



# ST. JOHN VIANNEY

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

**December 17th, 2023**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Phone: **250 579 8711**

**Weekday Masses:** Tuesday to Friday 8:00am in the Chapel

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sundays before mass

**Holy Hour:** Cancelled until further notice

Email: [stjohnvianney@rcdk.org](mailto:stjohnvianney@rcdk.org)

Website: [stjohnvianneykamloops.ca](http://stjohnvianneykamloops.ca)

#### Lectors for the coming Sundays and Holydays

Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> Maureen Carr and Brian Sezler

Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> Carol McGill and Trevor Bentz

Christmas Eve Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Margo Meade and Lesley Boettger

Christmas Day Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Maureen Carr and Lloyd Babcock

#### Tax Donation receipts 2023

In order for your donation to be included in the 2023 Tax receipt must be received as follow:

**For Faith in Action must be received by noon Friday December 29<sup>th</sup>, this includes e-transfers.**

**For regular donations to the parish must be received by Dec 31 and the Cheques dated no later than December 31**

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE AND HOLY HOUR**  
**Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

#### Church Christmas Decorating

*A few volunteers are needed to decorate the Church after the Sunday morning mass on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. (some prep work is required on Friday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 p.m. in the gym as well as putting these decorations back in storage after Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>). We need a man that can climb a tall ladder to put up the boughs & wreaths & a couple of people to set up 2 tall trees with lights. Also, people (perhaps a family) that will set up the Nativity set. Anna & Lloyd will look after the altar flowers & Carey & Joanne will take care of the Altar cloths) Call the office if you think you can help."*

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Jeremiah 23.5-8 Ps 72.1-2,12-13,18-19 (R. 7)	Matthew 1.18-24
Tuesday	Judges 13.2-7,24-25a Ps 71.3-4a,5-6ab,16-17 (R. 8)	Luke 1.5-25
Wednesday	Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d Ps 24.1-2,3-4ab,5-6 (R. 7c+10c)	Luke 1.26-38
Thursday	Zephaniah 3.14-18a Ps 33.2-3, 11-12, 20-21 (R. 1a+3a)	Luke 1.39-45
Friday	1 Samuel 1.24-28 1 Samuel 2.1, 4-5, 6-7 8abcd (R. 1a)	Luke 1.46-56
Saturday	Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6 Ps 89.1-2, 3-4, 26+28 (R. 1a)	Luke 1.26-38

#### Faith in Action Project

The SJV Finance committee agreed to **restore the parking lot** for this year's FIA campaign. It was also agreed to shorten the length of the project from 3 years to one year. This will realize a 30% savings. Questions can be directed to the Office so that one of the members of the committee will contact you to discuss your concerns.  
**Please Consider supporting this project, any contribution is welcome and appreciated.**

#### Volunteer drivers are still needed

**We 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.**

**Dates needed are: Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

	SJV	Oll
Assessment	\$21,765	\$1,768
Project estimated	20,000	
Total Pledged	18,190	2,500
Number of Pledges	39	8

**You can also do an e-transfer to [fia@rcdk.org](mailto:fia@rcdk.org)**

### 3rd Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete*, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

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#### Christmas and Holy Mother of God Mass times

##### *St John Vianney*

Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

Christmas Day December 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am

Sunday Mass December 31<sup>st</sup> 10:30 am

Holy Mother of God January 1<sup>st</sup> 10:30 am

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#### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT SJV**

*Come early for mass on Christmas Eve to join in singing carols with the choir. We will start at 5:15*

**The last day to bring items for Christmas Amalgamated**

**is this Sunday December 17th**

**Bishop Joseph will be celebrating Christmas Midnight Mass at St. Joseph's Church on the Tk'emlups. All are welcome!**

#### **CWL Membership DUES**

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 [sjvcwllkamloops@gmail.com](mailto:sjvcwllkamloops@gmail.com)

#### **Gently Used Coats Needed**

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 SSVP box that is at the back of the church. Thank for your support!

#### **OLPH 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration**

Come and Join Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in the celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Church. There will be a dinner on January 5<sup>th</sup> at the OLPH Parish Centre located on 635 Tranquille rd. Ticket prices are as follow:

Children under 5 years are free, Children 5-12 years are \$10.00, Children 12+ and Adults are \$30.00

Contact information 250-376-5541, 778-257-7500

#### **2024 Donation Envelopes**

Your box of envelopes for donations for Year 2024 are ready to be picked up. **Please do not use them until January 2024.** If you did not see a box with your name on it, and would like some, please contact the office. Thanks!!

#### **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.