

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!

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

**REFLECTION: "Stop Making My Father's
House a Marketplace!"**

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - Laws and Worship

The Gospel for this Third Sunday of Lent gives us a shocking picture of Jesus. Our gentle savior has turned violent. He erupts as he sees merchants vend oxen, sheep and doves in the temple, sees money-changers doing base commerce in God's house. Not only is this unlike the Jesus we know, but doesn't his reaction itself violate the holy temple?

He yells, "you are desecrating my Father's temple!" He grabs some dividing cords, yanking them into a knot, and whips the vendors. Whips them! Quite a terrible sight. He heaves the carefully sorted coins into an unholy mess on the floor and finishes up by hurtling the tables into this chaos he has created.

How in the world does such fury coincide with the quiet, humble Jesus we will see in Holy Week? There he will barely say a word, even though his enemies will be violating the Father's holiest temple of all, Jesus' very self.

Some external reasons for his vehemence are evident. Vendors were allowed only in the courtyard of the temple, not inside where they now had established themselves. And perhaps the dishonest practices of outdoor market-places had stolen their way into the temple. The thumb on the scale, the inflated prices, all of that.

There is another, internal reason which is much more important. Jesus knew with blessed certainty what human beings were created to be. We are made to be filled with God's presence, to be beloved by God personally and to love God in return.

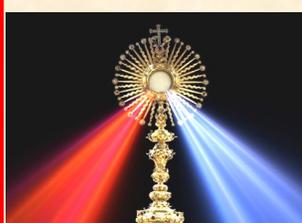
We are most ourselves when we are not entrapped by riches honor and pride. We are designed to "let go and let God." Jesus must have been overwhelmed when he saw merchants winking at these Godly values, preferring cold cash and cheating for it at the dead center of sacred space.

Wrath for sure can be an understandable and just reaction to selfishness and greed. The merchants were seeking short-term profit at the expense of freedom, holiness, truth, and completion of the human spirit. Worse, they were foisting all this upon the people Jesus had come to save.

No wonder he hurled himself against these blind money grubbers. His emotion was real and quite impressive. But by contrast, on the cross he would empty himself out. He would surrender everything, including his fury, a surrender that would cancel out the grubbing of the money changers. ...liturgy.slu.edu/3LentB030324/reflections_foley.html

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.

WEEKLY MEDITATIONS

March 3, Third Sunday in Lent

"If, in accomplishing a good deed, we do not have as our goal God's glory and the real well-being of our brothers and sisters, looking rather for a return of personal interest or simply of applause, we place ourselves outside of the Gospel vision. In today's world of images, attentive vigilance is required, since this temptation is great." Benedict XVI





CWL - All ladies of our Parish Community are invited to the CWL meeting on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH**. Doors open at 6:30 PM in the Parish Centre with refreshments and time to visit. Our Spiritual program will start at 7:00 PM. This will be followed by a short business meeting. For more information please call Judy Robinson at 250-682-7932.



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 and as a community!



The Serra Club of the Kamloops Diocese will be hosting its annual AGM on **March 9th, 2024** at Sacred Heart Cathedral beginning with Mass at 9am. Following Mass there will be a meeting and a meal downstairs. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Albert Leduc at albertleduc@hotmail.com if you are planning to attend.



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BECOMING CATHOLIC

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

THE SCRUTINIES

Beginning this Sunday and for the next three weeks we will be celebrating the scrutinies at the 8:30 am Mass. The purpose of each

of the scrutinies is "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect" and "to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, holy, and good."

"The scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ." At its core, the scrutinies are not about the sinfulness of the elect but about the overwhelming grace of God in Christ.

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.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ Jesus was not afraid to confront iniquity wherever he encountered it, and his zeal for righteousness was so strong it looked like anger as he drove the moneychangers from the temple. Pray that, with that same devotion and care, he will cleanse our hearts from sin. ©LPi

Know Your Faith Catholic

PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING

- ★ **PRAYER:** Make a list of people who need your prayers. Set aside time each day this week to remember them in your morning or evening prayers.
- ★ **FASTING:** Abstain from hurtful words. Pause before responding to someone out of anger or resentment. Substitute words of healing and consideration.
- ★ **ALMSGIVING:** Offer to help someone else in the family, at work, or in school with a chore or task.

RENEWED TEMPLES

Lent is a time for interior and exterior cleansing. Jesus was outraged when he saw what was taking place in the temple. The moneychangers failed to show reverence for the house of God when they used it as a marketplace. While some could not understand Jesus' overturning of the moneychangers' tables, the disciples recalled the words of Scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." Jesus' reaction to the sales in the temple make it apparent that such zeal was missing from others.

In baptism, we become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Our consideration of Christ's care for the temple in Jerusalem is an opportunity to reflect on how we care for all human beings, who are made in the image and likeness of God. Do we treat them with the dignity that a child of God deserves, remembering each person is sacred?

Just as you show concern for others, you need to care for yourself. How do you care for your interior life? Do you seek reconciliation with God through the sacrament of penance? Do you take to heart that God's mercy is for you as well as for others? In the remaining weeks of Lent, be especially attentive to the words of the penitential act. During this part of the Mass, the faithful may pray the Confiteor, after which the priest calls on God's mercy. The other option is for the faithful to pray the Kyrie, saying, "Lord, have mercy / Christ have mercy" to the priest's invocations. Seeking mercy, our zeal for God is apparent.

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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 at **7:00 PM.**
FAMILIES WELCOME!

"During This Lent, let us all ask the Lord: Make Our Hearts Like Yours."

~ Pope Francis



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.

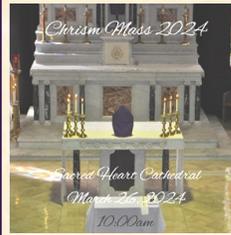
Dance the night away with live music by **'JERRY DE SOUZA and the MELODYMAKERS'**

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



"Our Lord always concealed anything which would bring honour to himself."



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



Event Sponsored By The Kamloops Diocesan Catholic Women's League of Canada



SAA Players Very Proudly Presents



Wednesday March 13th
& Thursday March 14th

Barnhartvale Hall | 7390 Barnhartvale Rd
Doors open @ 6:30pm | Performance @ 7:00pm

Admission \$15.00
TICKETS AT THE DOOR



ST ANN'S ACADEMY
305 Columbia St. | 250-261-5152

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 04 - MARCH 10, 2024		
MONDAY <i>St. CASIMIR</i>	7:30 AM	+ Pacita del Rosario and Epifania Palon
TUESDAY	7:30 AM	Intentions Angela Pellizzon & Family
WEDNESDAY	7:30 AM	+ Anka Baric
THURSDAY <i>St. PERPETUA & St. FELICITY, MARTYRS</i>	7:30 AM	+ Lorenzo DeCicco
FRIDAY <i>St. JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS</i>	7:30 AM	Intentions Maria Anselmo
SATURDAY <i>4TH SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	5:00 PM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
SUNDAY <i>4TH SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	8:30 AM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
SUNDAY <i>4TH SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	10:30 AM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners

COLLECTION FEBRUARY 25: Envelopes \$2,011.00; Loose \$292.80; EFT \$860.00; Other Envelopes \$190.00; Vigil Lights \$130.55; Stole Fees (Funeral) \$200.00; Funeral Reception \$300.00; Room Rental \$160.00; Little Black Books \$139.00; Holy Childhood \$17.50;

Today's Gospel story is of Jesus' cleansing of the Temple. The prophets Jeremiah, Zechariah and Malachi prophesied that when the Kingdom of God was at hand, the Temple would be cleansed of all activities unworthy of an encounter with God. Christians are often referred to as "Temples of the Lord." As stewards of a "Holy Temple" God has entrusted to each one of us, what are we doing to be cleansed of activities unworthy of an encounter with the Lord? This week, reflect on one thing you can do to cleanse the Temple God has given you so that it becomes a more inviting home for Christ Jesus.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING - The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, MARCH 05 AT 7:00 PM** in the Parish Centre Meeting Rooms.



The Month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph



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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, 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 for your kindness in sharing food and feeding hope! Our next collection date is *next* weekend March 9 & 10th. Donations can be dropped off in the Church during the week if you prefer.



OUR NEXT LADIES LUNCHEON will be held at **NARA RESTAURANT 474 TRANQUILLE ROAD ON TUESDAY MARCH 12 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.

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.

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.



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/>

