



ST. JOHN VIANNEY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday Mass 8:30am
573 Tod Mtn. Rd

August 22nd, 2021

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The faithful in the Diocese of Kamloops remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Please check our website for available online masses: www.rcdk.org/pages/covid-19-streaming-masses

Join us for this year's **Walking with Purpose 22 Week Bible Study** "Discovering Our Dignity" as we journey with the women of the Old and New Testament and how God worked in their lives. Through their stories recorded in Scripture, women of the Bible reach out to touch our "present" in a tender, honest and loving way -- woman to woman.

This year we will journey through Zoom - small groups in your own home or preferred place of gathering. We will also have the option to gather in a larger group for our Connect Coffee to watch the videos once every month. The Bible Study begins the first week of October 2021. If you would like to journey with a specific group of ladies from Kamloops and/or other areas, please let us know. This Bible study is open to all women and no previous bible study experience is necessary.

Please contact Domenica Spina at domenicaspina@yahoo.ca or at **250-320-8319** if you have any questions. The cost of the book is \$60.00. We ask that you please order from St. Joseph's Bookstore by calling 778-471-6100 or by visiting their Kamloops location. Orders and payment are due by **Friday, September 10th by 3:00 pm**. We look forward to journeying with you!

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	1 Thessalonians 1.1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149.1-2, 3-4, 5, 6a+9b (R. 4a)	Matthew 23.13-22
Tuesday	Revelation 21.9b-14 Ps 145.10-11, 12-13ab, 17-18 (R. see 12)	John 1.45-51
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2.9-13 Ps 139.7-8, 9-10, 11-12 (R. see 1)	Matthew 23.27-32
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 3.7-13 Ps 90.3-4, 12-13, 14+17 (R. 14)	Matthew 24.42-51
Friday	1 Thessalonians 4.1-8 Ps 97.1+2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 (R. 12a)	Matthew 25.1-13
Saturday	1 Thessalonians 4.9-11 Ps 98.1, 7-8, 9 (R. see 9)	Matthew 25.14-30

Men's Retreat 2021 – Man in the Arena

October 1 – 3, Princeton BC

This retreat offers powerful presentations, prayer time, Sacraments, fellowship, adventure, and the rugged beauty of Rockridge Canyon. Registration opens August 7 at 9 am. The keynote speakers are: Bishop Scott McCaig, Jake Khym, and Brett Powell. To register, please follow this link: www.liferestoration.ca/mensretreat

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual Experience

Starting September 23 at 7 pm and running for 7 weeks on Thursdays, join us from your home and learn to live your best life in love. Registration coming soon at beholdvancouver.org/events

BC Bishops' Appeal in Support of Healing and Reconciliation

The Roman Catholic Bishops of British Columbia recognize the need for a province-wide initiative to raise funds to support healing and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in our Province. This Appeal will take place in the Diocese of Kamloops with a second collection on the weekend of November 6-7, 2021.

The goal of the Appeal is to support Indian Residential School survivors and Indigenous communities in British Columbia as part of the Diocese of Kamloops' ongoing response to the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

100% of contributions made to the Diocese of Kamloops for this collection will be allocated for these projects.

As much as possible, these projects will be carried out in consultation with Indigenous leadership, survivors, elders, and other community members. It is our hope that this Appeal will help to restore trust and further the ongoing journey to truth and reconciliation.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (year B)

Readings: Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b; Psalm 34:2-3,16-17,18-19,20-21; Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69 *Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of the eternal life.*

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples.

Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

2021 Loyola Press: catholic-resources/sunday-connection

The Community of Westminster Abbey announces the Solemn Profession of Brother **Joshua Rosario, OSB** on September 5, 2021 at 10:00 am at Westminster Abbey, Mission, BC. Keep Brother Joshua and his family in your prayers.

Prayerful wishes to **Fr. Bob Haggarty** who celebrated his 50th anniversary of Priestly Ordination on August 14th, **Fr. Vincent Asomugha** who celebrated his 23rd anniversary of Priestly Ordination on August 15th, and to **Fr. Raphael Boansi** who celebrates his 15th anniversary of Priestly Ordination of August 19th!