

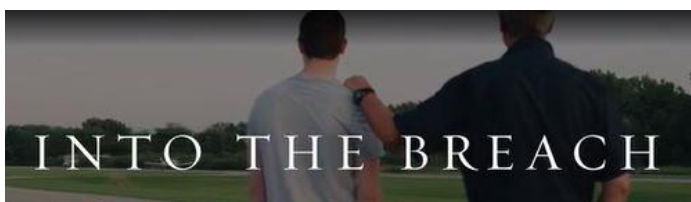
CATHOLIC CORNER

This past weekend in his homily Fr. Gerald encouraged those of us online to bring the Church more fully into our homes this Christmas. We can do this by sharing in the way others mark Advent in their homes and go on to Celebrate the feast of Christmas in their homes.

REFLECTIONS LEADING TO DISCUSSIONS TO CONSIDER

This Friday the staff will have met online and spent time in reflection and spiritual discussion in a number of areas. Two areas in particular that the staff may have chosen to reflect involve strengthening the domestic church;

The **Abiding Together** Advent Reflection series on the nature and character of Mary, our Mother. Mary is offering her motherhood to us if we are willing to receive her invitation of protection. <https://www.abidingtogetherpodcast.com/episodes>



The Knights of Columbus – **Into the Breach** program. This episode speaks to the presence and involvement of a loving father as being critical in the development of a child. True fatherhood models itself on God the Father. Former MLB player Mike Sweeney shares how the faith of a man should shape his role as a father. <https://site->

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Please consider watching one of these episodes over the Christmas period.

Night of Hope | Steubenville Livestreamed Conference 2020

Should you have more time for reflection this weekend or over the coming holiday may I invite you to watch a recording of the “Night of Hope” hosted by Steubenville Conferences. Watching this recording offers an opportunity to reflect on the gift of Christ at this time. In the words of Yvonne from the Faith Formation Office “Offers a much-needed balm for the soul. Light a few candles around your PC or tablet and consider joining in.”



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

Binge Jesus with The Chosen Over the Holidays

If you really want to go all out and binge watch stories of Jesus over the Christmas Holidays then consider watching The Chosen series. There is a link to “The Shep-





herd" trailer here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=paOigZZDads> For the App and how to stream more shows from your phone to your TV go to <https://studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen>

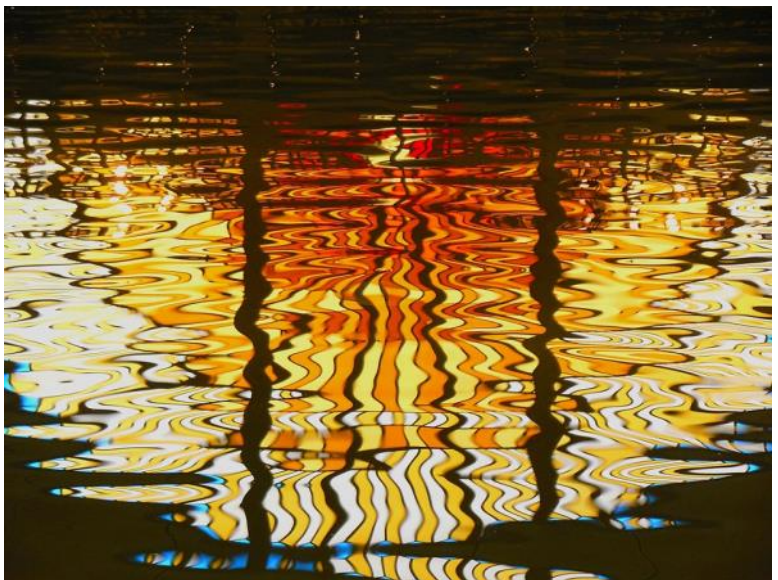
The Weekend Readings and Thoughts on Christmas – Keeping your Sacramental Life Alive

The second reading this weekend is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 26:25-27 where Paul introduces himself to the Christians in Rome and he gives an incomplete synthesis of his theology. Paul's words remind us to give glory to God this Christmas and always, for the marvelous things he has done for us.

The Gospel is about Mary Saying Yes To God. We can learn from Mary how to pray means to join in her prayer: "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Prayer is ultimately self-giving in response to God's love. If we say Yes as Mary did, God has the opportunity to magnify his life in our

life.

When attending mass online this year please remember Fr. Gerald's (St. Pius X and St. Edwards) words to "not give up on our Sacramental life". Churches will be offering the Holy Eucharist after their online mass in the parking lot of the church.



For mass times this Christmas please see the church websites

Church	Website
St. Pius X	https://www.spxbc.com/
Corpus Christi	https://www.corpuschristikelowna.com/
St. Charles Garnier	https://www.stcharlesgarnier.ca/
Our Lady of Lourdes	https://www.ololwestkelowna.com/
Immaculate Conception	https://www.icckelowna.ca/
St. Edwards	https://www.stedwardsparish.ca/

Christmas will be very different this year for us all and we have to see that these differences are for the common good. As always Fr. Pat Monette at Corpus Christi parish offers a realistic, faith filled perspective on our current circumstances. Fr. Pat's letter can be found here [https://f27c4e82-4ef5-45b3-88c9-fa8678146ce3.filesusr.com/](https://f27c4e82-4ef5-45b3-88c9-fa8678146ce3.filesusr.com/d/70ab4a_00c4635482954cddb61df4b6b907e2b1.pdf)



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If you get an opportunity go to Corpus Christi Church to see the new stained glass window of Thérèse of Lisieux.

Wishing you a Happy, Healthy, and Holy Christmas.

Best Wishes for the New Year.

Take Care.

Be Safe.

God Bless. Mike Wilson