

MARCH 17, 2024 ~ YEAR B
5th SUNDAY OF LENT
REFLECTION: "Some Bystanders
Heard A Voice From Heaven"



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - CHRIST'S OBEDIENCE / CHRIST DRAWS ALL

Today's readings focus on the approaching death of Jesus which Paul considers a priestly sacrifice and John considers the moment of Jesus' "exaltation" and "glorification." The readings offer us a challenge. Just as Jesus became the "Promised Messiah of Glory" and the "Conquering Son of Man" by offering his life for others, we, too, if we would come to Heaven, must die to self by loving obedience, spending our lives in self-giving, sacrificial service. The Gospel hints at the inner struggle of Jesus in accepting the cup of suffering to inaugurate the New and Eternal Covenant. However, Jesus accepts the cross as his "hour," meaning the stepping-stone to his passion, death, Resurrection, and exaltation. Jesus also considers his "hour" as the way of glorifying his Heavenly Father and of being glorified by his Father. In addition, it is the way by which all people will be drawn into the saving action of God. Finally, the "lifting up" of Jesus on the cross and later into Heavenly glory by Resurrection and Ascension is the assurance of our own exaltation and glorification, provided we accept our crosses.

Today's Gospel teaches us that new life and eternal life are made possible only by the death of the self through obedience, suffering and service. Salt gives its taste by dissolving in water. A candle gives light by having its wick burned and its wax melted. The oyster produces a priceless pearl by transforming a grain of sand through a long and painful process. Loving parents sacrifice themselves so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves have had. Let us pray that we may acquire this self-sacrificing spirit, especially during Lent.

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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!



OLPH PARISH LENTEN MISSION/RETREAT

The Parish Lenten Mission / Retreat is being held on **March 18,19, & 20**; Deacon Paul will be here, and the topic this year is **TRUST, HOPE, AND MERCY**; each evening will begin at 6:30 pm with Holy Mass, and the Mission / Retreat talks begin at 7 pm and will be approximately 45 to 50 minutes in length; this is a new Mission / Retreat that Deacon Paul has put together and he is excited to share it with us. Please set aside the time for our Parish Mission / Retreat and invite your family members and other parishioners as well.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASSES ON THESE THREE DAYS, MARCH 18, 19 & 20TH.

HOLY WEEK AT OLPH PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024 5:00 PM - PALM SUNDAY (ANTICIPATION)
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 8:30 & 10:30 AM - PALM SUNDAY
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024 10:00 AM - CHRISM MASS AT SHC
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024 7:00 PM - MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER
 8:00 PM - ADORATION
FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024 10:30 AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 3:00 PM - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

AT PARISH CENTRE

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 8:00 PM - EASTER VIGIL
SUNDAY, MARCH 31 8:30 AM - EASTER SUNDAY
 10:30 AM - EASTER SUNDAY



Holy Week

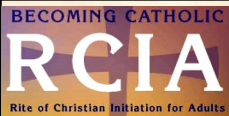


THIS SUNDAY, CATHOLICS ACROSS CANADA CELEBRATE "SOLIDARITY SUNDAY".

Throughout the world, particularly in the Global South, millions of people struggle to meet the most basic needs of life due to different causes whether natural or human disaster. Through our annual Share Lent Campaign, this Solidarity Sunday gives us an opportunity to share some of the abundance we enjoy with those who are so unfortunate around the world.

As we prepare for the celebration of Easter Triduum, we are called to respond generously to this Share Lent Appeal with our sacrificial almsgiving and I urge you to support this appeal as generously as you are able.

~ Bishop Joseph P. Nguyen



THE SCRUTINIES

Our Third week of the Scrutinies will be at the **10:30 AM SUNDAY MASS.**

Please continue to pray for our elect, we have two here at OLPH Parish, who will soon receive their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.



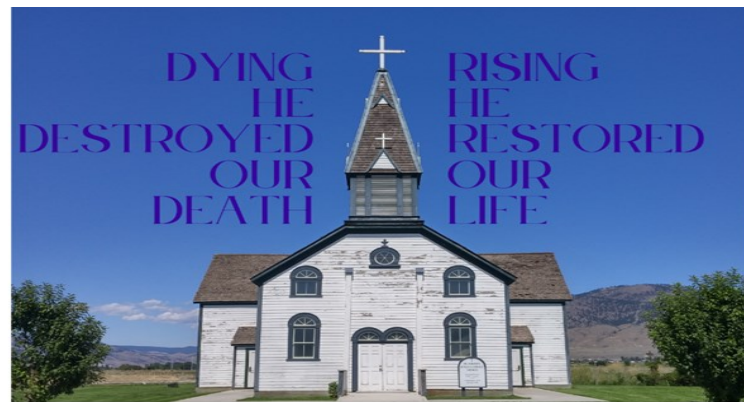
CATECHESIS AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Every Tuesday starting with Mass at 6:00 pm, followed by Catechesis and discussion. We welcome everyone to attend and encounter our Lord both individually



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Please join Bishop Joseph Nguyen as he celebrates Easter Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's on the reserve in thanksgiving for the gift of Resurrection which brings hope, reconciliation and restoration.

March 31, 2024 at 1:00 PM
St. Joseph's Church
200 Chilcotin Rd, Kamloops, BC.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ Jesus reminds us that the grain of wheat can never realize its potential without sacrifice. God has a plan for each one of us. May He give you strength to become who you were born to be.

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SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL -

Everyone is invited to participate in our annual outdoor Way of the Cross to be held on Good Friday from 10 am to 11:30 am. We will meet at 433 Tranquille Road and stop along the way recalling Jesus' passion and praying for various social justice concerns. We end at 168 Briar Avenue for soup and a bun. This does not replace your parish's Good Friday liturgy.

Catholic INDEPENDENT Schools of Kamloops



The Catholic Independent Schools of the Kamloops Diocese (CISKD) is seeking an experienced individual to bring a depth of experience and financial acumen to supervise and lead financial operations across the CISKD and its Schools.

The centralized bookkeeper is required to provide comprehensive accounting direction and support in a professional, courteous and efficient manner while maintaining absolute confidentiality. The system operates six schools under the Authority of the CISKD, employing approximately 200 employees and 100 independent contractors serving the programming needs of approximately 1400 students.

Please provide: cover letter, resume (including contact information of two professional references, one of which should be from the most recent job evaluation report). A Pastoral Reference Form (catholic or non catholic) will be required as well and shall be sent directly from the Pastor to the Office of the Superintendent. Current CISKD personnel as well as applicants external to CISKD are invited to apply.

For further information contact Mr. Christopher Yuen, Superintendent of Schools at 250-376-3351. Applications should be forwarded to the CISKD Office to the attention of:

Superintendent of CISKD, 635A Tranquille Road, Kamloops BC, V2B 3H5, or emailed to hr@ciskd.ca

We thank all applicants in advance, however only those shortlisted will be contacted. This position shall remain open until filled.

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/>

The sacrament of penance or reconciliation is offered every saturday at 10:00 am in the church.

We invite every Catholic during this season of repentance to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation (go to Confession) prior to Easter, as well as on a regular basis. There can be no better way to make progress on our spiritual journey than by returning in humble repentance and love to God, whose forgiveness re-establishes us as His children and restores us to peace with His Church and our neighbors.



OLPH PARISH will have our Parish Penance Service on Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 pm where several priests will be in attendance.



Children's Liturgy
of the **Word**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD will be offered **Every SUNDAY DURING THE 10:30 AM MASS.** Please bring your children so they can

participate. We look forward to having your children join us.



Join us for **STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS** during Lent. This **FRIDAY MARCH 22ND THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be following the 7:30 am Mass at **8:00 AM.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1614
Sacred Heart Cathedral is hosting
LOBSTERMANIA 2024
SATURDAY MAY 25, 2024 at
OLPH Parish Centre.



Join us for a fun filled night of succulent Nova Scotian Lobster and dinner buffet.

Dance the night away with live music by **'JERRY DE SOUZA and the MELODYMAKERS'**

Get a group of friends, relatives or co-workers together and enjoy an East Coast Lobster evening.

Tickets are \$80.00 each and are available from **Ed Barker 250-319-3331, Anthony Muzzillo 250-851-1111, Gary Mayhew 778-471-6100 and John Giddens 250-682-4600.**

PRO-LIFE \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP - The completed application is due April 1st, 2024. Requirements - Grade 12 completion by June 2024 (or in previous years), essay, volunteering in pro-life/life-affirming activities, references, and acceptance by a post secondary institution in the fall of 2024.



Applicants should begin their volunteering now, if not before. For further details, and to access the application form, please email: kamloopsprolife@gmail.com



CHRISM MASS

Join Bishop Joseph Nguyen and the priests of our Diocese on **TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024, AT 10:00 AM** at **SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL** for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. 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. As our bishop blesses these three oils, our hearts turn to our gracious Lord who bestows His infinite love and mercy to us through these sacraments. Let us pray for our bishop and the priests who are the ministers of the sacraments in the parish, that they may be the humble and generous servants of the Lord. 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. All are invited to this special liturgy to pray especially for priests and for all who will be anointed by these oils in the coming year.

WORDS FROM OUR SECONDARY PATRON, ST. JOHN VIANNEY

"A HOUSE founded on the Cross will fear neither wind, nor rain, nor storm"



HOPEWELL
Clinic + Pregnancy Centre

The **ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** for Hopewell Clinic and Pregnancy Centre will be running through Lent. Hopewell brings hope to those faced with an unexpected pregnancy by providing prenatal and parenting education as they start on their journey of parenting. There are 4 ways to donate: 1) Cash/Cheques: Pick up a bottle at the church and return it by Easter. 2) Credit Card: www.hopewellkamloops.ca 3) E-transfer: donate@hopewellkamloops.ca 4) Mail a cheque: 429 Tranquille Road, Kamloops BC, V2B 3G9. Your support will bring hope and healing to women and families in need.



DAYS OF REFLECTION AT HIS FEET

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED

Friday, March 22 beginning at 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 23rd at 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Centre
635 Tranquille Road, Kamloops, BC

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact Domenica Spina
domenicaspina@yahoo.ca

Mass and Adoration
Presenters: Fr. Paul Simms,
Christine Mason and Nancy Simms
Breakfast, Lunch and Coffee Breaks included



WEEKLY MEDITATIONS
March 17, **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

"We pray for men of vision and courage to lead the Lord's flock. In the words of Bl. Rev. Stanley Rother, Martyr: "The shepherd cannot run."



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.

MARCH 18 - MARCH 24, 2024

MONDAY 6:30 PM St. Catherine of Jerusalem	+ Guiseppe & Carmela Belmonte
TUESDAY 6:30 PM St. Joseph, Spouse of BVM	+ Gerry Ancheta
WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM	+ Lillian Poelzer
THURSDAY 7:30 AM	+ Kazimierz Pel
FRIDAY 7:30 AM	+ Eunice & Garry Wourms
SATURDAY 5:00 PM PALM SUNDAY	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
SUNDAY 8:30 AM PALM SUNDAY	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
SUNDAY 10:30 AM PALM SUNDAY	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners

COLLECTION MARCH 10: Envelopes \$1,697.25; Loose \$377.41; EFT \$2,116.00; Other Envelopes \$22.00; Vigil Lights \$97.20; Funeral Reception \$160.00; Deposit for Hall Rental \$500.00; Holy Childhood \$45.80 ;

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."

- JEREMIAH 31:33



What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We are not "owners" of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts

God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.



Please join Bishop Joseph in welcoming Rev. Henry Chigozie Nwaimo to the Diocese of Kamloops.

Fr. Henry will be serving as Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Kamloops.

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE." John 11.3

Prayerful wishes to Fr. Donal O'Reilly who celebrates his 85th birthday on March 16th!



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

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; Yvonne Pereira, Judy Robinson, Rafael Santos, Ralph Sherbo

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



MARY'S PANTRY - Thank you for your generosity in sharing food and feeding hope! Our next collection date is the weekend of April 13 & 14.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

FOR THE NEW MARTYRS ~ We pray that those who risk their lives for the gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



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



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

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY POOR BOX COLLECTION will take place at all the masses this weekend March 16-17. We are grateful for your continued support which enables us to assist the less fortunate with the basic necessities of life. The total collected for February was \$341.25 Thank you

Offering Used for Work of St. Vincent de Paul Society

POOR BOX

If you are donating cash to St Vincent de Paul poor box and you would like a receipt for income tax please enclose your cash donation in an envelope with your name and address clearly marked on the outside. We will accumulate any donation amounts and send you a tax receipt at the end of the year.

The Month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph

