

OUR LADY OF

PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

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Tuesday to Friday

CLOSED on MONDAYS

MASS TIMES

Sunday:

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

10:30 AM

Week Day:

Monday-Friday 7:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF

RECONCILIATION:

Monday-Friday 7:00-7:30 AM

Wednesday 8:00 - 8:45 AM

Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 AM

ADORATION OF THE

BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesday 8 - 8:45 AM

WEDDINGS - Please call the rectory for an appointment six months before planning the wedding date.

BAPTISMS - A pre-Baptism course is required. Please call the rectory for an appointment.

A WARM WELCOME TO GUESTS AND VISITORS
We're happy you're here!

DECEMBER 03, 2023 ~ YEAR B

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REFLECTION: "What I Say to You I Say to All: Keep Awake."

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - KEEP AWAKE!

The central theme of today's readings is Jesus' warning to us to be alert, watchful and prepared because Christ's Second Coming, coinciding with the end of the world, can occur at any time.

People, in general, have a paranoid fear about the end of the world. But Jesus, in today's Gospel, gives us the assurance that we need not be afraid of the end of the world, Christ's Second Coming, and the Last Judgment, if we remain alert and prepared. The Church invites us on this first Sunday of Advent to prepare for Christ's Second Coming, 1) by properly celebrating during this Christmas season the fond memory of Christ's first coming 2000 years ago, 2) by experiencing Christ's daily advent or coming in every Eucharistic celebration, in the Holy Bible, and in the worshipping community, and 3) by preparing daily for Jesus' Second Coming which, for us, will happen at the unknown moment of our death or the equally unknown moment when the World will end.

Life messages: Live in the living presence of Jesus every day. The message of today's Scripture is that we should live in the living presence of Jesus every day waiting for his Second Coming. We can experience Christ's living presence in the Holy Eucharist, in the Holy Bible, in the worshipping community of our parish, in our family, in our own souls, and in everyone around us. The early Christians experienced the living presence and coming of Jesus with absolute certainty. So their mutual greeting was not "Hi!" or "Good Morning!" but the Aramaic, "Maran Atha" which means "Come, Lord Jesus." May God bless you, and keep you ever prepared for Christ's second coming.

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CWL COUNTRY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

11 AM - 2 PM AT

OLPH PARISH CENTRE

Come and enjoy the Bazaar and bring a friend for tea.

The Raffle Prizes will be drawn at 2 pm.



*We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the families of **Bertha Kreger and Antonio Renzullo**. Please keep Bertha and Antonio in your prayers, and may God's comfort and peace be with their families in their time of grief.*



O God, You have chosen the apostles to make disciples of all nations and by Baptism and Confirmation, have called all of us to build up Your Holy Church. Lord, help us listen and be open to Your call. May we be a Church of many Priests, Deacons, Religious, and Lay Faithful who love You with our whole hearts and gladly spend our entire lives to make You known and loved by all.
Amen



CANADA CHRISTMAS NOEL

CANADA POST CHRISTMAS STAMPS - Please be sure to purchase the "Christmas 2023 - Madonna and Child" Permanent Domestic Stamp from Canada Post this year for your Christmas cards and parcels!


 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
 cordially invites you to
 the
70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
 GUEST OF HONOR - Bishop Joseph Phuong Nguyen

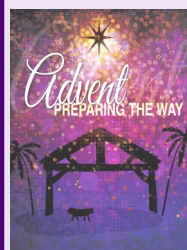
January | **Friday 05 2024** | Doors Open at 5:00 PM
 Dinner at 6:00 PM

LOCATION:
 OLPH PARISH CENTER
 635 TRANQUILLE ROAD

Tickets
 Under 5 y.o : Free
 5 - 12 y.o : \$10
 12 + Adults : \$30

- If you are able, we request you to pay for someone else's ticket.
- Tickets must be purchased by December 28th.
- Please notify the parish office for any dietary restrictions.

Contact information:
 250-376-5541/ 778-257-7500



Know Our Faith

WHAT IS ADVENT

Advent is the **beginning** of the Church's liturgical year and is a season of preparation.

- ✦ The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word "**adventus**" which means "a coming, approach, arrival."
- ✦ During Advent we prepare to celebrate again the **birth of Jesus** at Christmas. We also prepare our hearts and minds for the **second coming** of Christ, even though we don't know when he will come.
- ✦ Like Lent, Advent is also a season of **waiting, preparation, and penance**, but Advent is a "uniquely **joyous and hopeful** season in the Church." (hallow.com)
- ✦ The main theme of the 1st Sunday of Advent is **Hope**.
- ✦ "The vision of life that Advent gives us is two-fold; it looks back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future when Christ will come again. In the interval between these two events we find meaning for our life as Christians." ~ catholic.org
- ✦ "We are all *searching* for something in life. Most of us want to be happy, but for sure no other time of year reveals the fact that we all *want* something. The question, of course, is what do you want? More importantly, what are you *searching for*? We often search in the externals of life, hoping that in the 'things' of this world we will find what we are searching for. But wisdom tells us that it is in the *quiet* that we discover the more *profound* things of life." ~ *Rejoice: Finding Your Place in the Advent Story* by Fr. Mark Toups
- ✦ "In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ." ~ Ephesians 1:11-12

WORDS FROM OUR SECONDARY PATRON, ST. JOHN VIANNEY

"The reason why we cannot keep our good resolutions is that we count too much on ourselves."



Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation
62nd Annual Charity Appeal
Grand Prize Deadline
December 16 at 3:00 pm
<http://kofccharity.ca/>



"POOR AT CHRISTMAS" - The second collection *this* weekend, **December 02/03** will be for the Poor at Christmas. This "**Poor at Christmas Collection**" supports the Knights of Columbus' Christmas Hamper Program and provides the Parish with funds to aid those in need. Thank you for your generosity and charity.

Rachel's Corner

I am so happy I have been able to receive Communion after so many years! I am not more than God to not forgive myself and I need to learn to see myself as God does." -Testimonial

Join the men and women on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat, and let God show you how He sees you, loves you and wants to restore you to the son and daughter He created you to be.

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rvkamloops@yahoo.ca 250-267-5081

"LITTLE BLUE BOOKS" for Advent reflections are available at the entrance to the Church. By Donation.



OLPH PARISH Advent Reflection
with Fr. Dale Normandeau
Monday, December 11 ~ Mass



at 6:00 pm Reflection to follow
Tuesday, December 12 ~ Mass and
Reflection at 6:00 pm followed by
Reconciliation Service (several Priests will
be in attendance) 6:45 pm to



8:00 pm
ALL ARE WELCOME!

CWL MEMBERS: You are invited to the
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH Christmas
gathering. We will start with Mass in
OLPH Church at 6:00 pm. After, we will
gather in the Parish Centre for a social
and Service Pin Presentation. Please bring a
favourite appetizer or dessert to share.

Do you have warm socks, gloves, scarves, togues
to donate? We will give these items to St. Vincent
DePaul for distribution to our less fortunate
community members. For more information or
rides please call Judy Robinson at 250-682-7932.

WE INVITE MEN + WOMEN THROUGHOUT THE
DIOCESE TO JOIN US AT
HOLY FAMILY FOR A

MINI Advent RETREAT

DEC. 14 THURSDAY

MEN'S RETREAT
Led by Fr. Ajin
7:00PM SOCIAL
7:30PM RETREAT
THEME: ST. JOSEPH

WOMEN'S RETREAT
Led by Fr. Derrick
6:00PM RETREAT
7:30PM SOCIAL
THEME: MARY

DEC. 15 FRIDAY

Children's Liturgy of the Word
CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD will be offered
this SUNDAY, DECEMBER 03 AND EVERY SUNDAY OF
ADVENT, DURING THE
10:30 AM MASS. Please bring your children so
they can participate.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Solemnity - December 08, 2023

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception was
declared by Pope Pius IX in 1854. He declared that
the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instance of her
conception, by a singular privilege and grace,
granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus
Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was
preserved exempt from all stain of original sin." In
other words, Mary was redeemed by Jesus's
sacrifice on the cross, the same way we are. How-
ever, since God is outside of time, he gave her that
grace in advance so that she could be a pure vessel
to bear God in her body. Many early Church Fathers



and saints wrote about Mary's
sinlessness. "The 'splendor of
an entirely unique holiness' by
which Mary is 'enriched from
the first instant of her
conception' comes wholly from
Christ; she is 'redeemed, in a
more exalted fashion, by
reason of the merits of her
Son.' The Father blessed Mary
more than any other created person 'in Christ with
every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places' and
chose her 'in Christ before the foundation of the
world, to be holy and blameless before him in love.'"

~ Catechism of the Catholic Church 492



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**FAITH IN ACTION CAMPAIGN 33 -
BE A DOER OF FAITH**

PARISH ASSESSMENT: \$ 43,175.00
PARISH PROJECT: \$ 80,000.00
NUMBER OF PLEDGES: 110
TOTAL PLEDGED: \$ 35,490.00
CASH RECEIVED: \$ 30,430.00



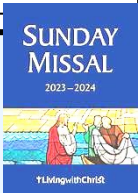
When you are ready, your pledge form may be placed in
the collection basket or put through the mail slot in the
Parish office. **Faith in Action donations are also being
accepted by Interac E-transfer to fia@rcdk.org**

MASS INTENTIONS There is one scheduled mass per week day per Priest. The Sunday masses and Holy Days of Obligation are for parishioners, We try to accommodate all masses on the day they are requested but this is not always possible. All others are sent to the Missions. Mass for souls of the deceased is indicated by the + symbol.

DECEMBER 04 - DECEMBER 10, 2023		
MONDAY	7:30 AM	+ G.E. Joly
TUESDAY	7:30 AM	+ Alfred Levy
WEDNESDAY	7:30 AM	+ Eleanor White
<i>ST. NICHOLAS, BISHOP</i>		
THURSDAY	7:30 AM	+ Verna Chermany
<i>ST. AMBROSE, BISHOP & DOCTOR</i>		
FRIDAY	7:30 AM	+ Giovanni & Mariannina Maio
<i>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>		
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
<i>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
<i>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
SUNDAY	10:30 AM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
<i>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		

COLLECTION NOVEMBER 26: Envelopes \$1,287.00; Loose \$165.45; EFT \$450.00; Other Envelopes \$195.00; Vigil Lights \$79.90; Stole Offering \$200.00; Hall Rentals \$2,020.00; Holy Childhood \$77.40;

2024 SUNDAY MISSALS will be available following all Masses this weekend, or from the office. Cost of Missal is \$5.00.



OLPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8132

Catholic - Family - Fraternity - Service

Meetings held in the OLPH Parish Centre

General Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm

Explore your interest in joining the Knights

Contact: Peter Pel - 250-554-4612

Join online at: kofc.org/joinus

COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Regena Cameron; Brent MacLeod, Yvonne Pereira, Rafael Santos, Ralph Sherbo

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Brian Bouthiller, Tony Bradwell, Alicia Bruneau, Nathan Bruneau, Clare Cyr, Cathy Garay, Clem LaSaga, Wendy Nordick, Peter Pel, Judy Robinson, Ralph Sherbo, Greg Sykes, and Beth Watling.



MARY'S PANTRY - Thank you Parishioners for the very generous donations for October - 83 lbs and November - 153 lbs . Our next collection will be the weekend of December 9 & 10.

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CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meets Sundays 12:00 - 2:00 pm

In OLPH Church Basement

FMI, contact Beth - 250-318-3783; Aida - 250-376-0523; Lilia - 250-819-1801 or Rowena - 250-574-7803



"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - MARK 13:33



We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.



Please continue to pray ... for all the sick of our parish, those homebound, in the hospital, and nursing facilities, and for all the souls in purgatory.



CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS KAMLOOPS DIOCESE

CURRENT JOB POSTINGS can be found

at www.ciskd.ca under the CAREERS

tab: <https://www.makeafuture.ca/bc-schools-and-districts/catholic-independent-schools-kamloops-diocese/>

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ~ We

Pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



The Month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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