



ST JOHN VIANNEY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

May 5th, 2024
6th Sunday of Easter

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday Mass 8:30am
573 Tod Mtn. Rd

Parish Administrator: Fr. Derrick Cameron

Assistant Priest: Fr. Paschal Sopuruchi

Mass Schedule: Sundays 10:30 am

Office hours: Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am to 1:00pm

Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday 8:00am

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LECTORS FOR THE COMING SUNDAYS

May 5th Maureen Carr and Sherry Makarra
May 12th Brian Selzler and Carol McGill

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	2 Timothy 4.1-5 Ps. 96.1-2a,2b-3,7-8a,10 (R.3)	John 10.11-16
Tuesday	Acts 16.22-34 Ps 138.12a,1-2a,2bc-3,7c-8 (R. see 7c)	John 16.5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17.15,22-18.1 Ps 148.1-2,11-12,13,14 (R. see 13)	John 16.12-15
Thursday	Acts 18.1-8 Ps 98.1,2-3ab,3cd-4 (R.2)	John 16.16-20
Friday	Acts 18.9-18 Ps 47.1-2,3-4,5-6 (R. 7)	John 16.20-23a
Saturday	Acts 18.23-28 Ps 47.1-2,7-8,9 (R.7)	John 16.23b-28

BIBLE STUDY

GOOD NEWS!!! The Bible Study has started again, **every Saturday at 2:00pm** in the **Friendship Room**. Coffee and cookies will be available. Everyone is invited!!!

In this segment, we will be playing and discussing a ten-part SERIES called SYMBOLON explaining the Catholic Faith. Do not let that tittle scare you off. This series are designed to be helpful to everyone, no matter where you might be at in your spiritual life.

We hope to see you there!!

THE POPE PASTORAL WORKS special collection will be this Sunday, May 5, 2024. The funds collected are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries that are stricken by war, famine and natural disasters.

CWL EVENT- ALL LADIES INVITED!! please join the CWL on **Tuesday May 14th at 7pm** in the **Friendship Room** as there will be two **guest speakers from A Way Home Kamloops** and **Katherine's Place**. This local organization is combating youth homelessness and displaying the quilts for Katherine's Place.

JOB POSTING

St John Vianney parish is looking for a **Secretary/Bookkeeper**. The successful candidate will be responsible for administrative and bookkeeping duties for both the St John Vianney and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes. This is a part time position 16hrs a week, Tuesday to Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Experience in the administrative or bookkeeping field is ideal, however, the right applicant can be trained. If you would like to apply for this position, please send your resume to stjohnvianney@rcdk.org with subject line "parish secretary" or drop it off at the SJV parish office. If you would like more detailed information about this position, please contact St John Vianney office either by phone 250-579-8711 or via email.

MASS AT THE HAMLETS

Mass at the Hamlets for this month will be on Friday May 10th at 10:00am.

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING EVENT AT SJV

For palliative care week May 5th through 11th St John Vianney CWL will be hosting an Advanced Care Planning session **Friday May 10th from 1 to 3pm** in the **friendship room** with **light refreshments served**. This is open to all parishioners who are interested in completing an Advanced Care Planning booklet so your loved ones know your wishes.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, CYCLE B

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others. When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

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THANK YOU!! to all who participated and donated at the Knights Alzheimer's fundraising brunch last Sunday. **Our walk this year is on May 26th. You can donate and support the Marilyns Memories Team** by using the Link. <http://www.alzgiving.ca/goto/CaseyandMarilyn2024> or give me a call. *Casey VanDongen* Cell 250-682-1096

NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK, MAY 5-11, 2024

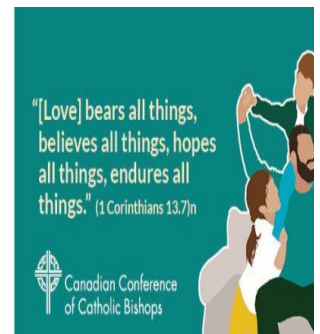
Funeral Pre-Planning Presentation in the SHC Lower Hall **10:00 am - noon on Thursday, May 09, 2024**

- Sara Lawson of Schoening Funeral Services, is prepared to present on Funeral Planning, an important but challenging topic. Sara will provide information and forms to start the pre-planning process for you and your loved ones funerals. Small group discussion and support to get started will be available.

- Kathy Dahl will provide Pre-planning End of Life in Canada: information specifically from Catholic Health Association, Delta Hospice and BC Advance Directives.

- No matter your age, it is never too early to plan ahead. Working parents? Healthy middle-aged person?

FAITH IN ACTION CAMPAIGN Did you know that all money raised over our assessment comes back to the Church? Both parishes have reached their assessment amount **You can make a donation by cheque, cash or via e transfer to fia@rcdk.org**



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within our families, with others, and with God. Through God's love, we see others with 'the light of hope' (AL,117), adopting the compassionate gaze of Christ and witnessing to his steadfast and merciful love.

The CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life and its corresponding Office have prepared a pastoral toolkit to support dioceses, eparchies, parishes, families, schools and other related movements and associations in promoting National Family and Life Week (NFLW) from 13 to 19 May 2024.

The 2024 celebration of National Family and Life Week draws its theme, "Love hopes all things," from the words of St. Paul: "Love endures all things, trusts all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (1 Corinthians 13:7). ***The NFLW2024 Toolkit is now available on the CCCB website*** [National Family and Life Week - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(ccb.ca\)](https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/) <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/>



Corpus Christi
Mass and Procession
Sunday, June 2, 2024

We will have a special occasion to celebrate on Sunday June 2, 2024, that is Corpus Christi (The Body of Christ) in a very special way. **That Sunday, June 2, there will only be one Mass in the morning in Kamloops, that is at Riverside Park at the bandshell.**

There will be NO 8:30 am or 11:30 am Mass at the Cathedral, or 11 am Mass at Holy Family, or 8:30 am or 10:30 am Mass at OLPH, or 10:30 am Mass at Saint John Vianney or 8:30 am Mass at Heffley (Our Lady of Lourdes). All morning Masses on Sunday, June 2, in all Parishes in Kamloops will be cancelled.

We will celebrate the Holy Mass outside at the park, and then bring Jesus (the most Holy Eucharist) through the park and up 3rd Avenue to the Cathedral. We will have a short time of Adoration with Jesus in the Monstrance in the Church, with food and fellowship outside in the courtyard of the Cathedral.

The Mass on Sunday June 2nd will be at 10:30 am, and there will be a Rosary starting at 10 am.

Going to Mass is the most important thing, but we are also encouraged to walk up to the Cathedral in a procession with a flower (that we will provide) and place it in a vase provided before Jesus who will be placed on the altar in the Cathedral. Then food and fellowship will follow outside. Should be wrapped up by 12:30 pm (ish). So, if you can join the procession, all the better.

Please note that there will be three other Masses to go to in Kamloops on that Saturday night/Sunday night on the same weekend:

- 5 pm OLPH Saturday night (June 1) Mass
- 7 pm Saturday night (June 1) Mass at the Cathedral
- 6 pm Sunday night (June 2) Mass at the Cathedral

These are provided (as the usual Mass times every week) for those who can not make to the one morning Mass at the Riverside Park on Sunday June 2.

We will try to address many of your questions before the celebration, so please do contact Parish office if you have any. However, here are some common questions:

What about my donations?

Please insert your donation to the envelope and write clearly your name and the Parish you belong to or would like to make the donation too. All the loose money without any information will cover some of the expenses of the event.

Do I have to participate in the procession, or I can only attend the Mass?

You don't need to participate in the procession, but you need to fill your Sunday obligation, so you need to come to the Mass. You have other options (mentioned above) if you cannot make it to the Mass at the park.

Will there be buses provided for those that don't drive?

Yes. There will be buses picking up people from other Parishes and drive them to the park. More detailed information to come.

Will there be parking available?

Please do carpool if possible. There will be designated parking areas around the Cathedral and at Riverside Park. More detailed information to come.

VIDEO FROM THE CELEBRATION 6 YEARS AGO

As we prepare for the upcoming celebration of the Corpus Christi on June 2nd 2024. We would like to share a video on You tube of the celebration and procession from 6 years ago. The video is on YouTube on the Roman Kamloops Diocese of Kamloops Chanel, the title of the video is :Corpus Christi the Body of Christ. You can find it easy if you go on You tube and look for the Diocese channel, but the link to the video is below if you are interested in watching, sometimes and Ad pops up at first, but you can skip the Ad.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6N083Mp_pHU

“The Eucharist is the Sacrament of love: It signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life.”

St. Thomas Aquinas