



ST. JOHN VIANNEY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

March 12th, 2023
3rd Sunday of Lent

Sunday Mass 8:30am
573 Tod Mtn. Rd

Pastor: Jesus Christ

Assistant Pastor: Father Praveen Jaison Tellis OCD

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

Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday 8:00am

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

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

This Wednesday **March 15th** there will be adoration of the blessed sacrament at **7:00pm**. Plan to attend to spend some time with the Lord.

Stations of the Cross

During lent there will be stations of the cross **Fridays at 7:00pm**
March 17th (Justice group)
March 24th (KC) March 31st. (TBA)
Praying the Stations of the cross remind us that Jesus suffers with us. The Cross of Christ bears the suffering, and the sin of mankind, including our own

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life, and in this way to know the fundamental truth: Who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life." Pope Benedict XVI

ROSARY PRAYER

Every Sunday before mass in the chapel please come and join to pray the Holy Rosary with other parishioners.

Weekly collection from Feb 26 to Mar 05

	SJV	OLL
Envelopes	\$4,010.00	\$ 145.00
Loose	20.00	50.00
Second Collection	70.00	

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	2 Kings 5.1-15a Ps 42.1-2, 3; 43.3,4 (R. see 42.2)	Luke 4.24-30
Tuesday	Daniel 3.25, 34-43 Ps 25.4-5a, 6-7, 8-9 (R. 6a)	Matthew 18.21-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4.1,5-9 Ps 147.12-13, 15-16, 19-20 (R. 12a)	Matthew 5.17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7.23-28 Ps 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 (R. 7c+8a)	Luke 11.14-23
Friday	Hosea 14.1-9 Ps 81.5c-7a, 7bc-8, 9-10ab, 13+16 (R. see 10+8a)	Mark 12.28b-34
Saturday	Hosea 5.15b-6.6++ Ps 51.1-2, 16-17, 18-19ab (R. Hos 6.6)	Luke 18.9-14

CWL Bursaries

1) Provincial Molly Boucher for CWL members
2) Diocesan Bursary for a student proceeding to university, college, technological school or vocational program.
Application **deadline** for both is **March 31st**
Contact Carole at 250-554-3245 for more information and application forms.

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.

St Vincent de Paul-Poor Box

The Society of St Vincent de Paul will be asking parishioners to contribute to the poor box the third Sunday of every month, **next one will be March 19th**. Your donations are greatly appreciated, and are used to help the poor in this community.

Third Sunday of Lent, Cycle A

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle. In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the lengthiest and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law. The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands." Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come. The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship. After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him. The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

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OLPH School Kamloops-Raffle Tickets

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School is going to sale raffle tickets at the end of this Sunday's mass. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Let's support our local catholic school

The Call of the Catechist Webinar Series: Save the Dates:

Join the national discussion on the formation of catechists and reflect on contemporary themes with our three-part webinar series featuring speakers:

- o Sherry Weddell (28 March),
- o Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP (11 April) and
- o Dr. Anne Walsh (18 April)
- o *Sessions are on Tuesdays, 1-2:30 pm EST.*

All sessions will be recorded and packaged with a reflection guide for later release. More detail later.

Hopewell Clinic and Pregnancy Centre continues to be a central location, in the diocese, for women to seek hope and healing when experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. Hopewell is now launching their **annual Baby Bottle Campaign**. The campaign runs **throughout Lent and wraps up on Easter Sunday..**

St Ann's Academy-Change of date

The high school students invite you to **the production " Fawltz Towers"** . The new dates are **Thursday, April 20th and Friday April 21st. at 7:30pm in the St. Ann's Academy gym** (doors open at 7:00pm)

Tickets at the door (suggested donation of \$10)

The incredible cast of students and the very talented director (Mr. Kevin Beliveau) are looking forward to seeing you! Please call St. Ann's Academy at 250-372-5452 for more information.