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KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of 9508 would like to congratulate some fellow brother Knights at achieving great mile stones to their parish community and the community itself. **Brother, John Armstrong - 50 years. Brother Ben Foulliard - 50 years, Brother Lloyd Devlin - 60 years.** As well our Council at St. John Vianney will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary this spring. "Merry Christmas to all and all the best in 2012" from Grand Knight Devon O'Toole.

2011 OFFICIAL TAX

Sunday Weekly donations for the weekend Dec 24/25 must be received by the parish by Friday, Dec 30 (before the banks close) or the donation can be mailed to the parish (post mark must be Dec 30 or earlier) in order to be included in your 2011 tax receipt. Any donations received after the banks close on Friday, Dec 30, or is not post marked Dec 30, will go forward to your 2012 tax receipt (as per Canada Revenue Agency).

CPPS MISSION PROJECT "WINDMILLS, WELLS AND WATER" 2012

Saturday, February 25, 2012, CPPS Mission Projects will host its 10th annual fundraising dinner at Thompson Rivers University Grand Hall. Tickets are \$80.00 per person with all proceeds going to the mission projects operated by the Precious Blood Missionaries in Tanzania, East Africa. Please contact Anna or Lloyd Babcock at 250-579-8888 or Frank Tries at 250-314-1429.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

"Healing happens not only when the person reaches up and out, but when he or she grasps God's hand as He reaches down." God is reaching for your hand. Experience His healing mercy on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat. 250-267-5081 rvkamloops@yahoo.ca www.rachelsvineyard.org

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH - HEFFLEY CREEK	
573 Todd Mountain Road	
Collections: For Dec 4: \$350.00	
Christmas Mass Schelule:	Saturday December 14
	5:15 Christmas Hymns
	6:00 PM Mass

ST JOHN VIANNEY - FAITH IN ACTION - CAMPAIGN 21			
November 30, 2011			
Parish Goal	\$21,950.00	Number of Pledges	49
Pledges Amount	\$10,775.00	Cash Received	\$9,215.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION - St. John Vianney			
Nov 20: Envelopes: \$2432.00 Loose: \$129.55			

WELCOME

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DECEMBER 11, 2011	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY MASSES:	WEEKDAY MASSES: St. John Vianney
St. John Vianney 10:30 am	Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m
Our Lady of Lourdes 8:30 am	Weekly Changes inside bulletin
Sun Peaks - Delta Hotel (Alpine Room) Saturday at 4:00 PM	
MASS AT THE HAMLETS - The 2nd Friday of the month at 10:00 AM - 3350 Bank Road	
Liturgy of the Hours - 7:45 AM in Chapel Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Wednesday: 5:30 - 6:30 PM Saturday: 9:30 - 10:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy each Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM in the Chapel Rosary - Sunday at 10:00 AM before mass in the Chapel	
Roman Catholic Diocese of Kamloops http://www.rcdk.org/directory/parishes.htm St. John Vianney Parish - www.stjohnvianneykamloops.ca	

*REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AGAIN I SAY,
 REJOICE.
 INDEED, THE LORD IS NEAR*

NATURE OF ADVENT

Advent and Christmas Time are often referred to as the "Winter Pasch." Like the Easter Pasch of the springtime, it is both a familiar and yet complex time in the Church's liturgical calendar. It is deeply rooted in the mystery of Jesus' life, death and Resurrection - a mystery that we never contain or grasp in its entirety in any year, liturgical time, or particular observance.

Advent is a time to wait apart, but not detached from, all that distracts us at this time of the year and to enter into the unfolding of the time with the wonderful biblical narratives and images, the customs and people of the parish community, and the traditions of the universal Church.

Advent is also a time to rejoice, for the word *adventus* means arrival - referring to the arrival of the victorious king or emperor in the midst of his people. In the Christian tradition, we celebrate the arrival of Jesus Christ, the king of glory into human history, and we joyfully welcome him into our hearts and our lives as the promise of the ages, and light of all nations. (from LTP)

Advent is divided into two periods:

* The first part from the First Sunday of Advent to December 16, focuses on Christ's second coming at the end of time.

* The second part from December 17 to 24, begins the preparation for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

A CHRISTMAS NOVENA: DEC 17 -24 EVERY DAY AFTER MASS

A *novena* - nine days of prayer for a particular intention - has for centuries been popular in the days immediately before Christmas. A time for special preparation for the festival of Jesus' birth, the Christmas Novena, as it has come to be called, makes use of Old Testament prophetic texts as well as Gospel narratives to stir our hearts to eagerly await the coming of Christ.

GAUDETE SUNDAY

"Rejoice in the he Lord always." Those words, from the entrance antiphon for this Sunday - the Third Sunday of Advent deserve reflection. We see a repetition of *rejoice* (in Latin, *Gaudete*) in the alternative opening prayer, the first and second readings, the responsorial canticle, and the Advent solemn blessing, "Again I say rejoice!" The feeling of excitement in children and adults as the Nativity of the Lord approaches echoes this profound joy.

"O ANTIPHONS"

We sing them often in Advent in the form of the song "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." There are web sites that give their history, and some have ideas for introducing them to children with interesting activities. Simply use these key words in the Google search engine: **O Antiphons children**. You'll find many activities.

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK - DEC. 5 - 10

Monday	9:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM in the Church
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thur - Sat	9:00 AM
Sun Peaks (Delta Hotel)	4:00 PM

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. In addition to our regularly scheduled times for reconciliation there will be opportunity for confession with a number of priests available. at

St. John Vianney	Wednesday, Dec 14th	7:00 PM
Sacred Heart Cathedral	Monday, Dec 19th	7:00 PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Tuesday, Dec 20th	7:00 PM

FREE PREVIEW OF SALT + LIGHT TV

Salt and Light is available on many carriers on free preview over the Christmas season including Rogers (240), Shaw (160), Videoton (242), Telus (159), and Cogeco (185). For more information on how to subscribe visit saltandlighttv.or/freepreview

OUR PARISH PAGE

Visit our new parish website for bulletin announcement, Christmas Mass schedule and Advent reflections. www.stjohnvianneykamloops.ca We value your "input", comments, and suggestions. Please call John Drach at 250-579-0201 or parish office.

YOUNG ADULT ADVENT RETREAT FOR MARRIED AND SINGLE AGES 17-35

December 16 - 18 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Shrine and Centre. Theme: "Transformation: Weak Warriors and Damsels in Distress. Register: www.rcdk.org

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Rise Up! Dec. 28 - Jan 1. We will be hosting our annual Christmas / New Years conference for young adults to motivate and inspire leaders for the renewal of the world. Are you ready for an experience that could change your life. Come to Vancouver, December 28th. Register: www.cco.ca

C.W.L. CHRISTMAS POT LUCK

Please bring your spouse or a friend, sister or mother. We welcome all to this occasion. Mass is at 6:00 PM followed by dinner. Those of you who have placed your name on the "Christmas Amalgamated Hamper" please don't forget your things. The family is a single mother with a boy 7, girl 6 and baby boy 2 if you so choose to being something wrapped and marked for the children. Merry Christmas to all.

NEW ENVELOPES - 2012

To be distributed Dec. 18th. Please see Betty Wiens or call parish office.

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