

MARCH 24, 2024 ~ YEAR B PALM SUNDAY



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

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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!

PALM SUNDAY - DEATH AND LIFE

The Church celebrates this sixth Sunday of Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. This is the time of year we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering: the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem, and the drama of the trial, culminating in crucifixion, death and burial for the Christ.

The first part of today's Gospel describes the royal reception Jesus received from his admirers, who paraded with him for a distance of two miles: from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem. In the second part of today's Gospel, we listen to and participate in a reading of the Passion of Christ according to Mark. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the Passion story - like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience as he condemned Jesus to death on the cross, and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus.

We need to answer 5 questions today: 1) **DOES JESUS WEEP OVER MY SINFUL SOUL** as he wept over Jerusalem at the beginning of his Palm Sunday procession? 2) **AM I A BARREN FIG TREE?** God expects me to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Do I? Or worse, do I continue to produce bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy, and selfishness? 3) **WILL JESUS NEED TO CLEANSE MY HEART WITH HIS WHIP?** Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of the Holy Spirit (which I have become through Baptism), by my addiction to uncharitable, unjust and impure thoughts, words and deeds; nor does Jesus praise my business mentality or calculation of loss and gain in my relationship with God, my Heavenly Father. 4) **DO I WELCOME JESUS INTO MY HEART?** Am I ready to surrender my life to him during this Holy Week and welcome him into all areas of my life as my Lord and Savior? 5) **ARE WE LIKE THE HUMBLE DONKEY** that carried Jesus, bringing Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness, and sacrificial service to our families, places of work and communities by the way we live our lives? www.stjohnboscoparishbrockville.com/

*We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the families of **María Pia Bezze** and **María Anselmo**. Please keep **María Pia** and **María** in your prayers, and may God's comfort and peace be with their families in their time of grief.*



PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND CHAPLET. The Novena begins on Good Friday and ends the weekend after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday). To get the Divine Mercy Novena go to www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/divine-mercy-12705

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



There will be an **EASTER EGG HUNT** after the 10:30 am Mass on Easter Sunday. It is open to children up to 8 years old. Participants are asked to gather in front of the parish center after mass, and to bring their own basket.

For more information, please contact Alicia Bruneau at agwenbruneau@gmail.com



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.

DESSERTS WANTED: The Kamloops Pro-Life Society is holding their first Dessert Fundraiser - April 13, 2024. The CWL invite everyone in the parish to bake and donate their BEST dessert. If you are committed, contact either Judy Robinson at 250-682-7932 or Doreen Gowans at 250-376-3919 to sign up to provide us with an idea of the number of desserts to share.



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/>

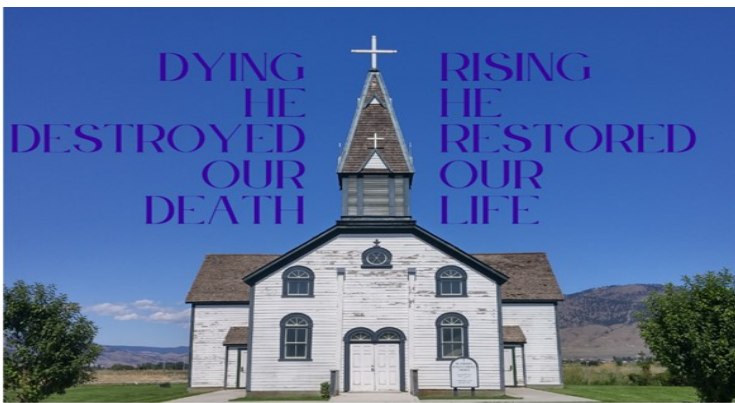


Congratulations!
To Davi James Santos who was Baptized in our Parish this weekend. Please keep Davi and his family in your prayers!



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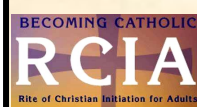
Please join Bishop Joseph Nguyen as he celebrates Easter Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's on the reserve in thanksgiving for the gift of Resurrection which brings hope, reconciliation and restoration.

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



KAMLOOPS PRO-LIFE SOCIETY invites you to attend our **2024 DESSERT AND SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER, SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2024.** OLPH Parish Centre, 635 Tranquille Rd. Doors open at 6PM with desserts starting at 7PM. Our presenter is Dr. Ryan Wilson of Physicians for Life. He will explain their role in supporting pro-life medical professionals and MAiD. **Tickets are \$10 per person.** They may be purchased by calling 250-376-4054; e-transfer to Kamloopsprolife@gmail.com (remember to provide name(s) in memo section) or at St. Joseph's Christian Book Store, Nicola St. Deadline for purchasing is April 10th, 2024. We look forward to seeing you there!

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ The crowds of Jerusalem beautified the path of Jesus as he came into the city, offering their own cloaks in homage. Let us make way in our hearts for the King as we enter into Holy Week. ©LPI



Please continue to pray for our elect, Domenico Mercuri and Vincent Welland who will receive their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the most sacred time in the life of a Parish Community. It is what we have been preparing for, all of Lent. It is the highlight of what our Faith life is all about. As we enter the holiest of weeks, know that we are here for you.

palm sunday

- ✦ We remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- ✦ We receive blessed palms, which are sacramentals.
- ✦ The Gospel of the Passion of the Lord is read.
- ✦ The priest's vestments are red, which remind us of Jesus' suffering and death for us.

Tuesday

- ✦ In the Diocese of Kamloops, all of the clergy gather for the **Chrism Mass at 10:00 am at the Cathedral**, where all the holy oils for the next year's sacraments are blessed. This Mass also acknowledges the ministry of Priests as they renew the commitments they made at their ordination. 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.



Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday - 7:00 pm

- ✦ In the evening we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper.
- ✦ For the first time since the start of Lent, the Gloria is sung along with bells. After that, there are no bells or church organs used until the Easter Vigil. The silence helps us remember the importance of the next days.
- ✦ During the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the washing of the feet takes place, reminding us of how Jesus washed his disciples' feet at the Last Supper.
- ✦ We also remember the Institution of the Eucharist.
- ✦ At the end of Mass, the Eucharist is removed from the tabernacle and taken to a place of repose in another location where the faithful can stay for adoration.

Good Friday - Service at 3:00 pm in Parish Centre

- ✦ The Sacrifice of the Mass is not celebrated, nor are any sacraments except Anointing of the Sick and Penance.
- ✦ On Good Friday we fast and abstain from meat.
- ✦ At 3:00 pm is the Good Friday service (not a Mass). It consists of three parts: 1. The Liturgy of the Word, 2. The Veneration of the Cross, 3. The Distribution of Holy Communion (the Blessed Sacrament that was consecrated the previous day).

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm

- ✦ A day of great silence. No bells, music, or sacraments.
- ✦ We wait with Jesus at the tomb, remembering how he opened the gates of heaven to those before him.
- ✦ The Easter Vigil does not begin until after sunset.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD will be offered **Every SUNDAY DURING THE 10:30 AM MASS.**



Children's Liturgy
of the **Word**

Please bring your children so they can participate. We look forward to having your children join us.



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.**

WORDS FROM OUR SECONDARY PATRON, ST. JOHN VIANNEY

"All our merit, my children, consists of cooperating with grace."



WEEKLY MEDITATIONS

March 24, Palm Sunday

"The saints are like the stars. In his providence Christ conceals them in a hidden place that they may not shine before others when they might wish to

do so. Yet they are always ready to exchange the quiet of contemplation for the works of mercy as soon as they perceive in their heart the invitation of Christ." St. Anthony of Padua



The **ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION** was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere. For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on March 29, 2024. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by Interact e-transfer to terresainte@bellnet.ca or online at Commissariat.ca - receipts will be issued. On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

"The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ." Mark 14.1

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 25 - APRIL 01, 2024		
MONDAY	7:30 AM	+ Sir Gabriel Ndubuisi Anakwe
TUESDAY	7:30 AM	+ Arturo & Gemma Bittante
WEDNESDAY	7:30 AM	+ Mike Horrocks
THURSDAY	7:00 PM	+ Frank DeBartolo
<i>MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER</i>		
FRIDAY	3:00 PM	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT PARISH CENTRE
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SATURDAY	8:00 PM	EASTER VIGIL
<i>EASTER VIGIL</i>		
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
<i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>		
SUNDAY	10:30 AM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
<i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>		

COLLECTION MARCH 17: Envelopes \$2,459.45; Loose \$262.03; EFT \$370.00; **SHARE LENT:** \$1,222.00; Loose \$262.03; EFT \$65.00; Other Envelopes \$55.00; Vigil Lights \$111.35; Stole Offering (Funeral) \$200.00; Funeral Reception \$300.00; Hall Rental \$500.00; Holy Childhood \$25.55;

Thank You We would like to express our gratitude to the parishioners of OLPH parish who have supported us upon the passing of our mom, Gemma Bittante. We appreciate all the kind words, memories, prayers and cards. May God bless you all! ~ Annamaria, Rita, and Linda

“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” – MARK 15:12-13



Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented with opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.

Prayerful wishes to Bishop Joseph Phuong Nguyen who celebrates his birthday on March 25th and to Fr. Fred Weisbeck who celebrates his birthday on March 29th!



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. Donations from OLPH Parishioners were: February, 118 lbs and March, 152 lbs! Our next collection date is April 13 & 14!

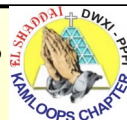
POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

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 23 - 24. 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

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.

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POOR BOX



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**.

The Month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph

