



ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

MARCH 8th, 2026
3rd Sunday of Lent

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
(Except on the days when Mass at seniors' homes, see below for details).
Saturday 9:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10:00am to 11:00am
HOLY HOUR: Tuesday to Friday from 5:00pm to 6:00 pm

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LECTORS FOR THE COMING DAYS

March 8TH Lesley Boettger and Brian Selzler
March 15TH Maureen Carr and Lloyd Babcock

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 9th to March 14th

DAY	First Reading and Salm	GOSPEL
Monday	2 Kings 5.1-15a Ps 42.1-2, 3; 43.3,4	Luke 4.24-30
Tuesday	Daniel 3.25, 34-43 Ps 25.4-5a, 6-7, 8-9	Matthew 18.21-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9 Ps 147.12-1, 15-16, 19-20	Matthew 5.17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7.23-28 Ps 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9	Luke 11.14-23
Friday	Hosea 14.1-9 Ps 81.5c-7a, 7bc-8, 9-10ab, 13+16	Mark 12.28b-34
Saturday	Hosea 5.15b-6.6++ Ps 51.1-2, 16-17, 18-19ab	Luke 18.9-14

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER- "I will give you rest: Come

MARCH 6th 2026, 2 SERVICES

1:00PM Hills of Peace Lutheran Church
695 Robson Dive

7:00pm OLPH Parish Hall
635 Tranquille Rd.

Service Written and Prepared by WDP Nigeria



EUCARISTIC MINISTER FOR MASS NEEDED!!

While Monsignor Jerry awaits hip surgery, and during his recovery, we will need Eucharist Ministers to deliver communion during Sunday Mass. Anyone who is able to assist in this Ministry, please contact the office. Thank you.

MASS OF CHRISM -TUESDAY MARCH 31ST AT 10:00AM AT THE CATHEDRAL.

During the Chrism Mass, Bishop Joseph will bless the oil of the sick and the oil of catechumen, and consecrate the oil of chrism which will be used in the parishes of the diocese throughout the year; this Mass also acknowledges the ministry of priests as they renew the commitments they made at their ordination and receive the prayers and support of the people. Every one is invited to this special celebration.

HOLY TRIDUUM CELEBRATIONS SCHEDULE

ST JOHN VIANNEY

Holy Thursday April 02nd 7:00pm

Good Friday April 03rd

3:00pm Good Friday Service

NOTE: No stations of the cross

Easter Vigil April 04th 8:00pm

Easter Sunday April 05th 10:30 am

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Good Friday April 03rd 5:30pm

Easter Sunday April 05th 8:30am



BIBLE STUDY SATURDAYS 2:00PM

Sessions will be Saturdays at 2:00pm in the friendship room. We will watch the 4th season of the chosen followed by discussion.

MASSES AT SENIORS HOMES

HAMLETS The 2nd Friday of the Month at 10:0am

This month will be March 13th

SUN RIVERS 1st and 3rd Wed of the month at 10:00am

This month will be March 4th and March 18th

On those days there is not Mass at 8:00am in the Chapel

STATIONS OF THE CROSS- FRIDAYS DURING LENT AT 7:00PM

except on March 6th Friday at 6:00pm and March 11th, will be on a Wednesday at 6:30pm. Groups leading and dates :
March 6th: CWL, (6:00pm) **March 11th:** Catechism children (6:30pm) ,
March 20th : SJV Choir, **March 27th :** Development and Peace.



3rd Sunday of Lent, year A

First reading Exodus 17.3-7 Responsorial Psalm 95.1-2,6-7ab, 7c-9

Second Reading Romans 5.1-2, 5-8 Gospel Reading John 4.5-42

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle. In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law. The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands." Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come. The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

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

LENTEN MISSION OLPH

OLPH Parish invites everyone to a Lenten Mission on March 25, 26, 27. The program will start at 6pm. The preaching will be given by Father Leo English, CSsR, Pastor of OLPH Parish in Vancouver. Each night will conclude with a coffee, tea, and goodie social. More information coming soon. Please join us!

SOUP AND BUN LUNCHES AT THE CATHEDRAL ARE FOR EVERYONE!

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL HAS SOUP AND BUN LUNCHES AFTER THE WEDNESDAY 12:10 MASSES DURING LENT (EXCEPT HOLY WEEK). THIS IS OUR FUNDRAISER FOR CORPUS CHRISTI.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

This program is a beautiful way of introducing children to our Catholic Faith. The readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to children. It is a component of the ritual prayer of Mass during the 10:30. Children's liturgy is for children 0 to 12 years old. Kids under 2 years of age are welcomed, but need to be with a parent.



Volunteers are still needed, contact the office.

CWL BURSARY OPPORTUNITY-DEADLINE APRIL 30

The CWL SJV council invites GRADE 12 students from our parish to apply for this year's Bursary for \$500.00 towards postsecondary education. The deadline is April 30, 2026. For more details see form, at the entrance of the church or contact the office to get one.

GRIEF TO GRACE

Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. **Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ.** The next retreat in Canada is March 2026 in Kelowna. For more information, please email griegtograckelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

HOPEWELL BABY BOTTLES

Lent fundraiser

Hopewell exists to meet women facing an unplanned pregnancy with compassion and hope, offering a safe, confidential place to talk and the chance to see the precious life growing inside them through an ultrasound. From there, our Family Resource programs continue that care—walking with them from those first overwhelming moments of pregnancy until their child enters kindergarten, **pick up a bottle and return it by Easter.**



HOPEWELL
Clinic + Pregnancy Centre

Share lent second collection March 22nd

In Brazil, the lives of several rural communities are disrupted by industrial agriculture, mining and the Carajás railway. Women are at the heart of the fight to protect the land and the environment from the air, water and soil pollution that they cause. This pollution damages their kitchen gardens and harms the health of their children, families and neighbours. Check out our Mini-magazine and learn more about the women by watching their testimonies at www.dev.org/lent



MASS AT TRU is the third Thursday of the month at 3:30pm. In March will be March 19th.

FAITH IN ACTION 35 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Thankyou to everyone who has contributed to this year's campaign. If you have not contributed yet, Please prayerfully consider contributing this year to FIA Donations are accepted in cash, cheque or online. The address to donate via e-transfer is fia@rcdk.org



KCYG -MARCH EVENTS

Encounter night Sunday March 15th 6:00pm at SHC

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of March 2026

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

CWL BAKE SALE COMING BEFORE EASTER

The CWL will hold a bake sale on March 22, right after Mass



CWL DIOCESAN CONVENTION AT SJV KAMLOOPS APRIL 17-19 2026

The CWL at St. John Vainney will host this years Diocesan Convention, Deadline for registration is March 31st. Registration forms are at the entrance of the Church with all the info you need.

Scholarship Opportunity

Albert Johnston Scholarship Opportunity
\$1000 towards post-secondary tuition for students having completed Grade 12 by June 2026.

Requirements - due April 1, 2026:

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

Email: kamloopsprolife@gmail.com for more information or see 'Scholarship' under 'Events' on our website <http://www.voices4life.com>

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION OF PATRIOTISM

In Honour of Sir Knight John Wiens

Place: St. John Vianney Hall Date: April 11, 2026

Formal attire required.

Candidate Exemplification Fee - \$45

Family Members or Guest - \$20

For more information contact

Anthony Muzzillo at 250-851-1111 or email amuzzillo@abcarsales.com



WOMEN RETREAT at Sacred Heart Cathedral

April 10 – 11, 2026 (Divine Mercy Weekend)

"His Mercy Endures Forever"

There are only few limited spots available.

Register as soon as possible

Email cathedral@rcdk.org to register

Knights of Columbus Council 1614 at SHC "LOBSTERMANIA 2026"

On June 13, 2026 at the OLPH Parish Centre, join us for a fun filled night of succulent Nova Scotian Lobster and dinner buffet, and dance.

Tickets are \$85.00, available from Anthony Muzzillo 250-851-1111, Garry Mayhew 250-572-5429 and John Giddens 250-682-4600

MONSIGNOR JERRY DESMOND 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE-MAY 16TH 2026!!

It will be at the Colombo Lodge, more details to come.

LE JEUNE MANOR"

LeJeune Housing Society has a rental opportunity for a three-bedroom home beginning May 1st. Interested persons should contact Michelle at (250) 376-3653"

ATTENTION MEN ! Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men

Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

We are excited to share the upcoming **Cor** gathering, when **we will be joined by Bishop Joseph**, who will share his wisdom with us.

Cor is open to every man of our Parishes. **Cor** with Bishop Joseph, will be held at **9:30 to Noon on Saturday, March 21 in the Cathedral basement hall.** Come join us for coffee and donuts, prayer and fraternity.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to Mark Perren at 587 201 1712 / cathedralpa@rcdk.org