

**DECEMBER 10, 2023 ~ YEAR B**

**2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**REFLECTION: "Prepare the Way of the Lord."**

**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - NEED FOR REPENTANCE**

Homecoming is the central theme of the Scripture readings for the Second Sunday of Advent. All three readings focus on the absolute necessity of our getting ready for Christ's "Homecoming" into our hearts and lives by true repentance, reparation, prayer and the renewal of our lives. They also remind us that the past coming of Jesus, some 2000 years ago, the present daily coming of Jesus into our lives through the Eucharistic celebration, through the Scriptures and through the praying community, and his future coming (the Second Coming) are actually the fulfillment of God's saving plan for us all, from all eternity

**WE NEED TO PREPARE FOR THE REBIRTH OF JESUS:** We are invited by the Church to prepare for Christmas by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives so that Jesus may be reborn in us. Let us remember with the German mystic Angelus Silesius "*Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem – but all in vain until He is born in me.*"

**WE NEED TO ALLOW JESUS TO BE REBORN IN OUR LIVES.** People around us should recognize Jesus' rebirth in our lives by our sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, compassionate and merciful heart, and spirit of humble and committed service.

**LET US ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE** of John the Baptist to turn this Advent season into a real spiritual "homecoming" by making the necessary preparations for the fresh arrival of our Lord and Savior Jesus into our hearts.

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**OUR LADY OF**

**PERPETUAL HELP PARISH**

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Office Hours: 8:30 am-3:30 pm  
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!*

**OLPH PARISH Advent Reflection with Fr. Dale Normandeau**  
**Monday, December 11 ~ Mass at 6:00 pm Reflection**



**to follow and 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 !**



**PLEASE NOTE that there will be NO morning Masses on Monday and Tuesday this week.**

**Christmas and New Year's Mass times:**

**Dec 24:** 5:00 pm (in Parish Centre) and 8:00 pm (in Church);

**Dec 25:** 8:30 am & 10:30 am (in Church);

**Dec 31:** 5:00 pm;

**Jan 01:** 8:30 am & 10:30 am



Sunday, December 24 and Monday, December 25 are Holy Days of Obligation. You are required to attend the Mass on both days to fulfill Sunday and Christmas day obligations. If you come only to 5:00 pm or 8:00 pm Christmas Vigil on Sunday, December 24, you will not be fulfilling both days of obligation. Also, Sunday, December 31 and Monday, January 1 are Holy Days of Obligation. You are required to attend the Mass on both of those days. If you come only to Sunday at 5:00 pm Holy Mother of God Vigil, you will not be fulfilling both days of obligation.

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

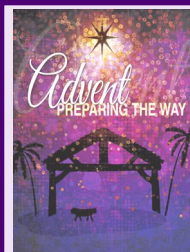
**January** | **Friday 05 2024** | **Doors Open at 5:00 PM**  
**Dinner at 6:00 PM**

**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 ADVENT - TRADITIONS AND SYMBOLS

- ✦ Purple is the color of Advent; It represents preparation, repentance, and royalty as we hopefully await the coming of the true King, Jesus.
  - ✦ The 3rd Sunday of Advent's color is rose (pink), which represents joy.
  - ✦ The Advent wreath has origins in Germany; "historians have suggested that pre-Christian Germanic peoples would light candles around wreaths in the dark winter months in anticipation of the warmer, lighter months in spring-time. This tradition likely evolved into the 'Advent Wreath' at some point during the Middle Ages..."
  - ✦ "The circular shape of the Advent wreath symbolizes God's infinite love for us - it is never-ending."
  - ✦ The evergreen leaves of the wreath remind us to reflect on the "everlasting nature of God."
  - ✦ The traditional meaning of the Advent wreath is to help us prepare the way for the "Light of the World, Jesus."
  - ✦ During Advent, the decorations in the Church are more simple, as is the music. We also do not sing the Gloria during Advent.
  - ✦ Advent calendars "can help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions" to prepare us to celebrate the birth of Jesus.
- ~ Source: hallow.com

**70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION -**


Get your tickets today! Tickets will be available following all Masses this weekend, or from the Parish Office. Come out and support this milestone Anniversary! We hope to see you there.

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


**OUR NEXT LADIES LUNCHEON** will be held at **CHANCES CASINO RESTAURANT 1250 HALSTON AVE. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH AT 11:30 AM.** Come for great fellowship and food! All ladies of the parish are welcome! FMI or a ride please call Gemma at 250-376-3530.

**WORDS FROM OUR SECONDARY PATRON, ST. JOHN VIANNEY**

*"Blessed are they that are tempted! It is when the Devil sees that a soul is tending towards union with God that he redoubles his efforts."*



*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Mark 1.3*



**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!





This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent, the candle of Peace. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". Jesus taught the importance of being peacemakers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us, he brings us peace and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again.

**Advent Wreath Prayer:** *Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.* ~ Taken from Dynamiccatholic.com



**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.

**TAX RECEIPT 2023 REMINDERS**



Faith in Action donations must be received by Friday, December 29 (before the banks close/or parish office closes). This includes E-transfer donations. Donations may be mailed to the parish or the Chancery office post marked no later than December 29 to be eligible for a 2023 tax receipt. **All donations received after 12 noon on Friday, December 29, or are post marked later than December 29, will go towards the 2024 Tax Receipt.**

Likewise, if you plan to attend another parish between now and the end of the year, or at Christmas, please bring your offering envelope directly to the parish office if you require your donation to be on your 2023 tax receipt. If it is not in the parish office or postmarked on December 29th it will not be included in the 2023 tax receipt year as per CRA directives. **Please keep this information in mind.**

**St. Vincent de Paul**



The Society of St Vincent de Paul is collecting gloves, socks, handwarmers and toiletries which are given to 150 people in Necessities bags for Christmas. Thank you in advance for your contributions which can be dropped of at 168 Briar Avenue, Thursday to Saturday 10 to 3 or contact 250 554 0098 to arrange a different time.

**BEAUTIFUL 2024 CALENDARS** are available at the



entrance to the Church. These calendars feature classic paintings by master artists that bring our Catholic feast days to life throughout the year. We extend our gratitude to Schoening Funeral Service for this wonderful gift!



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4. Enter your email and you're in!

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

**PARISH ASSESSMENT: \$ 43,175.00**  
**PARISH PROJECT: \$ 80,000.00**  
**NUMBER OF PLEDGES: 116**  
**TOTAL PLEDGED: \$ 44,165.00**  
**CASH RECEIVED: \$ 42,815.00**



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](mailto:fia@rcdk.org)**

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 10 AND EVERY SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DURING THE**

**10:30 AM MASS.** Please bring your children so they can participate.

**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 11 - DECEMBER 17, 2023**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Intentions Marjorie French
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	+ Eugenio & Silvana Caputo
<i>OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</i>		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	+ Mary Sicoli & Tony Nigro
<i>ST. LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR</i>		
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	+ Steve Maltman, Vittoria and Raffaele Torchia
<i>ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR</i>		
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	+ Frances Mahoney
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
<i>3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
<i>3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
<i>3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		

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**COLLECTION DECEMBER 03:** Envelopes \$3,598.00; Loose \$247.05; EFT \$1,100.00; **POOR AT CHRISTMAS** Envelopes \$2,321.00; Loose \$174.00; EFT \$220.00; Other Envelopes \$155.00; Vigil Lights \$86.10; Sunday Missals \$163.00; Kitchen Rental \$1,600.00; Gym Rental \$2,250.00; Holy Childhood \$71.55;

**“Prepare the Way of the Lord...”** - MARK 1:3

**STEWARDSHIP**  
Time • Talent • Treasure

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

*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.*

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH IS ACCEPTING INTERAC E-MAIL TRANSFER DONATIONS.** Using your bank's Interac transfer via online banking, please transfer your gift to **givingolph@rcdk.org**.

**Interac** Now Available  
**e-Transfer**

**OLPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**PRINCIPAL:** Mr. Brent Arsenault  
**WEBSITE:** www.olphschool.ca  
**PHONE:** 250-376-2343, Local 101 **FAX:** 250-376-2361

**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 **THIS WEEKEND DECEMBER 9 & 10.**

**EL SHADDAI DWX1**  
**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

**CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS KAMLOOPS DIOCESE**  
**CURRENT JOB POSTINGS** can be found at [www.ciskd.ca](http://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 Divine Infancy*

**COFFEE SUNDAY!** You are invited to join us in the Parish Basement for some fellowship and light refreshments following the 10:30 mass **Next SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH.** If you have some baking to share it would be much appreciated. Hope to see you there!  
FMI contact Alicia at [agwenbruneau@gmail.com](mailto:agwenbruneau@gmail.com).