



# ST. JOHN VIANNEY

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

**December 24th, 2023**

**December 25th, 2023**

**4th Sunday of Advent, and Nativity of the Lord, 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 Friday 8:00am in the Chapel

Phone: **250 579 8711** Email: [stjohnvianney@rcdk.org](mailto:stjohnvianney@rcdk.org)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sundays before mass

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

#### Lectors for the coming Sundays and Holydays

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

December 31<sup>st</sup> Carol McGill and Lloyd Babcock

January 1<sup>st</sup> Lesley Boettger and Sherry Makarra

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE IN THE PARISH. THAT THE  
BIRTH OF BABY JESUS FILLS YOUR HEARTS WITH  
JOY, HOPE AND LOVE!**

#### Weekly collection from Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> to Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

	<b>SVJ</b>	<b>OLL</b>
Envelopes	\$6,000.60	\$ 385.00
Loose	459.75	52.75
Preauthorized debit	2,968.00	350.00

**Thanks for your continuous support!**

**You can also donate through e- transfer to  
[givingstjohnvianney@rcdk.org](mailto:givingstjohnvianney@rcdk.org)**

#### 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 donations 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.**

#### Faith in Action Project

The SVJ 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.**

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

	<b>SVJ</b>	<b>OLL</b>
Assessment	\$21,765	\$1,768
Project estimated	20,000	
Total Pledged	23,490	2,625
Number of Pledges	43	9

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

**We have reached our Diocesan assessment, all money donated from now on will come back to the church to get our Parking lot restored. Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far!**

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 52.7-10 Ps 98.1,2-3a,3b-4,5-6 (R. 3bc)	John 1.1-5,9-14
Tuesday	Acts 6.8-10;7.54-59 Ps31.2cd-3ab,5+7ab,15bc-16 (R. 5a)	Matthew 10.17-22
Wednesday	1 John 1.1-4 Ps97.1-2,5-6,11-12 (R. 12a)	John 20.2-8
Thursday	1 John 1.5-2.2 Ps 124.2-3,4-5,7b-8 (R. 7ab)	Matthew 2.13-18
Friday	1 John 2.3-11 Ps96.1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (R. 11a)	Luke 2.22-35
Saturday	1 John 2.12-17 Ps 96.7-8,9-10ab,10c-12a (R. 11a)	Luke 2.36-40

#### 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!**

**SSSV THANKS EVERYONE, December collections was \$535.00**

## 4 Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her *fiat*, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

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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*

Many people may be confused with the recent declaration from the Vatican with the possible "Blessings" of "same-sex unions", in certain circumstances. Here is a link to a 20 minute video from the podcast "The Catholic Thing" with an interview with a Catholic priest who is a Canon Lawyer from New York that may help us in this very confusing times:

<https://youtu.be/AJK3fzvyKu0?si=NF1lgRCxWAvhEd7t>

### 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 [sjvcwklamloops@gmail.com](mailto:sjvcwklamloops@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 coordinating and/or teaching, please contact the office.*

**Looking for opportunities to grow in the faith during year 2024?** Thinking of some new year's resolutions, commitments, deepening your prayer life and learning more about Catholic faith? Here is a list of great resources:

- **Formed.org** – You can get it for free if you sign up through your Parish. Here are the steps:

Step 1: Google [formed.org](https://www.formed.org)

Step 2: Sign in (as a parishioner, NOT as an individual). You belong to Sacred Heart Cathedral 255 Nicola Street. If you sign up as an individual, you will need to pay.

Step 3: Then it will ask for your name and email address, then you are on Formed.org.

- **Hallow app**

- **Amen App**

- **Bible in a year with Fr. Mike Schmitz**

- **Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz**

**A video Suggestion from Formed.org is this trailer called "the search", it is just 1 minute trailer.**

**Please Watch it to see the quality. The link to this video is:** [https://watch.formed.org/the-search-](https://watch.formed.org/the-search-1/season:1/videos/the-search-trailer)

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### 2024 Donation Envelopes

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