



ST. JOHN VIANNEY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

April 30th, 2023
4th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Jesus Christ

Assistant Pastor: Father Praveen Jaison Tellis OCD

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday Mass 8:30am
573 Tod Mtn. Rd

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

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

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Changes this Week

The **Office will be closed from May 4th to May 16th.**

Rosary prayer Every Sunday before mass

The prayer takes place in the Chapel, come a little earlier to mass to join in this beautiful devotion.

Fourth Sunday of Easter - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? **Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese**, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Derrick Cameron, Vocation Director, Diocese of Kamloops at (250) 372-2581.

email office@sacredheartkamloops.org

St. John Vianney CWL Bursaries

- 1) **1 month tuition to St. Ann's Academy** for a student from OLPH school who will be attending St. Ann's in 2023-2024.
 - 2) **\$500 bursary for a Grade 12 student** attending St. Ann's Academy who will be **advancing to college**, university, tech school or a vocational program.
- For **application** forms and information call **Carole 250-554-3245**.

Deadline for all applications is May 15th,

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Acts 11.1-18 Ps 42.1-2, 43.3,4 (R. 42.2a)	John 10.11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11.19-26 Ps 87.1-3,4-5,6-7 (R. 117.1a)	John 10.22-30
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 15.1-8 Ps 19.1-2, 3-4ab (R. 5a)	John 14.6-14
Thursday	Acts 13.3-25 Ps 89.2-3,21-22,25+27 (R. 2a)	John 13.16-20
Friday	Acts 13.26-33 Ps 2.6-7, 8-9, 10-11 (R.7)	John 14.1-6
Saturday	2 Timothy 4.1-5 Ps 96.1-2a, 2b-3,7-8a,10 (R. 3)	John 10.11-16

Beef on Bun Brunch

NEXT Sunday May 7th after Mass, hosted by Knights of Columbus. This is a fundraiser for "The 2023 Walk for Alzheimer's" which will be May 28th at the Tournament Capital Center **FMI - Casey VanDongen 250-682-1096 or go to:** <http://www.alzgiving.ca/goto/CaseyandMarilyn2023>

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 comeback to our parish** for church improvements.

St. Vincent de Paul News

St Vincent the Paul asks for your support to help people in need and seniors in our community. The Poor Box Collection **this month will be Sunday May 21st.** Your support is always appreciated.

4th Sunday of Easter, Cycle A

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

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Teachings and Discussions on Mary in light of the Book of Revelation 11:19 – 12:6 Thursdays in May at the Sacred Heart Cathedral from 7:15pm to 8:15pm

In the month of May, Fr. Derrick Cameron will lead the discussion of Mary at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Each night is a separate topic; however, they are related to each other. Come to the topic that draws you, no need to be present at all 4 nights. PLEASE BRING A FRIEND!

Can you find Mary as:

- Mary as a New Ark of Covenant – New Eve - **May 4**
- Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe & Our Lady of Fatima - **May 11**
- Mary as Immaculate Conception / Assumption of Mary - **May 18**
- Mary as a Mother of God, Mary as the 'woman' - **May 25**

Advance Care Planning

Join other Catholics for workshops on completing Advance Care Plans that accommodate Catholic Teachings and assistance for assuring preparation is made for End-of-Life events. For more information contact Kathy Dahl at kathysdahlhouse@gmail.com or 250-318-9698.

In the meantime, check out these resources, especially for Catholic End of Life Planning:

*Getting started: <https://www.bc-cpc.ca/lets-get-you-started/>

*Catholic Health Association of BC – Advance Care Planning – A Catholic Perspective
<https://www.chabc.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/ACP-document.pdf> (p. 29-33)

***Delta Hospice Advance Directive <https://deltahospicesociety.org/about-us/do-not-ethanize-dne-advance-directive/>**

National Hospice and Palliative Care Week May 7-13 and 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

Grief to grace

Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse find healing.

The next retreat is **May 23 – 27, 2023 in Kelowna.**

For more information, please email griefftoGracekelowna@gmail.com or make a **confidential call to 250-808-6403.**