



ST JOHN VIANNEY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

May 12th, 2024

The Ascension of the Lord

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday Mass 8:30am
573 Tod Mtn. Rd

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LECTORS FOR THE COMING SUNDAYS

May 12th Brian Selzler and Carol McGill
May 19th Margo Meade and Tom Jurista

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Acts 19.1-8 Ps. 68.1-2,3,4ac,5-6ab (R.32)	John 16.29-33
Tuesday	Acts 1.15-17,20-26 Ps 113.1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8 (R. 7-8)	John 15.9-17
Wednesday	Acts 20.28-38 Ps 68.28-29,32-33,34,35 (R. 32)	John 17.11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22.30;23.6-11 Ps 16.1-2+5,7-8,9-10,11 (R.1)	John 17.20-26
Friday	Acts 24.27;25.13b-21++ Ps 103.1-2,11-12,19-20ab (R. 19)	John 21.15-19
Saturday	Acts 28.16-20,30-31 Ps 11.4,5,7 (R.7)	John 21.20-25

May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary.

“Mary’s tears are a reflection of Jesus’ tears. Surely tears of joy fell from her eyes when she gave birth to Jesus in the stable in Bethlehem, and when she saw the shepherds and the Magi prostrate themselves before him. And she wept bitter tears, in the end, when she followed him along the sorrowful way, and as she stood beneath the cross.

Mary’s tears were transformed by Christ’s grace, just as her whole life, her whole being, everything in Mary is transfigured in perfect union with her Son, with his mystery of salvation. Therefore, when Mary weeps, her tears are a sign of God’s compassion. God has compassion for us, always; and God wants to forgive us. Mary’s tears help us to let ourselves be tender, be moved by the wounds of those we encounter along the way, to know how to share, to know how to welcome, rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.”

Pope Francis April 23, 2022

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

General Grants BOTTLE PROGRAM, North Shore collects bottles/cans for SSVV. It’s simple and no waiting in line. Look for the sign and bin by the fence. Place you bottles/cans and leave. Last year because of people’s generosity, SSVV received a cheque for more than a thousand dollars.

Thank you in advance for your donation!

Store Manager JOB POSTING

SSVP regrets to announce that Kelly Gray has resigned his position as Manager of the thrift store due to medical reasons, effective May 31st. Contact “SSVP BOARD” at ssvpkamloops@gmail.com if you are interested in applying or have any questions about the position.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4th Degree Monthly MEETING
May 16th 2024 at 7:00pm at the OLPH parish centre.

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.

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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, CYCLE B

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.

Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending is not original to Mark. They theorize that this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8.

Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending that scholars also believe was written by someone other than the Evangelist. Nonetheless, quotations from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and it was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark. Our Gospel for today's celebration of the Feast of the Ascension is taken from this Longer Ending.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

Loyola Press, Sunday Connection 2024

HELP WANTED FOR A SJV PARISHIONER

A member of our parish is looking for a person to come visit with the parishioner 3 times a week and spend around 2 hrs., to read and to go for walks. This would be paid. Please contact the office with your information if interested.

RACHEL'S CORNER

"We are the clay, and You are our potter. My real work is trying not to fight the potter. Sometimes I want to be the potter; I don't want to be merely the clay. This is the battle between control and surrender."

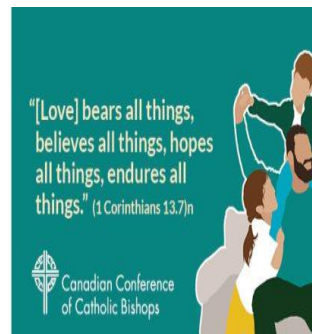
Father Mark Toups

After having been through a loss due to abortion, you might feel like you are trying to keep the wall up around you and control all access. Come join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and surrender to Him all that you have been through. You will encounter the warmth and compassion. www.rachelsvineyardkamloops.org
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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 \(ccb.ca\)](http://www.cccb.ca) <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/>



Corpus Christi Mass and Procession
Sunday June 2
Transportation Planning

Dear Parishioners,

For the Corpus Christi Mass on June 2, due to **very limited** parking at Riverside Park and at the Cathedral, **we recommend you carpool**, or take a bus that will be made available to transport a **limited** number from your Parish to the event and back to your Parish afterwards.

All are encouraged to take part in the procession after Mass to the Cathedral. (There will be a bus from Riverside to the Cathedral only for those who cannot walk in the procession.)

Those who are healthy and strong are asked to park at Saint Ann's Academy, leaving parking at Riverside for those with limited mobility. There is also parking in the upper parking lot across the road from Sacred Heart Cathedral. (DO NOT park in the lower part of that parking area or you may be ticketed/towed.)

In order to take the bus, you must **call your Parish Office** and give the number of persons wishing to ride the bus, before May 20. There is limited space, so register early. Details of bus times will be given in the May 26 bulletin.

OLPH Office 250 376 5541 olphkamloops@shaw.ca
Sacred Heart 250 372 2581 cathedral@rcdk.org
Holy Family 250 372 0205 holyfamily@rcdk.org
John Vianney 250 579 8711 stjohnvianney@rcdk.org

St John Vianney Parishioners: *There will be a signing sheet at the entrance of the Church for you to sign up to get a ride if you and your family need transportation to the Corpus Christi Event on June 2nd.*

Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners. *You are welcome to drive yourselves to any of the parishes in Kamloops, park your vehicle there, and from there take the Bus provided by the Diocese to take you to the event. Please email the Parish office of St John Vianney to let us know if you need a ride.*

“Heavenly Father, we humbly ask for Your favor and blessings as we prepare for this Eucharistic event. May Your Grace be upon us; grant us a spirit of excitement as we anticipate this celebration of Our Lord Jesus Christ. May this be a time of inspiration and joy for us all. Amen.”



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