



ST JOHN VIANNEY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

March 10th, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent, 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

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

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LECTORS FOR THE COMING SUNDAYS

March 10th Margo Meade and Trevor Bentz

March 17th Lloyd Babcock and Maureen Carr

BIBLE STUDY Continues Every Saturday at 2:00

Friendship Room- Please use side Entrance closest to the Gym

The Chosen Series. Every session there is a new episode, followed by a short discussion with cookies and coffee.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRAYER DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross at St John Vianney 7:00pm

Friday March 8th - Knights of Columbus

Friday March 15th SJV Choir

Friday March 22nd Morning Mass Group

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS SCHEDULE

ST JOHN VIANNEY

Holy Thursday 7:30pm

Good Friday 2:30 Will start with Stations of the cross

Easter Vigil 8:00pm

Easter Sunday 10:30 am

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Good Friday 5:30pm

Easter Sunday 8:30am

With sadness we inform you of the passing of Gemma Bittante. Prayers will be March 11th at 7:00pm and the Funeral Mass will be March 12th at 11:00am.

HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION

Everyone is encouraged to spend time with Jesus in the Chapel after the Holy Thursday Mass. We are looking for volunteers to be with Jesus until midnight. There will be a sign-up sheet after Mass over the next few Sundays

HOPEWELL CARE CENTRE

BABY BOTTLES ARE BACK!! Pick up an empty one, fill it with your donation(s) and then bring it back to the parish before Easter Monday.

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 65.17-21 Ps. 30.1+3,4-5,10+11a+12b (R. 1a)	John 4.43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47.1-9-12 Ps 46.1-2,4-5,7-8 (R.7)	John 5.1-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49.8-15 Ps 145.8-9,13cd-14, 17-18 (R. 8a)	John 5.16-30
Thursday	Exodus 32.7-14 Ps 106.19-20,21-22,23 (R.4a)	John 5.18,31-47++
Friday	Wisdom 2.1a, 12-22 Ps 34.16-17, 18-19,20+22 (R. 18a)	John 7.1-2,10, 25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 11.18-20 Ps 7.1-2,8bc-9, 10-11 (R. 1a)	John 7.40-53

LENTEN MINI RETREAT AT SJV

There will be a Lenten retreat on **Wednesday March 20th and Thursday March 21st at 7:00pm.** The retreat will be led by Fr. Paschal. There will be Mass celebration, adoration and a short reflection. Confessions will be also available on **Thursday.** Please plan to attend, it is a great opportunity to grow in our spiritual life.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Cycle B

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy’s opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from John’s Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today’s Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses’ prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today’s Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John’s Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John’s reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Poor Box Collection will be Sunday March 17th

Are YOU looking for a place TO VOLUNTEER?

1.- We are looking for kitchen staff on the 4th Saturday of the month. We prepare and serve a seniors lunch. This involves 4 hours a month from September to June.

Contact Tammy at 250-318-6674 or

[Tammy farrer1@gmail.com](mailto:Tammy.farrer1@gmail.com)

2.- Do you have a strong back and a pick-up truck... we are looking for someone to do occasional pick ups of furniture that is being donated. Please contact Kelly at 250-554-0098, Thursday to Saturday from 10 to 3 for more information.

3.- We are looking for other volunteers to fi. Drop by at 168 Briar Avenue, Thursday to Saturday from 10 to 3 to see what we do and how you can help.

The OLPH Parish Lenten Mission / Retreat is being held on **March 18,19, & 20; Deacon Paul will be here, and the topic this year is **TRUST, HOPE, AND MERCY**; each evening will begin at 6:30 pm with Holy Mass, and the Mission / Retreat talks begin at 7 pm.**

There will be a **Petition after Mass March 10th** available for interested parishioners to sign. The petition is **in support of Bill S-210** which would make it an offence for organizations to allow young persons access to sexually explicit material on the internet. In order to send the petition Any questions, please feel free to contact Karen Schymon, Social Justice Chair for St John Vianney CWL.

Faith In Action Campaign update

	Assessment	Pledged	Over (ALL for project)
SJV	21,765	33,262	\$11,497
OLL	1,768	2,625	857

We have reached our Diocesan assessment, FROM NOW ON, ALL MONEY donated up to July 31 2024 WILL COMEBACK TO THE CHURCH to help with VERY NEEDED UPGRADES.

Please consider making a donation, any amount is greatly appreciated

Via e-transfer fia@rcdk.org or make a cheque payable to Faith in Action