



ST. JOHN VIANNEY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

December 22nd, 2024
4th 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

Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am to 2pm

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LECTORS FOR THE COMING MASSES

- Dec 22nd Trevor Bentz and Sherry Makarra
Dec 24th Christmas Eve Carol McGill and Lesley Boettger
Dec 25th Christmas Day Lloyd Babcock and Margo Meade

ADVENT PRAYER

I pray for focus today, dear God, because during Advent, my mind and attention tend to wander. There are so many distractions, many of them well-meaning. But nothing gives my heart rest like resting in You. I pray that keep You at the focus of my day today, because I know the peace that only You offer. Amen.



SUN PEAKS CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS

We are happy to announce that there will be Christmas day and New Years Mass celebrated at Sun Peaks, at the Annex:

Christmas Day, December 25th at 5:00pm
New Years Day January 1st at 5:00 pm.
Both Masses will be at the Annex

We need some help to set up and clean up (Move tables and chairs). We invite anyone who is planning to attend any of the Masses to come early (around 4:30) pm to help setting up.

If you have any questions, please contact St. John Vianney Parish at 250-579-8711 or email stjohnvianney@rcdk.org

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6 Ps 25.4bc-5ab,8-9,10+14 (R. Lk 21.28)	Luke 1.57-66
Tuesday Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7 Titus 2.11-14 Ps.96.1-2,3-4,11-12,13	Luke 2.1-16
Wednesday Christmas Day	Isaiah 62-11-12 Ps 97.1-2, 5-6, 11-12 (R. see11)	Luke 2.15-20
Thursday	Acts 6.8-10;7.54-59 Ps 31.2cd-3ab,5+7ab,15bc-16, (R.5a)	Matthew 10.17-22
Friday	1 John 1.1-4 Ps 97.1-2, 5-6, 11-12 (R. 12a))	John 20.2-8
Saturday The Holy Innocents	1 John 1.5-33 Ps. 124.2-3, 4-5,7b-8 (R. 7ab)	Matthew 2.13-18

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON CHRISTMAS EVE, BEFORE MASS

Once again, this year, the St. John Vianney Choir will sing with you and for you, on **December 24th**, starting at 5:15 pm. Come early for the 6:00pm Mass and sing some, listen some, and enjoy beautiful Christmas music before Mass.
(it's also a good way to ensure your self a seat.)

OFFICE HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

- Dec 24th Open 9am to 12:0 pm
Dec 25th to Dec 27th Office will be closed
December 31st Open from 9am to 2 pm
January 1st Closed. Reopen January 2nd

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

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, CYCLE C

First Reading Micah 5.2-5a Responsorial Psalm, Ps. 80.1ab+2, 14-15, 17-18 (R.3)

Second Reading, Hebrews 10.5-10 Gospel Reading Luke 1.39-45

On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

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

Jubilee Mass

On Sunday Dec 29, the Diocese will celebrate the Jubilee Year opening Mass, which will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 1:30 pm. There will be a reception to follow, so those who attend are invited to bring a small amount of food to share, as a light luncheon will be held after Mass. (appetizers, cheese and crackers, vegies, fruit etc.) If you have any inquiries, please e-mail cathedralpa@rcdk.org

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

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 from St. John Vianney and Our lady of Lourdes Parish who has contributed to Faith in Action Campaign 34, Both parishes HAVE REACHED THEIR DIOCESAN ASSESMENTS.

We welcome further contributions as now ALL MONEY received ABOVE THE ASSESMENT will return 100% to both parishes for our most needed parish projects. Check mounts received so far at the bottom of the page.

If you not have a form pledge, but would like to donate, you can pick up a form at the entrance for the Church
You can contribute via cash, cheque. E-Transfers.
Simply send your e-transfer contribution to fia@rcdk.org, just specify the church you want to support.

Tax Receipt 2024. Faith in Action donations must be received by Monday, December 23rd. This includes E-Transfer donations as well.

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>(Over)</u>
SJV	43	\$21,074	\$ 22,660	(1,586)
OLOL	8	\$ 1,663	\$ 2,350	(687)

