



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!

APRIL 07, 2024 ~ YEAR B
2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER
(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

REFLECTION: "Thomas Answered Him,
'My Lord and My God!'"

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR OF DIVINE MERCY - FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

In today's Gospel (John 20:19-31), we hear the ministry of spiritual healing being passed on to the remaining Apostles through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Remember that Judas had not yet been replaced after having taken his own life out of the grief of having betrayed Jesus. This Gospel passage is one scriptural basis for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). John tells us that the risen Jesus appears to the Ten on Easter Sunday (Thomas was absent) as they hid in the Upper Room where they had celebrated the Last Supper three days earlier. No doubt the air was thick with fear and apprehension as the Apostles believed that they might be next to be arrested and crucified. But Jesus appears among them like a fresh breeze filling the room. After twice greeting them with the words "Peace be with you" to calm their fears, he instructed them: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." The Apostles were given a holy responsibility to share God's healing and forgiveness with others in Christ's name. They become instruments of the very mercy and forgiveness that Jesus so abundantly and generously bestows on all who come to him with a contrite heart.

A week later, John shows how Thomas personally experienced this life-changing mercy. Thomas had found it hard to believe what the other Apostles had told him about their encounter with the risen Lord. So Jesus appears in the Upper Room a second time a week later when Thomas is present, and invites Thomas to probe the wounds of crucifixion in his hands and side. Thomas is brought from doubt to belief and makes one of the great declarations of faith: "My Lord and my God!"

The need for that mercy and healing is just as great today as it was in the first century. Perhaps that is why during his pontificate, Pope St. John Paul II declared today to be Divine Mercy Sunday, based upon the revelations of Our Lord to St. Faustina Kowalska. Among those revelations is another great declaration of faith found inscribed at the bottom of the image of Divine Mercy: "Jesus, I Trust in You!" At the heart of our faith is the recognition that we need the risen Christ; we need his healing and above all his steadfast mercy. Without these we are lost, still in our sins unable to be reconciled with God.

As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection, let us each open our own hearts to that healing, particularly through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and then commit ourselves to be channels of that healing for others in our words and actions, inviting them to embrace the great mercy of God, through his Son, Jesus Christ.

<https://fatimachurchabq.org/bulletins>

WE ARE IN THE EASTER SEASON:
The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St. Athanasius called them "the great Sunday." Christians sing the "Alleluia" during these days in their rejoicing.



WEEKLY PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may learn to see all of our blessings as abundant gifts from God so that we may use them for the benefit of all God's people.

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.



77TH KAMLOOPS DIOCESAN CWL CONVENTION



The annual Kamloops Diocesan CWL Convention, hosted by the Kamloops Diocesan Council, will be held from **FRIDAY, MAY 3RD TO SUNDAY, MAY 5TH, 2024** at St. James Parish in Vernon, 2607-27th Street.

All Diocesan CWL members are invited to "Come and See" what is happening with the CWL today and to share "Faith, Friendship and Fun". With a convention theme of "Feed My People", our presentations will focus on "feeding our members" while challenging them to feed others – physically, spiritually, and emotionally. Registration deadline is April 15, 2024. FMI, please email jkopp@ucalgary.ca.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ We find unfathomable mercy and everlasting love in the wounds of Christ - even when we are skeptical, even when we carry doubt. God meets us there in the confusion. He reaches for our hands and places them at his side. We just have to call his name. ©LPI



PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Please join the Knights and CWL after both morning Masses this **SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH**, for one of our delicious Pancake, scrambled egg and sausage breakfasts.



Donations of \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family will be gratefully accepted.

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ST JOHN VIANNEY PARISH is looking for a Secretary/Bookkeeper.

The successful candidate will be responsible for administrative and bookkeeping duties for both the St John Vianney and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes. This is a part time position (16hrs a week, Tuesday to Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm). Experience in the administrative or bookkeeping field is ideal, however, the right applicant can be trained. If you would like to apply for this position, please send your resume to stjohnvianney@rcdk.org with subject line "parish secretary" or drop it off at the SJV parish office. If you would like more detailed information about this position, please contact the St John Vianney office either by phone 250-579-8711 or via email.

Kamloops Pro-Life Society
invites you to attend our

2024
Dessert Evening and
Silent Auction

on **Saturday, April 13th, 2024**

Doors open at **6pm**, dessert served at **7pm**

OLPH Parish Centre
635 Tranquille Rd

Guest Presenter: **Dr. Ryan Wilson**,
Physicians for Life
speaking on support for the pro-life medical
community and on MAiD

Tickets are \$10
per person

Tickets are \$10 per person. They may be purchased by calling 250-376-4054; e-transfer to Kamloopspro-life@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!

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/>




OUR NEXT LADIES LUNCHEON will be held at **NARA KOREAN AND JAPANESE RESTAURANT 474 TRANQUILLE ROAD ON TUESDAY APRIL 9TH AT 11:30 AM.** All ladies are welcome! For more information please call Judy at 250-682-7932.

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.



LADIES you are invited to our social, a convention work bee and CWL meeting.
Date: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024 AT 6:30 PM.
 Join your sisters in the League for spirituality and fun!




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.**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY




Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that **"Jesus, I trust in You"** be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

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WORDS FROM OUR SECONDARY PATRON, ST. JOHN VIANNEY

"The saints had no hatred, no bitterness; they forgive everything and think they deserve much more for their offences against God."




Effective this weekend, **April 6-7** the new schedule for **NORTH THOMPSON PARISH SUNDAY MASSES** will be:

Saturday, 5:00 pm - St. George, Barriere
Sunday, 9:00 am - St. James, Clearwater
Sunday, 12:30 pm - Our Lady of the Snow, Blue River
Sunday, 5:00 pm - Good Shepherd, Valemount



DIVINE MERCY

Trust in Divine Mercy ~ Trust Him.
 He will feed the hungry ~ Trust Him.
 He will quench the thirst ~ Trust Him.
 He will clothe the naked ~ Trust Him.
 He has loved us first ~ Trust Him.
 He will guard the homeless ~ Trust Him.
 He will calm the jailed ~ Trust Him.
 He will visit the sick ~ Trust Him.
 When all else has failed ~ Trust Him.
 He will raise the dead ~ Trust Him.
 In His merciful way ~ Trust Him.
 He is working through you to carry out His plan today.



FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI MASS & PROCESSION

Save the Date!
SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND



On Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, Catholics honour the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This year, Bishop Joseph Nguyen invites all to a **CORPUS CHRISTI MASS** followed by a **EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION ON SUNDAY JUNE 2, 2024**, starting at Riverside Park Bandshell with the Eucharistic procession after Mass to Sacred Heart Cathedral. More information to come!

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.

APRIL 08 - APRIL 14, 2024		
MONDAY <i>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</i>	7:30 AM	+ Deceased Martignago Family Members
TUESDAY	7:30 AM	+ Vincent Wells
WEDNESDAY	7:30 AM	+ Fidela Habacon
THURSDAY <i>ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP, MARTYR</i>	7:30 AM	+ Guerino Caputo
FRIDAY	7:30 AM	+ Miryam Cabrara
SATURDAY <i>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	5:00 PM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
SUNDAY <i>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8:30 AM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
SUNDAY <i>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	10:30 AM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners

COLLECTION MARCH 31: Envelopes \$3,724.00; Loose \$779.75; EFT \$355.00; **Good Friday Envelopes** \$1,569.00; Loose \$245.80; EFT \$,609.00; Hall Rental \$260.00; Vigil Lights & Candles \$228.30; Stole Offering (Funeral) \$200.00; Funeral Reception \$160.00; Holy Childhood \$166.55;

When the risen Christ encounters his disciples in the locked room he adds a new Beatitude to the ones we've heard proclaimed before: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Stewards of the mysteries of God's love do not need proof of the risen Christ. They know it because their lives have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who has breathed new life into them and through the Sacrament of the Eucharist which strengthens and sustains them. As stewards of this great gift it is appropriate to reflect on how we in turn add new life into our parish communities.



Hopewell's Baby Bottle Campaign is wrapping up. There is still time to give. If you have picked up a bottle, you can return it with cheques or cash to the parish. You can also give by credit card online: www.hopewellkamloops.ca, or by e-transfer: donate@hopewellkamloops.ca. Thank you for your support.



"Jesus I Trust In You!"

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. 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 APRIL

FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN ~ We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



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.

*We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family of **Mike Silano**. Please keep **Mike** in your prayers, and may God's comfort and peace be with his family in their time of grief.*

The Funeral Mass for Mike will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 9th at 11:00 am.



May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



The Month of April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist