



ST. JOHN VIANNEY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

Sunday Mass 8:30am
573 Tod Mtn. Rd

February 19th, 2023
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Jesus Christ

Assistant Pastor: Father Praveen Jaison Tellis OCD

Mass Schedule: Saturday mass 4pm
Sundays 10:30 am

Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15pm to 3:45pm or by appointment

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Ash Wednesday February 22nd Mass times
Our Lady of Lourdes at 5:00pm
St John Vianney 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross
During lent there will be stations of the cross **Fridays at 7:00pm**
February 24th (CWL)
Wednesday March 1st (Faith Formation),
March 10th (Choir) March 17th (Justice group)
March 24th (TBA) March 31st (TBA)
We are still in need of leaders for some of the dates. Please contact the office if you would like to lead one of the Fridays

World Day of Prayer 2023

Please join us for the World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with experiences of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touch by injustices. This year sericea was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Taiwan.

Services will take place on March 3 2023
South West Community Church, 1:00pm
700 Hugh Allan Dr.
St John Vianney, 7:00pm. 2826 Bank Rd.

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Sirach 1.1-10 Ps 93.1ab, 1c-2,4c-5 (R. 1a)++	Mark 8.11-13
Tuesday	Sirach 2.1-11 Ps 37.3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 (R. see 5)	Mark 9.30-37
Wednesday	Joel 2.12-18 Ps 51.1-2, 3-4a, 10-11, 12+15 (R. 1a+4a)	2 Corinthians 5.20-6.2
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Ps 1.1-2, 3, 4-6 (R. 40.5a)	Luke 9.22-25
Friday	Isaiah 58.1-9a Ps 51.1-2, 3-4a, 16-17 (R.17b)	Matthew 9.14-15
Saturday	Isaiah 58.9b-14 Ps 86.1-2ab, 2c-4, 5-6 (R. 11a)	Luke 5.27-32

St Vincent de Paul-Poor Box

The Society of St Vincent de Paul will be asking parishioners to contribute to the poor box once a month, beginning this Sunday. In the past year, the society has provided financial assistance to 120 families, diapers to assist mothers who are involved with Hopewell, 200 plus necessities bags at Christmas for people in low income housing, and have provided 2417 meals for seniors. As well, our thrift store helps by providing good quality clothing and household goods at a very reasonable

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, but take note that **Any money above the assessment will all come back to our parish** for church improvements.

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in Heaven."
Matthew 5.38-48

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at "an eye for an eye" as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God's kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God's love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word *telos*, which is probably better translated here as "complete." We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

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Teachings of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Natural Moral Law and Revealed Law

1956 The natural law, present in the heart of each man and established by reason, is universal in its precepts and its authority extends to all men. It expresses the dignity of the person and determines the basis for his fundamental rights and duties

1958 The natural law is immutable and permanent throughout the variations of history; it subsists under the flux of ideas and customs and supports their progress. The rules that express it remain substantially valid. Even when it is rejected in its very principles, it cannot be destroyed or removed from the heart of man. It always rises again in the life of individuals and societies

1959 The natural law, the Creator's very good work, provides the solid foundation on which man can build the structure of moral rules to guide his choices. It also provides the indispensable moral foundation for building the human community. Finally, it provides the necessary basis for the civil law with which it is connected, whether by a reflection that draws conclusions from its principles, or by additions of a positive and juridical nature.

1962 The Old Law is the first stage of revealed Law. Its moral prescriptions are summed up in the Ten Commandments. God wrote on the tables of the Law what men did not read in their hearts

1965 The New Law or the Law of the Gospel is the perfection here on earth of the divine law, natural and revealed. It is the work of Christ and is expressed particularly in the Sermon on the Mount. It is also the work of the Holy Spirit and through him it becomes the interior law of charity: "I will establish a New Covenant with the house of Israel. . . . I will put my laws into their hearts, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Lent men's retreat at Sacred Heart Cathedral, led by Fr. Derrick Cameron.

The theme: "*Sacrificial Love*".

The retreat will begin with 6:30 pm Mass on Friday, March 3rd and continue the next morning Saturday, March 4th starting with 9:00 am Mass and ending at 1 pm.

To register please contact the SHC office at 250-372-2581 or office@sacredheartkamloops.org

Thursdays in Lent at the Kamloops Sacred Heart Cathedral

On **Thursdays from 7:15 to 8:15**, during Lent at Sacred Heart Cathedral Fr. Derrick Cameron will lead a presentation/discussion on the Sacraments. The Dates and topics are as follow:

EUCCHARIST – February 23

BAPTISM – March 2

CONFIRMATION – March 9

CONFESSION – March 14

MARRIAGE/PRIESTHOOD – March 23

ANOINTING OF THE SICK – March 30

Everyone is welcome to attend all the presentations/discussions; however, it is not necessary. Come to whatever night you are drawn to. Each night is a separate unit of its own.

Turkey and Syria earthquake relief: Development and Peace is now accepting donations for the disaster in Turkey and Syria. Please go to <https://www2.devp.org/en/civicrm/contribute> and or **emergency appeals 1-888-664-3387**