



ST JOHN VIANNEY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

December 3rd, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

Parish Administrator: Fr. Derrick Cameron

Assistant Priest: Fr. Paschal Sopuruchi

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday Mass 8:30am
573 Tod Mtn. Rd

Mass Schedule: Sundays 10:30 am

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

Address: 2826 Bank Road, V2B 8E5

Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Thursday 8:00am in the Chapel

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sundays before mass

Email: stjohnvianney@rcdk.org

Holy Hour: Cancelled until further notice

Website: stjohnvianneykamloops.ca

Lectors for This Sunday and Next Sunday

Sunday December 3rd Lesley Boettger and Lloyd Babcock
Sunday December 10th Students from OLPH

Still looking for a volunteer or two willing to organize a **Christmas Luncheon** for the senior parish members of St John Vianney and Our Lady of Lourdes. Anyone interested, please contact the office.

*This month mass at the Hamlets will be
Friday December 8th at 10:00 am*

Christmas Carols at the Hamlets

If you have friends or family in residence at The Hamlets, St John Vianney Choir would like you to know that we will be singing there on **December 10 at 3:00pm**. Please come and bring your loved ones down to the Grand Hall or let them know about the Concert/Caroling.

Gently Used Coats

The **CWL** is **collecting** clean and gently used **coats for St Vincent de Paul**. We are also looking for warm **mittens** (not gloves) and **socks**. Please bring your items and place them in the St Vincent de Paul box that is at the back of the church. Thank for your support!

Weekly collection from Nov 19th, Nov 26th

	SJV	OLL
Envelopes	\$5,180.00	\$ 125.00
Loose	266.70	

Thanks for your continuous support!
You can also donate through e- transfer to givingstjohnvianney@rcdk.org

Faith In Action Campaign 33" Be a Doer of Faith"

	SJV	OLL
Assessment	\$21,765	\$1,768
Project estimated	10,000	
Total Pledged	14,990	2,350
Number of Pledges	33	7

This year money raised over our assessment will be used to do some needed maintenance to the parking lot.

You can also do an e- transfer to fia@rcdk.org

Volunteer drivers needed

We will have a sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church to drive Fr. Paschal from the Cathedral to Our Lady of Lourdes and from there to St John Vianney so he is able to come to celebrate Sunday Mass.

Thanks so much to every one who has been helping out!

Christmas Amalgamated 2023

This Sunday there will be a sign-up list of donations needed and a box to drop off your donations towards the family's Christmas dinner. Thank you for your support towards this initiative.

1st Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

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Sunday December 10th at St John Vianney

On Sunday December 10th the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph Nguyen; and the Rising Stars Choir from the Kamloops Catholic Schools will be singing at the Mass.

The Knights of Columbus will host a delicious breakfast after the mass. Hopefully everyone can join!

Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation - Deadline Fast Approaching!!

62nd Annual Charity Appeal

Buy a ticket for a chance to win a 2023 Toyota Rav4 plus \$45,000 in other Prizes

Buy online at www.kofcdraw.net/C9508 Grand Prize Deadline December 16, 3:00 pm.

If you don't do online, contact Casey 250-682-1096 or email at Casey@tricitycanada.ca

CWL NEWS

Membership Dues. you can place your envelope with the payment of your CWL dues on the collection Basket or you can pay by **e-transfer to sjvcwlkamloops@gmail.com**

Children's Liturgy

*We have been blessed at St John Vianney to have many children in our parish. There are resources for Children's Liturgy to be done during Mass on Sundays, but **we need people in order to facilitate this rewarding ministry.** If this is something you would be interested in co-ordinating and/or teaching, please contact the office.*

Advent Wreath The first candle: Hope

Also known as the Prophets' Candle, this first candle of Advent signifies the promise of the Messiah. **A prayer for the First Sunday of Advent:** God of light and life, give us hope as we wait for your coming again. When we are tempted to be grateful to have found you while others are lost, send us out into the darkness in search of those who need you most. Amen

OLPH Parish Advent Reflection with Fr. Dale Normandeau Monday, December 11 – Mass at 6:00 pm Reflection to follow Tuesday, December 12 – Mass and reflection at 6:00 pm followed by Reconciliation Service (several priests will be in attendance) 6:45 pm – 8:00 pm.
ALL ARE WELCOME!!