



ST. JOHN VIANNEY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

January 5th, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord

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 DAYS

Jan 5th Trevore Bentz and Katherine Watson

Jan 12th Brian Selzler and Carol McGill

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	1 John 3.22-4.6 Ps 2.7-8, 10-11 (R. 8a)	Matthew 4.12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 John 4.7-10 Ps.72.1-2,3-4ab, 7-8 R.See11)	Mark 6.34-44
Wednesday	1 John 4.11-18 Ps 72.1-2,10-11,12-13 (R. 11)	Mark 6.45-52
Thursday	1 John 4.19-5.4 Ps 72.1-2, 14-15bc, 17 (R.see11)	Luke 4.14-22a
Friday	1 John 5.5-12 Ps 147.12-13,14-15, 19-20 (R. 12a))	Luke 5.12-16
Saturday	1 John 5.14-21 Ps. 149.1-2,3-4,5-6a+9b (R. 4a)	John 3.22-30

"THE ROSARY IN A YEAR"

If you are looking for a new year's resolution, you may want to consider the program called "The Rosary in a Year" This is a series of videos from Ascension Presents by Fr. Mark Mary Ames, CFR. It is free, you can access it through YouTube. Every day for 365 days there will be daily reflections, insights, and meditations to grow in praying the Rosary.

It will be explained the connection of the prayers included in the Rosary with the Holy Scripture. It will also, teach you how to meditate, and savour the prayers and the mysteries by contemplating on them.

This learning Journey will be done in small daily steps, one way to understand the journey is by comparing it to the experience of learning how to run, you do not just start right away running 5km non stop, you start slow to have a long-lasting love for running, but you have to be consistent.

Every episode is around 13 min long. There is a small explanation, guidance for contemplation, and the prayers will increase day by day. The first day you will pray one "our father", 3 "Hail Marias" and 1 "Glory to God", by the end of the program you will pray the whole Rosary, and not just recite the prayers, you will be mindful of the prayers to develop a relationship with God.

BIBLE STUDY COMING BACK SOON

SAVE THE DATE THE BIBLE STUDY WILL START SATURDAY JANUARY 11TH AT 2:00PM IN THE FRIENDSHIP ROOM AT ST. JOHN IVANNEY. THIS SESSION WILL FOCUS ON THE OLD TESTAMENT. IF YOU HAVE NOT READ IT ALL OR EVEN IF YOU HAVE, YOU WILL ENJOY THIS!

SUN PEAKS MASS

In the new year we are hoping to have Sunday Mass once a month at Sun Peaks. Please check later for confirmed dates in the Sunday Bulletin or in our website. We invite anyone who is planning to attend the Mass to come early (around 4:30) pm to help setting

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

The Sanctuary – Mental Health Course for Catholic:

January 18, 25 and February 4, 2025, 10 am – 11:30am

Facilitated by Adele Huculak. Two ways to attend the three sessions: live at Sacred Heart Cathedral 255 Nicola St Kamloops OR by Zoom at home or with a group from your parish. More info contact Kathy Dahl 250-318-9698

MASS AT THE SENIORS HOMES IN JANUARY

Mass at the Hamlets on January 10th at 10:00 am.

Mass At Sun Rivers January 17th at 10:00am

Please note there will not be Mass at 8:00am in the chapel on January 10th and 17th

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading *Isaiah 60.1-6* Responsorial Psalm, *Ps. 72.1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13*)

Second Reading, *Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6* Gospel Reading *Matthew 2-12*

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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

Rachel's Corner

"This retreat unlocked a beautifully profound healing process that my spirit desperately needed. I had felt that I didn't belong near God because I disobeyed Him. The retreat has reminded me He wants me back with Him and no matter how far I have fallen" Testimonial

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THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY 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 .

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.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? We would like to welcome you! If you would like to receive the bulletin via email, and any other notifications from the parish, please contact stjohnvianney@rcdk.org with your name and contact information. There are forms in the Foyer for you to fill out. Once you have entered your information, place the form in an envelope and place it in the collection Basket, or you can drop it off at the Office.

LIGHT OF GOD PRAYER GROUP

The Light of God Prayer Group meets every Monday evening from 7:00pm to 8:00pm (Except Statutory Holidays) at Sacred Heart Cathedral 255 Nicola Street. Downstairs in Parish Hall-Enter from outside entrance by the glass door **EVERYONE IS WELCOME including musical accompaniment!** Come join us as we grow in our faith!

FMI contact Trevor Bentz 250-299-431

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 ASSESSMENTS.**

We welcome further contributions as now **ALL MONEY** received **ABOVE THE ASSESSMENT** 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.

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	51	\$21,074	\$ 28,910	(7,836)
OLOL	11	\$ 1,663	\$ 3,100	(1,437)

The Holy Father's intentions for the Month of January
For the right to an education
Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

