



ST JOHN VIANNEY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

February 23rd, 2025
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 and Friday 9:00 - 2:00pm

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E Transfer donations to: givingstjohnvianney@rcdk.org

givingourladyoflourdes@rcdk.org

LECTORS FOR THE COMING DAYS

Feb 23rd Lesley Boettger and Sally Nastrom

Mar 2nd Maureen Carr and Brian Selzler

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Sirach 1.1-10 Ps 93.1ab,1c-2,4c-5 (R. 1a)++	Mark 9.14-29
Tuesday	Sirach 2.1-11 Ps.37.3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40 (R. See 5)	Mark 9.30-37
Wednesday	Sirach 4.11-19 Ps 119.165+168, 171-172, 174-175 (R. 165a)	Mark 9.38-40
Thursday	Sirach 5.1-8 Ps 1.1-2,3,4+6 (R. 50.5a)	Mark 9.41-50
Friday	Sirach 6.5-17 Ps 119.12+16, 18+27,34-35 (R. 35a)	Mark 10.1-12
Saturday	Sirach 17.1-4,6-8,10-15 Ps. 103.13-14,15-16,17-18 (R. see 17)	Mark 10.13-16

JOB POSTING-MAINTENANCE AT ST JOHN VIANNEY

St John Vianney Parish is looking for qualified applicants for the position of Building and outdoor facilities Maintenance. This is a part-time position (average 18hrs per week), flexibility is required. For those interested, a job description will be available upon request. Applicants are invited to submit a resume and cover letter to stjohnvianney@rcdk.org.

We thank all applicants, in advance, but only those chosen for an interview will be contacted.



HOME DEPOT REWARDS PROGRAM

Doug Methot shared a way to help the church that does not cost you anything. When you shop at the Home Depot, give the phone number of the St. John Vianney Church (250-579-8711) for the rewards program, and the parish will get points from your purchase that can be used to buy supplies for the maintenance of the facilities.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Our Lady of Good Counsel Dinner will be April 26, 2025, at St. John Vianney Parish Hall, tickets for the dinner will be \$35.00.

Mass will be at 5:00pm and dinner at 6:00pm

For more information or to book your ticket email stjohnvianney@rcdk.org or call Brenda Thompson at 250-579-9464.

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY

THE BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES SATURDAYS AT 2:00PM IN THE FRIENDSHIP ROOM AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY. THIS SESSION WILL FOCUS ON THE OLD TESTAMENT. IF YOU HAVE NOT READ IT ALL OR EVEN IF YOU HAVE. YOU WILL ENJOY THIS!

We encourage everyone to pray for the full recovery of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, as he continues to lead the Church with courage and a generosity of spirit.

SUN PEAKS MASS

Anticipated Mass will be celebrated at the Annex at 5:00pm.

Please see dates listed below:

Saturday March 15th, Saturday April 12th

ONLINE GIVING

If you would like to donate online you can e transfer :

St. John Vianney: givingstjohnvianney@rcdk.org

Our Lady of Lourdes givingourladyoflourdes@rcdk.org

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER -MARCH 7, 2025

Theme: "I Made You Wonderful" (Psalm 139: 1-18) You are most welcome to attend the afternoon WDP Service and Celebration at Holy Family Church in Valleyview, Kamloops at 1:00 p.m. on March 7th. However, if that is not possible, there are other ways to participate in World Day of Prayer (WDP). Check the website www.wicc.org to find out more about it.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

First Reading Sirach 27.4-7 Responsorial Psalm, Ps 92.1-2,12-13,14-15 (R.1)

Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 15.54-58 Gospel Reading Luke 6.39-45

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

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

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the Parish, we would like to welcome you! If you would like to get notifications, and/or receive the Sunday Bulletin by email, please contact the office via email to provide us with your information, or fill out one of the forms in the Foyer.

DIOCESAN 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Save the Date!

On Sunday June 22, 2025, Bishop Joseph Nguyen invites all to a Corpus Christi Mass starting at Riverside Park Bandshell with the Eucharist procession following Mass to Sacred Heart Cathedral, Benediction, Sacred Display and BBQ Dinner in celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the Diocese of Kamloops. More info to come!

FAITH IN ACTION CAMPAIGN 34

STILL TIME TO DONATE

Now that Both parishes have reached the Diocesan assessments, **ALL MONEY RAISED ABOVE the assessment COMES BACK 100%** for Parish projects **THANK YOU** to all you have contributed. If you have not contributed yet, please consider doing so; you have until July 31st 2025, when this year's campaign ends.

You may contribute via cash, cheque, or e-transfers.

Simply send your e-transfer contribution to fia@rcdk.org

Assessment and pledged amounts to date are as follow:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>(Over)</u>
SJV	54	\$21,074	\$ 30,960	(9,886)
OLOL	11	\$ 1,663	\$ 3,100	(1,437)



TOGETHER FOREVER:

A spiritual enrichment for Catholic Married Couples

DATE: MARCH 1, 2025

TIME: 1:00 – 9:00 pm

COST \$70 PER COUPLE

PLACE: OLPH PARISH CENTER

TO REGISTER: CONTACT:

Diane & Roger Nadeau at 250-371-7499

Email: dianenadeau@telus.net

Doreen & Bil Gowans at 250-376-3919

Email: gowans44@gmail.com



LENT 2025

Mass times for Ash Wednesday, March 5th 2025

St. John Vianney 8:00 am and 7:00pm

Our Lady of Lourdes 12:00 pm, (noon)

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during lent at 7:00pm at St. John Vianney parish, Except Wednesday April 2nd at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome!

ST. ANNS ACADEMY MEAL FUNDRAISER

February 28th is the Last day to order dinner for 2 for \$35.00 from the Colombo Lodge in support of St. Anns Academy
<https://www.colombolodge.com/event-detaoils-registration/colombo-cares-dinner-saaa-psg>

KAMLOOPS LENTEN MISSION

Where Sacred Heart Cathedral

Theme: Restored by Jubilee

Speaker: Fr. Andrew L'Heureux

Dates and Schedule

Monday, March 17

5:30 – 6:15 pm Confessions

6:30 pm – Mass , 7 pm – Talk followed by social

Tuesday, March 18

5:30 – 6:15 pm Confessions

6:30 pm – Mass

7 pm – Talk/Adoration followed by social

Everyone welcome!



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
Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and learn how that happens. www.rachelsvineyardkamloops.org, EMAIL rvmkamloops@yahoo.ca OR PHONE 250-267-5081

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

April 4 & 5 ~ Immaculate Conception Church ~ Kelowna, BC
speakers Fr. Troy Nguyen and David Paul.

Cost: Regular Tickets: \$60, University Students: \$15 Includes lunch on Saturday and breaktime refreshments

To register or for more information, please visit www.godsquad.ca and click on '2025 Conferences' on the menu bar.

We look forward to seeing you there for a time of faith, fellowship, and inspiration!



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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. For more info contact Chris via email ssvpkamloops@gmail.com, or call 250-554-0098.

ITEMS NEEDED Spring Cleaning? Need room in your closet? Any working appliances that maybe you don't use anymore? Think of donating your clean gently used clothing or any other household items to St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop 168 Briar Ave. Drop off Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Need more info, call 250-554-0098

HELP AVAILABLE to anyone struggling financially; to get assistance please contact the Help Office of St. Vincent de Paul to **make an appointment phone 1778-538-1680.**

SENIORS LUNCH Seniors' weekly luncheon hosted by St. Vincent de Paul on **Thursdays and Saturdays from 11:30 to 1:00.** Join us for soup and a sandwich. We are located at 168 Briar Avenue in Kamloops. All seniors are welcome!

Temporary Part-Time Bus Driver (0.5 FTE)

St. Ann's Academy is seeking a part-time bus driver to join a team of staff in serving the transportation needs of this K-12 school facility. This weekday position shall commence immediately. The incumbent is responsible for safely transporting students over assigned routes www.ciskd.ca under the CAREERS

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (ages 13-17)!

KCYG (Kamloops Catholic Youth Group) invites YOU to a faith-filled night of snacks, fellowship, and an unforgettable episode of *The Chosen* this **Thursday February 27th at 7:00 PM!**

Come hang out in the Martha Room **at the OLPH Parish Center (635 Tranquille Rd.)** for a chance to connect with new friends, enjoy some delicious treats, and dive into an epic episode of the hit TV series. **We'll wrap up the night at 9:00 PM**, but the memories and laughs will last much longer! Bring a friend, and let's make this night one to remember! See you there!

TIME OF LENT

“How often do we get caught up in our own wants and needs, lose sight of the heart of the matter, and fail to embrace the true meaning of our lives in this world! Lent is a time of truth, a time to drop the masks we put on each day to appear perfect in the eyes of the world.”

Pope Francis – Ash Wednesday homily in 2023

“At the start of Lent, we should ask ourselves – what pulls me away from loving God, loving others, and loving myself well? How can I incorporate acts of sacrifice, acts of giving, and acts of prayer that will help me love as God loves?”

Giving thought to observing Lent is important. Whether you wait until the last minute to decide or you've known your Lenten sacrifice since *last* Lent, it's worth spending time to thoughtfully consider how to make the most of your experience this year. Lent's 3 Pillars: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving”

“When we sacrifice things that this world tells us we need, it can remind us that only God can truly satisfy our spiritual hunger. When we think about what to give up for Lent, we ought to also think about what sort of commitment to prayer and ability to be charitable that we can hold ourselves. Anyone can practice almsgiving, which is not limited to simply donating money.

Rather, practicing almsgiving can also mean donating one's time in service, perhaps volunteering or serving those in need. Jesus tells us clearly in Matthew 25:40 that in serving those in need, we are serving him.” Reflection taken From Hallow.com

Hallow is an app that provides numerous options for stepping up prayer during Lent.: Gospel reflections, Rosary prayers, night prayers and much more.