



ST. JOHN VIANNEY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

December 1st, 2024

1st Sunday Of Advent, year C

Pastor: Fr. Dale Normandeau

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday Mass 8:30am
573 Tod Mtn. Rd

Secretary: Luz Velarde

Mass Schedule: Sundays 10:30 am

Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday 8:00am

Mass at the Hamlets the second Friday of the month 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00pm to 5:00 pm

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LECTORS FOR THE COMING SUNDAYS

Dec 1st Children from OLPH School
Dec 8th Brian Selzler and Katherine Watson

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 2.1-5 Ps 122.1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 9-10 (R. 1)	Matthew 8.5-11, 13++
Tuesday	Isaiah 11.1-10 Ps.72.1-2,7-8,12-13,17 (R. 7)	Luke 10.21-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 25.6-10a Ps 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6 (R. R.6cd)	Matthew 15.29-37
Thursday	Isaiah 26.1-6 Ps 118.1, 8-9, 19.21, 25-27a (R. 26a)	Matthew 7.21, 24-27
Friday	Isaiah 29.17-24 Ps 27.1,4, 13-14 (R. 1a)	Matthew 9.27-31
Saturday	Isaiah 30.19-21, 23-26 Ps. 147.1-2,3-4,5-6 (R. Isa 30.18)	Matthew 9.35-10.1, 5a, 6-8++

The season of Advent is a time of expectation, when we prepare our home and our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.



Keep this purpose ever in mind as you make your plans to prepare for Christmas. Everything will make sense or become senseless in relation to this purpose. If baking cookies helps you achieve this purpose, bake away. Sitting quietly on a park bench, taking long walks in quiet places, visiting your church each day, reading, singing, serving others...whatever it is that helps you achieve the purpose of Advent, give yourself to those activities.

Wake up each day with this purpose in your heart and on your mind. Purpose has a way of transforming the way we live our lives. Allow the purpose of Advent to transform you.

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CWL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

ALL LADIES IN THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL IN THE FRIENDSHIP ROOM ON DECEMBER 10TH AT 6:00 PM. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!

CHRISTMAS MASS AND NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24 Our Lady of Lourdes -- 4:00 pm
St. John Vianney - 6:00 pm

December 25 - St. John Vianney-10:30am
Sun Peaks at the Annex -5:00pm

January 1st - Our Lady of Lourdes—8:30 am
St. John Vianney—10:30 am
Sun Peaks at the Annex —5:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY - LAST SESSION FOR YEAR 2024

SATURDAY December 1st at 2:PM

in the **Friendship Room**. It will resume in the New Year.

If you have any questions, please contact
John Weiss or Trevor Bentz

CAROL SINGING 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 1 at 3:00pm. Please come and bring your loved ones down to the Grand Hall or let them know about the Concert/Carol-sing.

MASSES AT SENIORS HOMES IN DECEMBER

HAMLETS Friday December 13th at 10:00am

SUN RIVERS Friday December 20th at 10:00am

Morning Mass in the chapel will be cancelled those 2 Fridays

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, CYCLE C

First Reading Jeremiah 33.14-16 Responsorial Psalm, Ps. 25.4-5a,8-9,10+14 (R.1b)

Second Reading, 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2 Gospel Reading Luke 21.25-28,34-36

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory. The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near. Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unending love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>

MASS AT SUN PEAKS SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30, 4:00PM at the Sun peaks Centre located on # 3200 Village Way.

KC Charity Foundation 63rd ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL
Buy a ticket for a **chance to win a 2024 Ford Escape Hybrid plus \$45,000 in other Prizes**

Last Early Bird Draw Dec 2nd www.kofcdraw.net/C9508

Grand Prize **Sales Deadline December 14, 8:00 pm.**

If you don't do online, contact Casey 250-682-1096 or Casey@tricitycanada.ca or see me after Mass.

Thanks for your support for our projects!

DONATIONS BOXES 2025 will be ready soon
If you did not receive one for 2024 and would like to have one for 2025, please contact the office via email stjohnvianney@rcdk.org with your name and address. Thanks!



CWL MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE

Ladies – a reminder that the envelope for 2025 CWL membership dues is in your box of church envelopes in November. It is pink. Or you may use any envelope, and just write on it "CWL Dues" and your name, and drop it in the collection basket. If you prefer, you may e-transfer instead to sjvcwlokamloops@gmail.com

Dues are \$45 for the year.

FAITH IN ACTION CAMPAIGN 34

If anyone still needs a pledge form, you can find it in the foyer. Thank you to everyone who has responded. Your generosity and support makes a meaningful difference.

Faith in Action also accepts E-Transfers. Simply send your e-transfer contribution to fia@rcdk.org

This Year's Projects

The St. John Vianney's Parish Project is twofold. We are going to pay down what is left of the parking lot repairs that were completed earlier and to improve the parking lot lighting.

The Our Lady of Lourdes's project is to upgrade the wheelchair ramp to code.

Assessment and pledged amounts to date are as follow:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Difference</u>
SJV	37	\$21,074	\$ 15,550	\$ 5,524
OLOL	6	\$ 1,663	\$ 1,650	\$ 13

We would like to remind you that all the money raised above the Diocesan assessment will come 100% back to the parishes to pay for improvements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be meeting **Tuesday December 3rd** as scheduled. Please notice, **the meeting start time will be 6 PM.** There will be a short business meeting followed by a social event (potluck Dinner. If you have any question, please contact Mike Farrer.



Jubilee 2025

In the Diocese of Kamloops, the Holy Year will commence on the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph on

December 29, 2024, with a special liturgy at 1:30 PM followed by Holy Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

To bring the blessings of this Jubilee Year closer to you, there are three designated churches in our diocese as pilgrimage sites, each with its own Holy Door through which the faithful may pass and receive the graces of a plenary indulgence:

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Kamloops, St. James, Vernon and Sacred Heart, Williams Lake

Prayerfully visit these holy sites during the Jubilee Year and experience the richness of God's grace. This is a time for renewal, healing, and growth as disciples of Christ



THANK YOU!! St John Vianney parishioners, \$300 is going to the Carmelites from the sale of jams, jellies and wooden items.

Tax Receipt 2024 reminder for parishioners.

Faith in Action donations must be received by Monday, December 23rd. This includes

E-Transfer donations as well. Due to the ongoing postal strike, donations must be delivered (either by hand or courier) directly to the Chancery office (Attn: Faith in Action) to be eligible for the 2024 tax receipt. All donations received after December 23rd will go towards the 2025 tax receipt.

Donations to St. John Vianney parish and Our Lady of Lourdes have to be received by December 30th to be eligible for 2024 tax receipt. All donations received after December 30th will go towards the 2025 tax receipt.

RISE UP.

HEY YOUNG ADULTS! Do you want to have an epic New Years? Check out Rise Up 2024. Rise Up is the largest catholic young adult conference in Canada.. Participants will attend dynamic sessions and workshops given by amazing speakers, and praise and worship leaders. Rise Up is open to young adults ages 18-35 and will take place in Calgary at the Hyatt Regency Calgary from Dec. 29, 2024 - Jan 1, 2025. for more information and to register visit cco.ca/riseup or email riseup@cco.ca.

The St. John Vianney Parish would like to extend our more sincere condolences to Doug Methot and his family for the lost of his beloved mother Helen Methot. She passed away on November 18th in Vernon B.C. Please pray for the soul of Helen that she enjoys eternal life in Heaven and pray also for her family so they will find comfort in Jesus Christ.

St. Vincent De Paul items needed

The Society of St Vincent de Paul makes 200 necessity bags for the poor at Christmas that includes a Toque, Mitts, Scarf, Socks and toiletries (shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant) and a greeting for Christmas. We are looking for contributions of these items. They can be dropped off at 168 Briar Avenue Thursday to Saturday between 10 and 3. Thanks for your help!

SSVP is looking for a few good people! If you have time to contribute weekly, we are looking for someone to order kitchen supplies, someone to help sort, clean and display kitchen items and someone to help fold and display linens. We are also looking for store volunteers for Friday and Saturday. All volunteers must have a criminal record check which is done without charge.

For further information, please contact ssvpkamloops@gmail.com, call 250 554 0098 or come by 168 Briar and talk to Chris between 10 and 3 Thursday to Saturday.

ADVENT KAMLOOPS PARISH MISSION

December 5th to 7th

Where: OLPH Parish located on Tranquille Rd.

Topic: Every good Catholic participates in the Sunday Mass . But how well do we know what we are doing?

Speakers: Fr. Vincent Hawkswell and Maureen Creelman.
Program description

Thursday 5th prefiguration of the Mass in the Jewish liturgy.
6:00pm Mass, 6:40pm Talk and Refreshments

Friday 6th look in detail at the events of Holy Week when Jesus celebrated the first Mass.
6:00pm Mass, 6:40Pm Talk and Refreshments

Saturday 7th the Mass as the Church celebrates it today.
9:00am Mass, 9:40 am talk, 10:15 Confessions 11:30 am final talk and finishing with lunch.

Please note that *child minding will be available*

Please sign up for the mission so we can plan for refreshments and lunch. Signup sheet is on the foyer
Come to one or all the sessions!!

LIGHT OF GOD PRAYER GROUP

On this Advent season, you may want to join in pray with the Light of God Prayer Group. Everybody is welcome. They meet at Sacred Heart Cathedral's basement on Mondays at 7:00pm, except Holidays. If you want to know more about this prayer group, please contact Trevor Bentz at 250-554-2179

PRAYER LINE

If you have a special prayer request, or if you would like to join the prayer group please contact Sally Nastrom via email sanajn@shaw.ca

