



ST. JOHN VIANNEY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

December 8th, 2024
2nd 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 8th Brian Selzler and Katherine Watson
 Dec 15th Margo Meade and Maureen Carr

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday Immaculate Conception	Genesis 3.9-15, 20 Ps 98.1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 (R.1a) Ephesians 1.3-6, 11-12	Luke 1.26-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 40.1-11 Ps.96.1-2, 3+10ac,11-12,13 (R. Isa 40.10a)	Matthew 18.12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 40.25-31 Ps 103.1-2,3-4,8+10 (R. 1a)	Matthew 11.28-30
Thursday	Zechariah 2.10-13 Responsorial: Judith 13.18abc, 19-20ab (R. 15.9d)	Luke 1.39-47
Friday	Isaiah 48.17-19 Ps 1.1-2, 3, 4+6 (R. see Jn 8.12)	Matthew 11.16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11 Ps. 80.1ac+2b, 14-15, 17-18 (R. 3)	Matthew 17.10-13

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."



There is plenty of darkness in this world.

It seems to get closer every day. How we decide to deal with the darkness in our lives, in the world, and in our own souls is a life-defining decision.

Jesus is the light of the world...and he calls us to bring his light to the world. During Advent, the coldest and darkest time of the year, Catholics use a special Advent wreath with four candles to represent the light of Jesus in our hearts and homes. As Francis of Assisi said, "All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."

from DynamicCatholic.com/Advent/Advent-candles

CWL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

ALL LADIES IN THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL IN THE FRIENDSHIP ROOM ON TUESDAY 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

MASS MONDAY DECEMBER 9TH IN THE CHAPEL 8:00AM

We will celebrate The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary with Mass at 8:00 am on December 9th. This feast celebrates that Mary mother of God was born without the original sin. The doctrine asserts that Mary was preserved from original sin from the moment of her conception, due to the merits of Jesus Christ's future life, death, and resurrection.

NO MASS FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH 8:00am IN THE CHAPEL. MASS WILL BE AT THE HAMLETS AT 10:00 AM

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, CYCLE C

First Reading *Baruch 5.1-9* Responsorial Psalm, *Ps. 126.1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5,6 (R.3)*

Second Reading, *Philippians 1.3-6,8-11* Gospel Reading *Luke 3.1-6*

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

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

Pope prayers intentions for December "For pilgrims of hope"

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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**

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 ENVELOPES BOXES 2025

are ready to be Picked up. Please check your family information. If you need to make some changes, please let us know by contacting the office via email.

Also, if you did not receive a donation box, and would like to have one, please contact the office via email stjohnvianney@rcdk.org with your name and address.

Thanks!



FAITH IN ACTION CAMPAIGN 34

Thank you to everyone who has responded. If you have not contributed yet, please consider to do so, it is important that everyone contributes. It does not matter the amount.



The Church building and grounds need constant update and maintenance. Every dollar that gets collected over our diocesan assessment comes back 100% to the parishes. If anyone still needs a pledge form, you can find it in the foyer. You can contribute via cash, cheque. Faith in Action also accepts E-Transfers. Simply send your e-transfer contribution to fia@rcdk.org, just specify the church you want to support

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	\$ 15,910	\$ 5,164
OLOL	6	\$ 1,663	\$ 1,650	\$ 13

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

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.

YOUNG ADULTS' RETREAT AT THE CATHEDRAL (19+)

All university-aged young adults and young professionals are welcome to prepare your heart for Christ's birth's joy with a special **prayer, reflection, and community weekend!** **Friday, December 13th** 6:30 PM: Mass 7:00 PM: Adoration 8:00 PM: Social Hour **Saturday, December 14th** 9:00 AM: Mass, 10:00 AM: Retreat Begins (ends at 3 pm). Continental breakfast and lunch included. All university-aged young adults and young professionals are welcome! Please email youngadults.shc@gmail.com to RSVP or for more information.

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



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.

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 sjvcwilkamloops@gmail.com

Dues are \$45 for the year.

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!

Albert Johnston Scholarship Opportunity
\$1000 towards post-secondary tuition for students having completed grade 12 by June 2025.

Requirements - due April 1, 2025

1. Essay
2. Two references
3. Volunteering (in pro-life-affirming activities with those who are pregnant, disabled, elderly) which contestants should begin now.

This is a great opportunity for a young person to receive money towards their further education. Please notice Since there is a volunteer component to the scholarship, we are letting everyone interested well in advance of the deadline. Email : kamloopsprolife@gmail.com

for more information please visit our website under 'Events' on our website <http://www.voices4life.com>.