

Feast of Mary Mother of God January 01, 2017

ST John Vianney

Catholic Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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WEEKDAY MASSES IN THE CHAPEL

January 02 to January 05, 2017

Monday to Thursday - Mass @ 8:45 am (Chapel)

Friday - Mass at 9 am - Mass (OLPH)

No parish Saturday morning Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION- December 25, 2016

Saint John Vianney

Envelopes: \$ 3049.00

Loose: \$ 547.85

Christmas: \$ 2780.00

Our Lady of Lourdes

Envelopes: \$ 360.00

Loose: \$ 40.00

FAITH IN ACTION - CAMPAIGN 26

John Vianney Parish

Thank you to the 59 people who pledged \$23,695.00 to date. (December 29) Last year 72 parishioners participated

Our Lady of Lourdes, Heffley Creek

Thank you to the 13 people who pledged \$3,770.00 to date. (December 29) Last year there were 13 participants

LOOKING FOR A GREAT WAY TO SPEND

NEW YEAR'S EVE THIS YEAR? Join us at St. Ann's Academy Saturday December 31st 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the gymnasium for great fun for all ages...games, appetizers, crafts, music....\$25.00 per family or \$10 per person. FMI contact Domenica domenicaspina@yahoo.ca Proceeds to go toward CPPS missions. Tickets are available at the Cathedral parish office, St. Joseph's Store, or St. Ann's Academy office.

St. John Vianney (Westsyde)
Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM

Our Lady of Lourdes (Heffley Creek)

Sunday Mass: 8:30 AM
573 Todd Mountain Road
Heffley Creek, BC V0E 1Z0

St. David's (Celista)

Saturdays: 4:00 PM
(during the summer months)

Sun Peaks Convention Center

Saturdays: 4:00 PM
(during the winter months)

MARITIMES COASTAL WONDERS

featuring the Cabot Trail. Join Fr. Peter on this Travelwise Travel Plus tour October 2-12, 2017. For more information contact Nancy Cuzzetto by phone at 250-851-0211 or by email at nancy@travelwise.ca.

LIGHT OF GOD CATHOLIC

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP : meets Wednesdays at 2 pm in OLPH Parish Center. FMI contact Lily at 250-851-0860

\$10 GREAT LITTLE COUPON BOOK

Fundraiser For Pro-Life Society with discount coupons for restaurants and entertainment in Kamloops. Please call Linda at 250-851-8605 or at St. Joseph's Book Store for your coupon books. Great gift idea!

JOB POSTING CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

- St. Ann's Academy - Early Childhood Educator or Assistant
- Ascend Online School - Interim Principal
- Sacred Heart Catholic School - Certified Education Assistant

For more information contact Superintendent of Schools, Kelly Tries, superintendent@ciskd.ca or visit the Diocesan webpage at www.rcdk.org/pages/tuesday-newsletter

CPPS MISSION GROUP FUNDRAISER

CPPS Mission Group is traveling to Tanzania in July and would like your help with a fundraiser. We are collecting clean, gently used, re-sellable items that we can take to Value Village in exchange for cash value. In order to help us, please gather your unwanted clothing, shoes, hats, scarves, undergarments, jewelry, accessories, bags, wallets, bedding, towels, curtains, tablecloths and other cloth materials, toys, small household goods and appliances, books, CD's and DVD's. Please bring your items to the St Ann's Academy lower level parking lot on Jan. 14, 2017 between 10 am and 2 pm. For more information please email tom_vey@shaw.ca



**Post Christmas Stamps
Please be sure to purchase
the "Virgin & Child"
Permanent Domestic Stamp
from Canada Post this year
for your Christmas cards
and parcels!**

TOGETHER FOREVER Husbands and wives: are you looking for a Christmas gift for your spouse? We will be holding our next Together Forever gathering on Feb. 10, 11 & 12th, 2017 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Shrine, Cache Creek, BC. This is a weekend for spouses to share their time with one another. We are happy to announce Bishop Joseph & Msgr. Jerry will be in attendance for part of our weekend. Cost will be \$100.00 per couple as this event is sponsored by our Diocesan appeals campaign - Faith in Action. To register contact one of the team: Bil & Doreen Gowans at gowans44@gmail.com or by phone 1-250-376-3919 or Roger & Diane Nadeau at dianenadeau@telus.net or Claire & John Shepherd at jcshephard@telus.net. We are limited to 14 couples so register early to ensure your spot.

Saint Paul himself pointed to Abram "to indicate the way of faith and of hope." Abram's confidence in God's promise to give him a son was truly a hope "against every hope", precisely because of his advanced age, and the sterility of Sara, his wife. But Abram believed, and his faith gave way to a new hope, a hope which, to all appearances was unreasonable. His hope "opens new horizons, making him capable of dreaming what is unimaginable." Hope, the Holy Father said, allows us "to enter into the darkness of an uncertain future to journey in the light."

It is a difficult journey, though, he continued. Even Abram had moments of crisis and discouragement. In the Gospel passage, the scene where Abram questions God takes place at night – but, the Pope said, in the heart of Abram there is the darkness of disappointment, of discouragement. Even though he spoke familiarly with God, Abram in these moments felt alone, old and tired, with death on his doorstep.

Pope Francis said that even this moment of questioning by Abram is a form of Faith. Despite his disappointment, Abram continued to believe in

God – or else why would he complain to Him?
□ Faith, the Pope said, "is not only silence that accepts everything without reply, hope is not a certainty that makes you secure from doubts and perplexity." Faith can also be "struggling with God, showing our bitterness without 'pious' fictions." And hope, he continued, "is also not being afraid to see reality for what it is and to accept the contradictions."

The sign that God gives to Abram – "Look at the heavens and count the stars... just so will your descendants be" – is "a call to continue to believe and to hope." To believe, the Pope concluded, "it is necessary to know how to see with the eyes of faith: They are only stars, which everyone can see, but for Abram they have to become the sign of the faithfulness of God."

And this, Pope Francis said, is the journey of hope that each one of us must walk.