

CATHOLIC CORNER

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



This weekend is the first Sunday in Advent. This is the start of our preparation for Christmas, for the coming of Jesus. This weekend, the Church celebrates a New Year, that is, the Liturgical New Year, Advent Cycle B of the three cycles of Sunday readings.

The seasons of Advent and Christmas celebrate the “coming” of Jesus. The preparation during Advent has a three-fold purpose. The Coming of Jesus in the flesh, Immanuel, “God with us”; The Coming of Jesus in the Eucharist, “this is

My Body, My Blood” food for the journey; and the preparation for the Second Coming, Parousia “presence” or “arrival” of Jesus Coming to make way for His faithful Servants— those who keep watch. The Liturgical color of Advent is Purple, or in some parishes a bluepurple, signals penitential, thus the Preparation.

More information and readings can be found in the file attached.

STUDENTS AT KGM SHELTER

The senior Religion Class went to help ready the Kelowna Gospel Mission 40 bed shelter in the Courier

Building on Doyle and St. Paul. Students cleaned, painted, and arranged the shelter which will open to those in need of a bed from December the 1st.

“We are not called to serve merely in order to receive a reward, but rather to imitate God, who made himself a servant for our love.

Nor are we called to serve only now and then, but to live in serving.

Service is thus a way of life; indeed it recapitulates the entire Christian way of life:

*serving God in adoration and prayer;
being open and available;
loving our neighbour with practical deeds;
passionately working for the common good.”*

Pope Francis – 2018

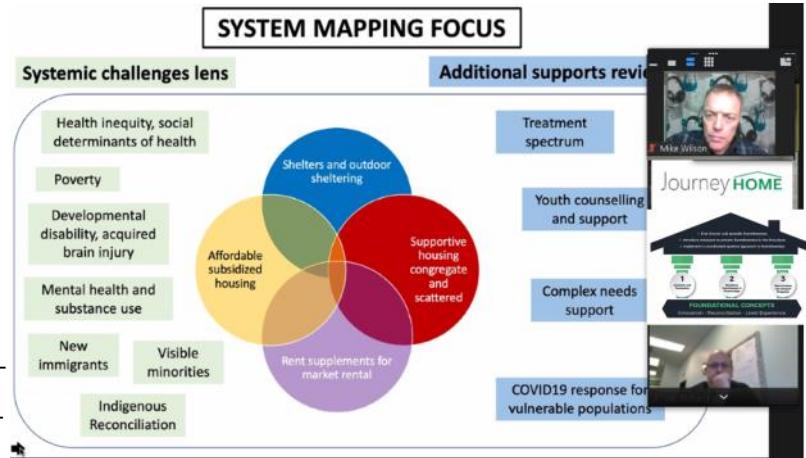
from one of Pope Francis' homilies in 2018 during a visit to Azerbaijan



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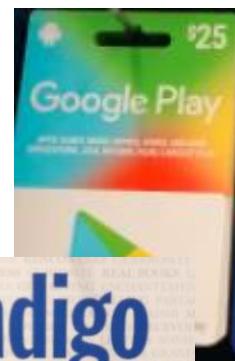
INTER FAITH MEETING

There was an inter faith meeting on homelessness attended by Grant Richard and myself (Mike Wilson) this week. There were positive updates from the Journey Home Task Force in their efforts to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness in Kelowna. The group agreed to meet again in January 2021 and work together to provide opportunities for our community to help reduce the stigma of homelessness. Anyone requiring further information please contact me, Mike Wilson, email mwilson@cisnd.ca and cell 250-859-6718.



ANGEL TREE GIFTS

Reminder that The Angel tree gift cards are due on the 9th of December. There are lots of opportunities to buy entertaining gift cards to support the children of those families the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Remember students are working in groups of up to six to purchase a \$30 gift card for a child in our Kelowna community.



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Take Care.
Be Safe.
God Bless.

