

DECEMBER 17, 2023 ~ YEAR B

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REFLECTION: "I Baptize with Water. Among You Stands ... the One Who is Coming After Me."

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!

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - MY SPIRIT FINDS JOY IN GOD MY SAVIOUR.

The third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday" because the Mass for today (in its original Latin text), begins with the opening antiphon: "Gaudete in Domino semper" -"Rejoice in the Lord always." To remind ourselves that we are preparing for the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus, we light the rose candle in the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose vestments.

The common theme of the day's Scripture readings is one of joy and encouragement. The readings urge us to make the preparations required of us as we await the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives. Holy Scripture reminds us that the coming of Jesus, past, present, and future, is the reason for our rejoicing. The Prophet Isaiah, in the **first reading**, encourages the Jewish exiles returning from Babylon to rejoice because their God, Yahweh, is their strong Guide, Provider and Protector.

In today's **Responsorial Psalm** (Luke 1:46 ff.) Mary rejoices in the great blessing given to her, exclaiming: "My soul glorifies the Lord; my spirit finds joy in God my Savior."

St. Paul, in the **second reading**, advises the Thessalonian Christians to "rejoice always" by leading blameless, holy and thankful lives guided by the Holy Spirit, because Christ's second coming is near, and he is faithful in his promise to reward them.

Today's **Gospel** tells us that John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus as the Light of the world. The Baptizer wants all the Jews to rejoice because the long-expected Messiah, as the light of the world, will remove the darkness of sin from the world. We rejoice at the humility of John the Baptist, who tells the Sanhedrin members challenging him that he is unworthy even to become the slave of Jesus the Messiah. We also rejoice in the sincerity and commitment of John who spent himself completely in preparing people for the long-awaited Messiah. We have an additional reason to rejoice because, like John the Baptist, we, too, are chosen to bear witness to Christ Jesus, the Light of the world.

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We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the Nordick family on the passing of Allen and Maybelle. Please keep Allen and Maybelle in your prayers, and may God's comfort and peace be with the family in their time of grief.



Prayers will be held on Sunday, December 17 at 7:00 pm and the Funeral Mass celebrated on Monday, December 18 at 2:00 pm. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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





Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
cordially invites you to
the
70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

GUEST OF HONOR - Bishop Joseph Phuong Nguyen

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

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.

THANKSGIVING MASS - 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH The Masses on the weekend of December 23 and 24 will be celebrated in Thanksgiving for all our Priests, Bishops and Parishioners, past, present and future. We thank God for the blessing of our Parishioners and Priests who have served this parish faithfully and ask that He continue to bless our Parish.



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!

We will not Cheat the Lord!

All Catholics should be made aware that they need to attend Mass for Sunday, Christmas, and New Year's. One Mass does not count for both the Sunday obligation and the Christmas or New Year's obligation.

When to attend Mass for Christmas and New Year's Day:

Dec 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Anticipatory Mass on Saturday, Dec. 23, after 4 pm
- OR Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24, before 4 pm

Dec 25 - The Nativity of Our Lord

- Anticipatory Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24, after 4 pm
- OR Mass on Monday, Dec. 25

Dec 31 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- Anticipatory Mass on Saturday, Dec. 30, after 4 pm
- OR Mass on Sunday, Dec. 31, before 4 pm

Jan 1 - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

- Anticipatory Mass on Sunday, Dec. 31, after 4 pm
- OR Mass on Monday, Jan. 1

Holy Days of Obligation

This year, Christmas Day, the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, is a holy day of obligation in Canada and is on Monday, Dec. 25.


New Year's Day, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is a holy day of obligation in Canada, and is on Monday, Jan. 1.

Whether you're a regular Sunday Mass attendee, haven't joined us for a while, or maybe you have never even been to a Christmas celebration, you are welcome in our churches.



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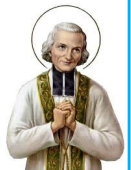
FATHER RAJESH AWAY FROM THE PARISH - Fr.



Rajesh will be going 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.

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."





The Third Week of Advent Represents Joy - the Shepherd's Candle. This third candle is pink and symbolizes rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus.

Advent Wreath Prayer: *Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen. ~ Taken from Dynamiccatholic.com*



Bazaar Thank-you

The C.W.L. would like to thank its members and OLPH parishioners who helped in any way with the annual Bazaar on December 2nd.

Whether it was with setting up, convening/helping at a booth or with the Tea, donating items, receiving/ pricing/ sorting items, cleaning up or by your attendance, it was all very much appreciated.

Proceeds from the Bazaar enable C.W.L. to support OLPH School, Youth programs, Third World and Missions, Pro-Life, Community services and our Parish.

The Bazaar was a success and we thank you again for your continued support. We feel blessed to be part of this OLPH parish family.

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| Raffle winners: | Treena B | \$500 |
| | Mary L | \$300 |
| | Joan V. | \$100 |

~ C.W.L. Executive

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL POOR BOX COLLECTION will be held at all three Masses **this** weekend December 16 & 17. The Poor Box total for November was \$443.00. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS
Bishop Joseph will be celebrating Christmas Midnight Mass at St. Joseph's Church on the Tk'emlups band lands. All are welcome!

"Make Straight the Way of the Lord." John 1.23

Children's Liturgy of the **Word**
CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD will be offered **this SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 AND EVERY SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DURING THE 10:30 AM MASS.** Please bring your children so they can participate.

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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3. Find our parish by name (Enter "Kamloops" BC)
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: 121
TOTAL PLEDGED: \$ 46,590.00
CASH RECEIVED: \$ 45,240.00

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**



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 18 - DECEMBER 24, 2023 | | |
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| MONDAY | 7:30 AM | + Lucy Habacon |
| TUESDAY | 7:30 AM | + Frank DeBartolo |
| WEDNESDAY | 7:30 AM | + Dan Wourms |
| THURSDAY | 7:30 AM | + Mike Horrocks |
| <i>ST. PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST, DOCTOR</i> | | |
| FRIDAY | 7:30 AM | + Elisabetta Rosato |
| SATURDAY | 5:00 PM | Intentions of OLPH Parishioners |
| <i>4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i> | | |
| SUNDAY | 8:30 AM | Intentions of OLPH Parishioners |
| <i>4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i> | | |
| SUNDAY | 10:30 AM | Intentions of OLPH Parishioners |
| <i>4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i> | | |

COLLECTION DECEMBER 10: Envelopes \$3,295.80; Loose \$316.55; EFT \$1,100.00; Pre-Authorized Debit \$8,238.55; Other Envelopes \$826.00; Vigil Lights \$119.11; Sunday Missals \$75.00; Stole Offering (Funeral) \$200.00; Room Rental/Funeral Receptions \$643.50; Little Blue Books \$53.25; Holy Childhood \$26.15;

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.” – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 – 18



This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. **“Rejoice always”** means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. **“Pray constantly”** means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. **“Give thanks in all circumstances”** means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

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**.

Have a Blessed Advent

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.

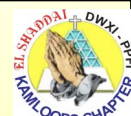


MARY'S PANTRY - Thank you Parishioners for the very generous donations for October - 83 lbs and November - 153 lbs . Our next collection will be **THIS WEEKEND DECEMBER 9 & 10.**

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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



CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS KAMLOOPS DIOCESE

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/>

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! TODAY. You are invited to join us in the Parish Basement for some fellowship and light refreshments following the 10:30 mass **this 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.

