

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 3:30 - 4:30 PM

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!

JANUARY 07, 2024 ~ YEAR B

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

REFLECTION: "They Kneled Down and Paid Him Homage."

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - JESUS' ROYAL MESSIAHSHIP OF BOTH JEWS AND GENTILES

The Greek word Epiphany means appearance or manifestation. First, the angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds. In the Western Church, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates Jesus' first manifestation to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, while in the Eastern Church, the Feast commemorates the baptism of Christ, at which the Father and the Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to Jesus' identity as Son of God. Later, in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed Himself in words as the promised Messiah, and at Cana Jesus revealed His Divinity by transforming water into wine. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany.

Today's Gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring Him their hearts and offer their lives to Him. The adoration of the Magi fulfills the oracle of Isaiah (first reading), prophesying that the nations of the world would travel to the Holy City following a brilliant light, bringing gold and incense to contribute to the worship of God.

Paul's letter to the Church of Ephesus (today's second reading), expresses God's secret plan in clear terms: "the Gentiles are...co-heirs ... co-partners in the promise, in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." Today's Gospel reminds us that if God brought the Magi - foreigners and pagans - to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews, we should know that there is nothing in our sinful lives that would keep God from bringing us to Jesus.

There were three groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ's birth. The first group, headed by King Herod, tried to eliminate Jesus, the second group, priests and scribes, ignored Jesus, and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi, came to adore Jesus. Let us make sure that we belong to the third group: by actively worshiping Jesus at Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration; by giving a new direction to our lives.

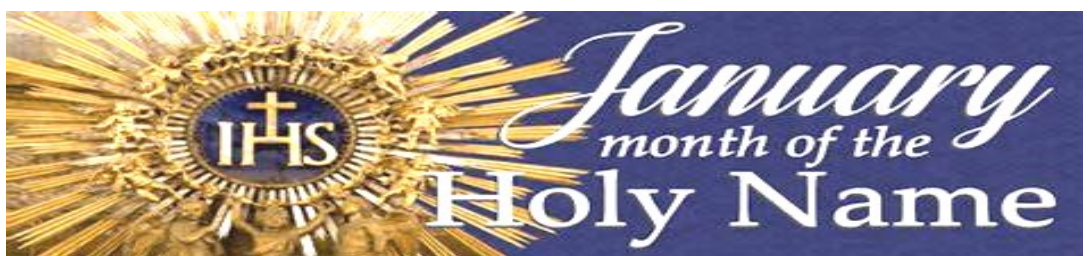
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We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family of Vince Wells. Please keep Vince in your prayers, and may God's comfort and peace be with the family in their time of grief. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

The Funeral Mass for Vince will be held on Tuesday, January 9th at 11:00 am at OLPH Parish.



PLEASE NOTE - BEGINNING NEXT SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, SATURDAY CONFESSIONS WILL BE HELD FROM 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM.



STEWARDSHIP FOR THE NEW YEAR

Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord; a way of life that needs constant renewal and transformation. This time of year, has always been one of looking forward to a new year, reflecting on the changes we need to make in our lives and resolving to follow through on those changes. Perhaps those who seek to make resolutions to be better stewards might find inspiration in one or more of the following samples:

- ✦ **STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER:** Resolve to strengthen your relationship with the Lord through prayer. Notice how often you pray and what hinders you from praying. If you are a beginner, commit to short, daily prayer times.
- ✦ **STEWARDSHIP OF FAMILY:** Resolve to set aside more time to stay connected with your family. Eat dinner together, schedule regular dates with your spouse, plan family outings, and go to Mass together. Practice patience and forgiveness.
- ✦ **STEWARDSHIP OF HEALTH:** Resolve to get those medical and dental checkups. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise and other physical activity to your daily routine.
- ✦ **STEWARDSHIP OF POSSESSIONS:** Resolve to possess a little more "lightly" this year. Consider ways you can reduce the amount of all that *stuff* you own. Distinguish between those items that are necessary and those that are considered luxurious and unnecessary.
- ✦ **STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH FAMILY:** Resolve to serve your faith community in some way this year such as at liturgy, in the parish's outreach or education and formation efforts. Is it time to enhance your generosity to the parish?
- ✦ **STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY:** Resolve to render sacred your annual budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in your spending. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.
- ✦ **STEWARDSHIP OF WORK:** Resolve to be faithful to your daily, work-related tasks and offer them up to the Lord. Cultivate your skills. Deepen your knowledge. Be mindful of how you are building the Kingdom of God.
- ✦ **STEWARDSHIP OF MIND:** Resolve to keep your mind active. Commit to being more informed on the issues of the day. Read your bible.
- ✦ **STEWARDSHIP OF NEIGHBOR:** Resolve to be a person of hospitality and mercy. Make time and space for others who enter your life. Be more aware of those times when a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner, or stranger, needs a moment of kindness, a little attention, or an affirming gesture on your part.
- ✦ **STEWARDSHIP OF THE POOR:** Resolve to live with more compassion and in solidarity with those less fortunate. Remember the poor in prayer and commit to helping relieve in some way the plight of those who are impoverished or marginalized.

FATHER RAJESH AWAY FROM THE PARISH -



Fr. Rajesh will be going home to India for some well-deserved rest and to visit with his family. He will leave on January 11th and return for weekend Masses on February 17th. While Father Raj is away, Msgr. Jerry Desmond will celebrate the weekend Masses and priests from the Cathedral will cover the daily morning Masses. Please keep Fr. Rajesh and all of our priests in your prayers.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024

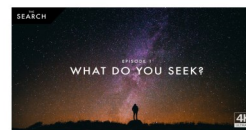
are available at the Church entrance. **IF the information** on your label is incorrect, or if you did not receive envelopes and would like some, please notify the parish office.

If you are participating in the Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) program or make your payments by email, you have just been issued blue "special collection" envelopes as these special collections are not factored into the monthly giving.



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 07, 2024



What Do You Seek? | The Search | Episode 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.



Arianism

Is Jesus truly God? Learn about the fourth-century heresy, Arianism, and the derivative heresy of Apollinarianism.



Who Are the Magi?

In this FORMED Now! special episode, Dr. Michael Barber sits down to reflect on the Magi from the Gospel accounts and what spiritual lessons can be learned from this historical event recorded in Scripture.

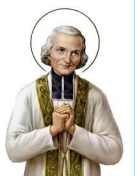


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WORDS FROM OUR SECONDARY PATRON, ST. JOHN VIANNEY

"The Wise Men overcame every difficulty and surmounted every obstacle, in order to follow the Star."



YOUTH MINISTRY AT OLPH PARISH - Fr. Rajesh is looking for someone to help establish a Ministry for the youth of our Parish. If you would be interested in helping Fr. Rajesh, please contact Fr. Raj or the Parish Office.



OUR NEXT LADIES LUNCHEON will be held at **The Lotus Inn 512 Tranquille Road on Tuesday January 9th 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.



Please Join Us At The First

St. Ann's Academy Homecoming

Saturday, February, 10th 2024

Doors Open at 6:30 pm
and Dance to follow
Silent auction and 50/50

St. Ann's Academy Gymnasium
205 Columbia St, Kamloops, B.C.

\$50 per person (19+ only)

Scan the QR Code to reserve your tickets:



ST. ANN'S ACADEMY HOMECOMING

We are hoping to see anyone who has attended, graduated, taught, or had children attend St. Ann's Academy. Our school has been incredibly fortunate to have had so many wonderful people walk through the halls for so many years and we are hoping to see as many of those faces as we can again.

The Grade 12 seniors will be offering tours of the school, so you can see the things that have changed and the things that remain the same. Our live entertainment will keep you on your feet, dancing the night away. You might even be the lucky winner of one of our many door prizes! Or you can take your chances with our 50/50 draws or bid on some amazing items at our silent auction.

This is a night you won't want to miss! So gather your friends, family, and loved ones, and join us for an unforgettable evening filled with connection, fun, and entertainment.

Click on the link below and reserve your tickets now!

<https://buytickets.at/stannacademy/1059761>

PARISH VISION STATEMENT AND CORE VALUES

VISION STATEMENT

To cultivate a parish community that exudes the warmth of sharing, compassion, and devotion to worship. We strive to inspire children, youth, and families, and to spread Gospel values through dedicated service, empowered by the love of the **"RISEN" Lord.**

CORE VALUES - "RISEN" STANDS FOR

REACHING OUT WITH KINDNESS: United in caring and sharing, extending hospitality, and reaching out to the vulnerable, embodying God's love and bringing people closer to Jesus. John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another as I have loved you."

INCLUSIVENESS: Embrace diversity, recognizing our unity in Christ, and encouraging active participation in parish ministries to build a loving and vibrant community, creating a community of boundless love and acceptance. Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them."

SEEKING THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: Cultivate faith by seeking and utilizing the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of God, bestowed by the Holy Spirit. "Desire all the spiritual gifts because God commands it" (1 Corinthians 12:31; 14:1, 39)

ENDURING IN FAITH THROUGH THE HOLY EUCHARIST: Establishing the heart of our parish around the Holy Eucharist, acknowledging It as the source of life and energy, and actively participating in the Holy Sacraments to fortify our intimate connection with Jesus. John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

NURTURING CHRIST-CENTERED FAMILY VALUES: Emphasize the importance of evangelization within families, fostering a deep connection with Jesus and Guiding our faith journey with children and inspiring all to be courageous Catholics, grounded in the virtues of Christ. Hebrews 12:14 "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord".

IN SUMMARY: our Parish Mission is to extend kindness; to embrace inclusiveness; to seek the gifts of the Holy Spirit; enduring in faith through the Holy Eucharist; and nurturing Christ-centered family values for a thriving and committed parish community.

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.

| JANUARY 08 - JANUARY 12 , 2024 | | |
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| MONDAY <i>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i> | 7:30 AM | + Roy & Patricia Reid |
| TUESDAY | 7:30 AM | + Dino Foscarini |
| WEDNESDAY | 7:30 AM | + Mario DeMarni |
| THURSDAY | 7:30 AM | + Pietro Bittante |
| FRIDAY <i>ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS</i> | 7:30 AM | + Martinazzo Family Members |
| SATURDAY <i>2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i> | 5:00 PM | Intentions of OLPH Parishioners |
| SUNDAY <i>2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i> | 8:30 AM | Intentions of OLPH Parishioners |
| SUNDAY <i>2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i> | 10:30 AM | Intentions of OLPH Parishioners |

COLLECTION DECEMBER 31: Envelopes \$3,018.25; Loose \$408.30; EFT \$2,370.00; Other Envelopes \$280.00; Vigil Lights \$104.05; Hall Rental \$300.00; Holy Childhood \$43.40; **JANUARY 1ST:** Envelopes \$1,662.55; Loose \$352.25; EFT \$105.00; Initial Offering Envelopes \$438.00; EFT 10.00; Regular Envelopes EFT \$90.00; Holy Childhood \$67.05

“They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” - MATTHEW 2:11

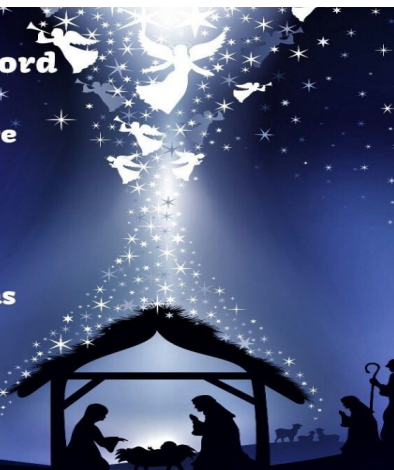
STEWARDSHIP



Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Like the Magi, may we also journey and be attentive, untiring and courageous on the path to find the invisible God who was born among us.
- Pope Francis



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.

OLPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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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 - Generous donations from OLPH Parishioners to the Kamloops Food Bank for 2023 totaled 1479 pounds!

Thank you for your kindness in sharing food and feeding hope! Next weekend, January 13/14 is our first collection of the New Year. Hunger is a year round issue, so please help feed those needing support through hard times.

Donations can be made at any mass during the week and on the weekend. Happy New Year!

MARY'S PANTRY COLLECTION DATES FOR 2024:

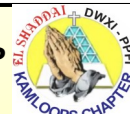
Jan 13/14; Feb 10/11; March 9/10; April 13/14; May 11/12; June 8/9; July 13/14; August 10/11; Sep. 7/8; Oct. 12/13; Nov. 9/10; Dec. 7/8.

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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



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

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

~ We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS KAMLOOPS DIOCESE

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