jesus?</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>GAUDADE SUNDAY</b></p> <p>On Gaudete Sunday, we celebrate with joy the coming of Christ. Can you extend some Advent joy to someone who might be struggling at this time?</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY</b></p> <p>We pray for those in migration, which Pope Francis says "recalls that of baby Jesus, who at the time of his birth could not find a place to stay when he was born in Bethlehem."</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>WAITING WITH CREATION</b></p> <p>Let us reflect on the many ways creation helps us to celebrate Advent: from Christmas trees and Advent wreaths to twinkling stars and animals carefully placed in nativity scenes.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S</b></p> <p>We praise you for teaching us that the earth and its fullness belong to you and we thank you for giving us the most urgent of tasks: to protect, heal and honor your gift of Creation.</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>THE VISITATION</b></p> <p>We rejoice with Mary, Queen of Creation! Let us experience the joy of the Cosmic Christ in our own bodies and recognize Christ being revealed in every rock, cloud, human and gust of wind today.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>MAGNIFICAT</b></p> <p>Join Mary in praying the Magnificat today in praising the Lord who "has filled the hungry with good things." (Luke 1:53) Watch this YouTube video: <a href="https://youtu.be/6_ljxWUo-7k">https://youtu.be/6_ljxWUo-7k</a></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>GIFTS OF THE EARTH</b></p> <p>The gifts of the Wise Men were of the earth: gold forged within Earth's crust, frankincense from desert trees and myrrh distilled from tree sap. Help us purify our lifestyles this Christmas so that we can live justly with the gifts of Creation.</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b></p> <p>"The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you." (2 Sam 7:12) We give thanks for our common home and pray that we might be a dwelling place of your love, bringing hope to every part of Creation this Christmas.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS! LET US REJOICE!</b></p> <p>We thank and praise you Jesus for coming to heal the whole creation! May we more fully become agents of your love for "the heavens be glad, Earth rejoice, seas resound and forests exult!" (Ps 96:11).</p>	<p>"Blessed are all who wait for the Lord" (Ps 147). This season, we invite you to pray the Joy of Advent to include all of Creation. The Nativity story is resplendent with images of the human and natural world coming into communion to receive the birth of Jesus. We can imagine the stars illuminating the night sky, the animals keeping the Holy Family protected and warm, and the precious gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.</p> <p>For the we journey of these next 23 days, we offer reflections based on the daily Scripture readings. Pope Francis invites us to hear the cry of the Earth. We extend that invitation this season to hear the Earth rejoice in the coming of the Savior of All.</p>				



## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

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 President: . . . . .Linda Servedio. . . . . 250-764-3182  
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**FR. PANDOSY 4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY**—Knights of Columbus  
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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** [www.stcharleskoc.com](http://www.stcharleskoc.com)

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***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](mailto: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.  
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**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***

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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**

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