



ST. JOHN VIANNEY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

January 29th, 2023

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass 8:30am
573 Tod Mtn. Rd

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“I want to suffer and even rejoice for love, for this is my way of scattering flowers. Never a flower shall I find but its petals shall be scattered for you; and all the while I will sing; yes, always sing, even when gathering roses in the midst of thorns; and the longer and sharper the thorns may be, the sweeter shall be my song!”
St. Thérèse of Lisieux

FIA CAMPAIGN	SJV	OLL
Assessment	\$ 22,012	\$ 1,934
Parish project	2,500	-
Total	24,512	1,934
Pledged	44,015	2,800
Pledges	56	9
Remainder		

Thanks! to those who have donated to this years Faith in Action Campaign!! We have reached our assessment amount. Any **money above the assessment will all comeback to our parish** for church improvements. Donations can be made through your local parish or via e-transfer to fia@rcdk.org no security question required, include the following in the memo section: your name, address, phone number, parish in which you would like the donation allocated to, and the city where the parish is located.

“Say the Holy Rosary. Blessed be that monotony of Hail Mary’s which purifies the monotony of your sins!” -St.

Josemaria Escriva

Everyone is welcome to pray the **Rosary on Sunday Mornings before the mass.**
Rosary is prayed **in the Chapel**

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Hebrews 11.32-40 Ps 31.19,20,21,22,23 (R. 24)	Mark 5.1-20
Tuesday	Hebrews 12.1-4 Ps 22.25b-26,27+29,30-31 (R.26b)	Mark 5.21-43
Wednesday	Hebrews 12.4-7,11-15 Ps 103.1-2,13-14,17-18a (R. see17)	Mark 6.1-6
Thursday	Malachi 3.1-4 Ps 24.7, 8, 9, 10 (R. 10)	Luke 2.22-40
Friday	Hebrews 13.1-8 Ps 27.1,3,5,8b-9abc (R.1a)	Mark 6.14-29
Saturday	Hebrews 13.15-17,20-21 Ps 23.1-3a,3b-4,5,6 (R.1)	Mark 6.30-34

Attention Shoppers of Independent Foods.

For any parishioner who shops at Independent Foods, did you know that **bringing your grocery receipts to St John Vianney is a fundraiser?** WOW, who knew!!! Once receipts reach \$5000, a \$20 gift card is given which the CWL will use towards our Christmas Hamper. There is a **bin at the back of the church** you

Mass Intentions

Ordering a mass for your relatives or friends is a wonderful way to remember their souls, but not only, you can also order a mass for a living person as well and celebrate birthdays and anniversaries that way, to order a mass please visit or contact the parish office.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mountain, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favored*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

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"Take care of him" Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing

"Illness is part of our human condition. Yet, if illness is experienced in isolation and abandonment, unaccompanied by care and compassion, it can become inhumane.

When we go on a journey with others, it is not unusual for someone to feel sick, to have to stop because of fatigue or of some mishap along the way. It is precisely in such moments that we see how we are walking together: whether we are truly companions on the journey, or merely individuals on the same path, looking after our own interests and leaving others to "make do". For this reason, **on the thirty-first World Day of the Sick**, as the whole Church journeys along the synodal path, **I invite all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness.**

In the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, the Lord speaks these words that represent one of the high points of God's Revelation: "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak [...] I will feed them with justice" (34:15-16). Experiences of bewilderment, sickness, and weakness are part of the human journey. Far from excluding us from God's people, they bring us to the centre of the Lord's attention, for he is our Father and does not want to lose even one of his children along the way. Let us learn from him, then, how to be a community that truly walks together, capable of resisting the throwaway culture.

The Encyclical Fratelli Tutti encourages us to read anew the parable of the Good Samaritan, which I chose in order to illustrate how we can move from the "dark clouds" of a closed world to "envisaging and engendering an open world" (cf. No. 56). There is a profound link between this parable of Jesus and the many ways in which fraternity is denied in today's world. In particular, the fact that the man, beaten and robbed, is abandoned on the side of the road represents the condition in which all too many of our brothers and sisters are left at a time when they most need help. It is no longer easy to distinguish the assaults on human life and dignity that arise from natural causes from those caused by injustice and violence. In fact, increasing levels of inequality and the prevailing interests of the few now affect every human environment to the extent that it is difficult to consider any experience as having solely "natural" causes. All suffering takes place in the context of a "culture" and its various contradictions.

Here it is especially important to recognize the condition of loneliness and abandonment. This kind of cruelty can be overcome more easily than any other injustice, because – as the parable tells us – it only takes a moment of our attention, of being moved to compassion within us, in order to eliminate it. Two travellers, considered pious and religious, see the wounded man, yet fail to stop. The third passer-by, however, a Samaritan, a scorned foreigner, is moved with compassion and takes care of that stranger on the road, treating him as a brother. In doing so, without even thinking about it, he makes a difference, he makes the world more fraternal. "

Words from a message of Pope Francis regarding the 31st world day of the sick on February 11 2023
to read the whole message go to <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick>

OLPH School news

Are you looking for **a faith-filled school** for your child? Consider enrolling at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, a Catholic elementary school located on the sunny North Shore. Check out our Facebook page, visit our website **at www.olphschool.ca**, or call the school **at 250-376-2343** for more information. We also have a Childcare Centre with a variety of programs. For details about the Centre, please visit <https://olphschool.ca/childcare->