



ST. JOHN VIANNEY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

December 15th, 2024
3rd 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 15th Margo Meade and Maureen Carr
Dec 22nd Trevor Bentz and Sherry Makarra

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Numbers 24.2-7, 15-17a Ps 25.4bc-5ab,6-7bc,8-9) (R.4)	Matthew 21.23-27
Tuesday	Genesis 49.2, 8-10 Ps.72.1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 17 (R. 7)	Matthew 1.1-17
Wednesday	Jeremiah 23.5-8 Ps 72.1-2, 12-13,18-19 (R. 7)	Matthew 1.18-24
Thursday	Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a Ps 71.3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17, (R.8)	Luke 1.5-25
Friday	Isaiah 7.10-14;8.10d Ps 24.1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 (R. 7c+10c)	Luke 1.26-38
Saturday	Zephaniah 3.14-18a Ps. 33.2-3, 11-12, 20-21 (R. 1a+3a)	Luke 1.39-45

"Advent is here. What a marvelous time in which to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come — for him to come every day to your soul in the Eucharist. The Church encourages us: Ecce veniet! — He is about to arrive!"



ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA
The Forge, no. 548

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SPECIAL ADVENT DATES AND TIMES

*Monday December 16th 12pm to 1:00pm
*Tuesday December 17th 12pm to 1 pm and 5 to 6
*Thursday December 19th 12pm to 1pm and 5pm to 6pm
*Friday December 20th from 12pm to 1pm
The Sacrament of reconciliation is available also at the regular time Saturdays time from 4 to 5 pm

Another way of living Advent well is by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **The best Christmas gift you can ever give yourself is to go to Confession**, especially if you haven't gone for a while

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

NO MASS FRIDAY DECEMBER 20TH 8:00am IN THE CHAPEL. MASS WILL BE AT SUNRIVERS SENIORS HOME AT 10:00 AM

2024 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.

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, CYCLE C

First Reading *Zephaniah 3.14-18a* Responsorial Psalm, *Ps. Isiah 12.2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (R.6)*

Second Reading, *Philippians 4.4-7* Gospel Reading *Luke 3.10-18*

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

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

Jubilee 2025

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

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.

DONATIONS ENVELOPES BOXES 2025

are ready to be Picked up. 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. Our building needs constant Maintenance.

You can contribute via cash, cheque. E-Transfers. Simply send your e-transfer contribution to fia@rcdk.org, specify the church you want to support.



Pledge forms can be found in the foyer

Tax Receipt 2024. 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.

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:

	Pledges	Assessment	Pledged	Difference
SJV	41	\$21,074	\$ 19,110	\$ 1,964
OLOL	6	\$ 1,663	\$ 2,150	(487)