



St. Charles Garnier Parish

December 23, 2018
4th Sunday of Advent



*Why has this happened to me,
that the mother of my Lord comes to me?"*
Luke 1



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday | Dec. 24 | 8:30 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm 10:00 pm | ✙ Julia Paley ✙ Robert Hooker Int. Flo Pasutto & family ✙ Victor Krupka |
| Tuesday | Dec. 25 | 9:30 am | Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier |
| Wednesday | Dec. 26 | | NO MASS |
| Thursday | Dec. 27 | 8:30 am | ✙ Natalia & Ivan Mlikotic |
| Friday | Dec. 28 | 8:30 am | ✙ Dorothy & Albert Vinge |
| Saturday | Dec. 29 | 5:00 pm | ✙ Maria Dionisio |
| Sunday | Dec. 30 | 8:30 am | ✙ Brian Denman |
| | | 10:30 am | Int. Holy Cross Health Communities |
| | | 7:00 pm | Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier |

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
2nd Reading: Collossians 3:12-21
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

GUIDE TO GIVING

December 2018

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| Monthly Parish collection budget | \$42,500 |
| Collections/SAG received so far this month | \$44,968 |
| Average weekly collection for December | \$14,989 |

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The Kingdom of God is likened to a seed. It may seem insignificant at first but, when sown, it has the power to bring life to the world.

Christmas, too, is like a seed. A word spoken by an angel, the willing response of the Virgin Mother, the leaping of a child in his mother's womb, a humble birth in a manger and shepherds tending their sheep by night—it almost went unnoticed. But the seed began to grow.

May the seed that was sown that Christmas night find new life in you and in each member of your family. May that which may have gone dormant or that which is treated with mere nostalgia, resonate once again in your heart. And may the true joy of Christmas, that no one day can contain, permeate each moment of 2019.

The Kingdom of God is like a seed. Christ is that seed. May you find room in your heart to receive him and bear his joy to the world. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

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. 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 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
 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

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—Sandy S., Eustis, FL



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- Visit stcharlesgarnier.formed.org with a web browser
- Click on Register
- Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later).

If **FORMED** asks for a Parish Code—use: **XG97TF**. If you are still having difficulty logging in to FORMED please call Nicole Horsman @ 250-681-0091.

PARISH EVENTS

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
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| Dec. 24 | 4,6,8, & 10:00 pm | Christmas Masses |
| Dec. 25 | 9:30 am | Christmas Mass |
| Dec. 26 | 9:15 am | SSVP |
| Dec. 31 | 5:00 pm | New Years Eve Mass |
| Jan. 1 | 10:30 am | New Year's Day Mass |
| Jan. 2 | 9:30 am | CWL Executive Meeting |
| Jan. 2 | 10:00 am | Catholic Moms Connect |
| Jan. 3 | 7:30 pm | K of C Executive Meeting |
| Jan. 4 | 9:00 am | ADORATION |
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PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2018-19

"Jesus said, Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, who will not receive a hundredfold now in the age." (Mark 10:29-30)



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 package from the ledge in the foyer. No gift is too small and we are counting on 100% participation of all parishioners.

Thus far, we have raised \$ 60,886.90 which is 74.5% toward our Pilgrimage of Faith Goal. Your continued support is necessary to meet the many needs that face us today, such as ministry to our indigenous peoples, or the education of our seminarians. Please help us to meet these needs.

ST. CHARLES CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICES

The St. Charles Children's Choir will be having 3 more practices before we sing at the 4pm mass on Christmas Eve. Please join us on December 9, 16, and 23 right after the 10:30 am mass. Children of all ages are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Abbey Ackerman at 250-899-4384 or aerackerman@gmail.com.



CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve: 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: 9:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve: 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day: 10:30 a.m.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday | Dec. 31 | 8:30 am 5:00 pm | Int. Sedjro family ✠ Adrian Van de Mosselaer |
| Tuesday | Jan. 1 | 10:30 am | Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier |
| Wednesday | Jan. 2 | 8:30 am | ✠ Iolanda Gaspari |
| Thursday | Jan. 3 | 8:30 am | ✠ August & Muriel Casorso |
| Friday | Jan. 4 | 8:30 am | ✠ Hilda & Tom Jones |
| Saturday | Jan. 5 | 5:00 pm | ✠ Michael Boon |
| Sunday | Jan. 6 | 8:30 am | Int. Pyne family |
| | | 10:30 am | Int. Holy Cross Exercise Group |
| | | 7:00 pm | Parishioners of St. Charles Garnier |

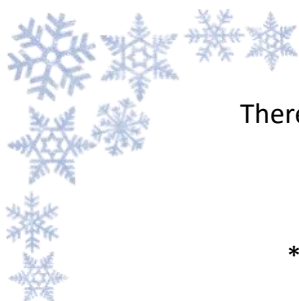
CONSIDER BECOMING A SACRISTAN!



Our parish needs additional Sacristans. It's a "behind-the-scenes" ministry allowing for quiet service in the church, the duties are a devotional joy!

Your duty is once a month and training is with an experienced Sacristan. Individuals or couples, young or mature ~ a rewarding opportunity to serve your parish that comes with many blessings.

BIG WHITE MASS



There will be Mass at Big White every Sunday @ 3:30 pm, starting Sunday, December 16th and concluding at the end of the ski season.

Mass will be held in the conference room at the Fire Hall, (watch for signs).

****NOTE:** There **will** be Mass on December 25th and January 1st at 3:30 pm also.**

MUSICAL ADORATION NIGHT

All are welcome to join the young adult community for a night of praise, worship, and adoration. Confession will be available during adoration. The Compass night will be held at ICC on Friday, January 18th from 7-8:30 pm. Youth and young adult social to follow. For more details contact ubco.focus@gmail.com.



YOUNG ADULT RISE UP CONFERENCE

December 28 to January 1, Calgary, AB
For young adults aged 18-35, **Rise Up** is an annual national conference hosted by Catholic Christian Outreach to motivate and inspire leaders for the renewal of the world. Join young adults from across the nation in Calgary on Dec. 28, 2018 to Jan. 1, 2019. For more details and to register, go to <https://cco.ca/rise-up/>. Some funding available -- contact your parish office for details.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO THE MEDJUGORJE YOUTH FESTIVAL

St Charles Garnier is partnering with Holy Child Parish youth group in Summerland to offer an opportunity for youth ages 16 and up to attend the Medjugorje Youth Festival July 30th - Aug 15th, 2019. The trip starts with a week in Medjugorje with daily Mass, Rosary, visits to Apparition Hill, Cross Mountain and other faith communities. We'll also be visiting Rome including the Vatican, Assisi and Florence.

For more information please speak with the chaperone from St Charles Garnier, Christina Hidalgo. (250) 872-9776 or (778)388-9477 or chris-hidalgo@hotmail.com.

LOVE MADE EASY

Show your love for our Pakistani Catholic refugee family with an easy automatic **monthly direct debit** in the amount you choose. Electronic deductions for the refugees will take place on the 30th of each month. Forms are available from Marilee in the SCG office. Please enter an end date of May 30, 2019 since our sponsorship year ends in early June 2019. Love made easy--and tax deductible.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

St. Joseph Elementary School, Kelowna

Certified Education Assistant. Additional training in Applied Behavioral Analysis and Autism Spectrum Disorder is an asset.

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

Rachel's Corner

"I said her name out loud for the very first time. I have not been to confession in 10 years and I thought I was fine. What a gift I have been given going to confession now. I am so happy now. I am at peace and more importantly, now I know my child is at peace. I am empty of all pain. Now I can begin to forgive myself." - Testimonial from retreat

Do you know what it would feel like to feel peace again? Your Rachel's Vineyard™ team understands that yearning and invites you to join them on the next retreat. The gift of His mercy and peace is awaiting you.

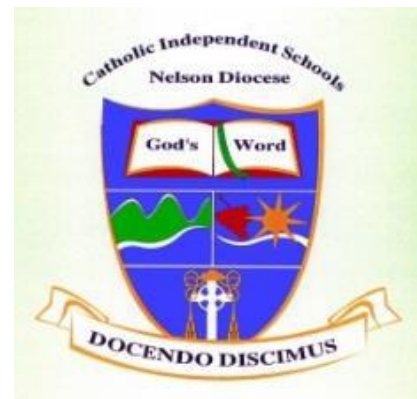
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Diocese of Nelson (Kelowna)
Catholic Independent Schools
invites applications for the position of
Administrative Assistant
to the Superintendent of Schools and the
diocesan Director of Faith Formation



The Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson is seeking a full - to part-time administrative assistant to support the Superintendent of Schools and the diocesan Director of Faith Formation. Working in the Kelowna Catholic Pastoral Centre, the incumbent will provide comprehensive administrative support and liaise with both school and parish communities in a courteous and efficient manner while maintaining absolute professionalism and confidentiality.

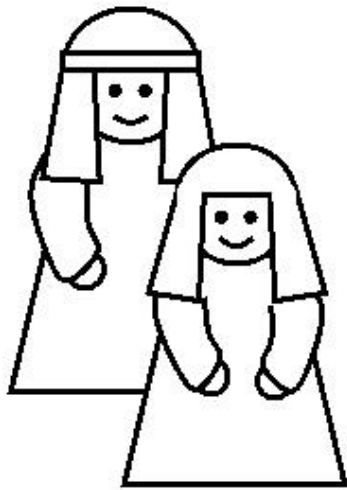
Preference will be given to candidates with the following qualifications and skills:

- Identification with, and participation in, the life of a Catholic parish
- Commitment to Catholic education and lifelong faith formation
- Experience prioritizing and organizing multiple tasks; comfortable both taking direction and working independently to anticipate needs, manage deadlines, and complete tasks thoroughly and accurately
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills; experience liaising with a diversity of persons and organizations, and contributing to the positive culture of the workplace
- Excellent command of the English language: writing, editing and proofreading
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, Publisher), and experience managing online content
- Adept at organizing online and office filing systems, managing office supplies and services, booking travel and hospitality, taking minutes, administering employment contracts and expenses, and contributing to the success of meetings, seminars, and conferences
- Resourceful in directing or answering a wide variety of inquiries
- High levels of initiative, adaptability, good judgement, and confidentiality.

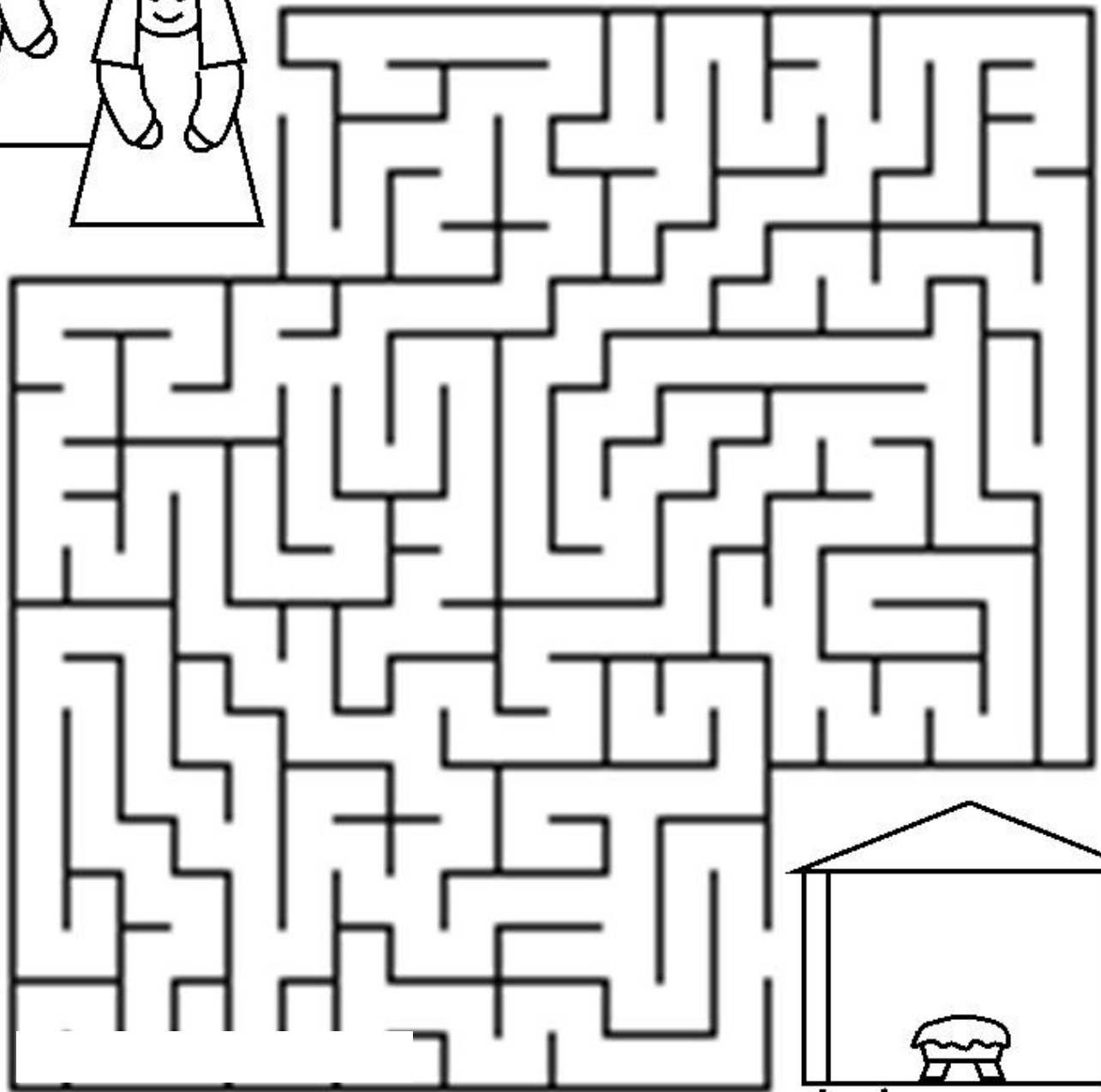
Please provide your cover letter and résumé, three professional references, a reference from your pastor (form at <https://www.cisnd.ca/employment.php>), a copy of any post-secondary transcripts or certificates, your most recent job evaluation report (*if available*), and baptismal and marriage certificate (*if applicable*) **on or before January 15, 2019**.

For further information call: Art Therrien 250-762-2905 extension 2
Yvonne Valiant 250-448-2725 extension 110

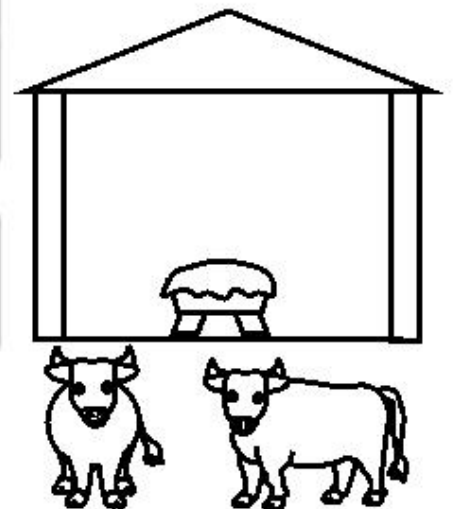
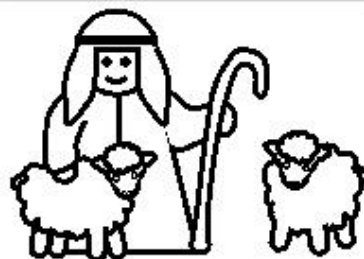
Applications may be forwarded to C.I.S.N.D. at 3665 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna, BC, V1W 4M7, or emailed to faithformation@nelsondiocese.org (include "Administrative Assistant" in email subject line).



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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

BICYCLES FOR HUMANITY . . . Keith Germaine 250-870-3518

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

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"

Meet second Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm in St. Charles Garnier Hall.

Inquiries 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 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.

Sacristans Brenda Korby 250-859-0840

Safe Environment Coordinator Bob Fortier 250-861-8709

or email: frolics41@yahoo.ca

Ushers Gino Servedio 250-764-3182

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. 250-717-0472

GRIEF TO GRACE www.GriefToGrace.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) |
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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.**