



OUR LADY OF

PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

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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 3:30 - 4:30 PM

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!

JANUARY 14, 2024 ~ YEAR B

2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTION: "Look Here is the Lamb of God!"

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CALL AND RESPONSE

The main theme of today's Scripture readings is Divine vocation – that everyone is called by God to be a witness for Christ by doing something for others with his or her life, using his or her unique gifts and blessings. Hence, today's readings remind us of our personal and corporate call to become witnesses for Jesus, the Lamb of God, by leading lives of holiness and purity.

The first reading describes how Yahweh called Samuel to His service and how the boy Samuel responded to Him, saying, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." Hence, God blessed him in the mission entrusted to him, and Samuel became an illustrious figure, ranking with Moses and David as a man of God.

The Refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 40), has us sing, "Here am I Lord! I come to do Your Will!" indicating that our vocation is to obey, to do what God commands us to do. In the second reading, St. Paul explains to the Corinthians that their Divine call is a call to holiness. Hence, they need to keep their bodies pure and their souls holy, because by Baptism they have become parts of Christ's Body and the temples of the Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist claims that his vocation is to introduce Jesus to two of his own disciples as the "Lamb of God," suggesting Jesus' vocation to become a sacrificial lamb to atone for our sins. The disciples followed Jesus to his residence, accepting his invitation to "come and see." They stayed with him that day. Then Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus, presenting him to Jesus as the Messiah. Thus, today's Gospel also describes the call or vocation of the first apostles and challenges us to invite others to Christ by our Christian witnessing.

Our call is to bear witness to the Lamb of God. Doing this requires a personal experience of Jesus as our Lord and Savior. a) We get this personal experience of Jesus in our daily lives through the meditative reading and study of the Bible, through personal and family prayers, and through our active participation in the Eucharistic celebration. b) Once we have experienced the personal presence of Jesus in our daily lives, we will start sharing with others the Good News of love, peace, justice, tolerance, mercy, and forgiveness preached and lived by Jesus.

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You're Invited to Alpha Marriage Course!

Whether you've been married for six months or forty years, whether you're in a good place or struggling, The Marriage Course offers practical support to strengthen your relationship.

The Marriage Course helps couples to:

- *Communicate more effectively; *Understand each others' needs;
- *Resolve Conflict; *Recognize how upbringing affects your relationship
- *Develop greater sexual intimacy; And much, much more...

Where: The Marriage Course is being offered virtually!

When: February 1 – March 14, every Thursday, 7:30pm - 9:30pm **Cost:** Free!

Please contact Johanna and Bryan Strahl at bryan.strahl@gmail.com to register. A link will be sent prior to the first session on February 1st.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your great support, time, and sacrifice for the success of the 70th jubilee of the parish. Let us thank God for all his blessings on our parish. It is our responsibility as a parish community to come together and serve our parish so that the kingdom of God grows.

Thank You

Once again, without mentioning names, I THANK YOU ALL PERSONALLY. MAY JESUS BLESS OUR PARISH COMMUNITY AND MAY OUR HEAVENLY MOTHER INTERCEDE FOR US ALL. Fr. Rajesh



PLEASE NOTE - BEGINNING SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, SATURDAY CONFESSIONS WILL BE HELD FROM 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM.

ORDINARY TIME/THE *Know Our* LITURGICAL YEAR *Faith*

- ✦ Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter highlight the biggest events of Christ's Paschal Mystery: his incarnation, passion, death, resurrection, ascension, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- ✦ Ordinary Time focuses on the life and ministry of Jesus. During these times we can grow and mature spiritually as we meditate on our relationship with Christ.
- ✦ "Ordinary" does not refer to dull routine. Rather it comes from the word ordinal, which means sequential. Ordinary Time is the numbered weeks of the liturgical year that fall outside of the special seasons of Advent, Lent, Christmas, and Easter.
- ✦ There is no 1st Sunday of Ordinary Time because it is replaced by the Baptism of the Lord.
- ✦ Every Sunday of the year is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, and every Friday of the year we remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross.
- ✦ The Church also celebrates memorials of martyrs and saints throughout the year, giving the faithful examples of those "who have suffered and have been glorified with Christ." (CCC 1173)

Sources: usccb.org, usatholic.org

ORDINARY TIME: This week we began the period of Ordinary Time. During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The People of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the loved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024 are available at the Church entrance. **IF the information** on your label is incorrect, or if you did not receive envelopes and would like some, please notify the parish office.

If you are participating in the Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) program or make your payments by email, you have just been issued blue "special collection" envelopes as these special collections are not factored into the monthly giving.



FATHER RAJESH AWAY FROM THE PARISH -



Fr. Rajesh has safely arrived in India for some well-deserved rest and to visit with his family. 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.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 14, 2024



God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



The Bible Collection - Genesis

Experience the epic tale of creation in this Christian anthology that details the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and the Ark.



Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bilocation, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.



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KEEP YOUR INFORMATION UP TO DATE!

We will be sending out year-end donation tax receipts soon. Help us make sure you get yours! If you have changed your phone number, email, or address, please remember to update your information with the parish office. 250-376-5541 or olphkamloops@shaw.ca.

WORDS FROM OUR SECONDARY PATRON, ST. JOHN VIANNEY

"To pray well we need not speak much."



Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. - Psalm 40

YOUTH MINISTRY AT OLPH PARISH - Fr. Rajesh is looking for someone to help establish a Ministry for the youth of our Parish. If you would be interested in helping Fr. Rajesh, please contact Fr. Raj or the Parish Office.



Please Join Us At The First

St. Ann's Academy Homecoming

Saturday, February, 10th 2024

Doors Open at 6:30 pm
and Dance to follow
Silent auction and 50/50

St. Ann's Academy Gymnasium
205 Columbia St, Kamloops, B.C.

\$50 per person (19+ only)

Scan the QR Code to reserve your tickets:



PARISH VISION STATEMENT AND CORE VALUES

VISION STATEMENT

To cultivate a parish community that exudes the warmth of sharing, compassion, and devotion to worship. We strive to inspire children, youth, and families, and to spread Gospel values through dedicated service, empowered by the love of the **"RISEN" Lord.**

CORE VALUES - "RISEN" STANDS FOR

REACHING OUT WITH KINDNESS: United in caring and sharing, extending hospitality, and reaching out to the vulnerable, embodying God's love and bringing people closer to Jesus. John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another as I have loved you."

INCLUSIVENESS: Embrace diversity, recognizing our unity in Christ, and encouraging active participation in parish ministries to build a loving and vibrant community, creating a community of boundless love and acceptance. Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them."

SEEKING THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: Cultivate faith by seeking and utilizing the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of God, bestowed by the Holy Spirit. "Desire all the spiritual gifts because God commands it" (1 Corinthians 12:31; 14:1, 39)

ENDURING IN FAITH THROUGH THE HOLY EUCHARIST: Establishing the heart of our parish around the Holy Eucharist, acknowledging It as the source of life and energy, and actively participating in the Holy Sacraments to fortify our intimate connection with Jesus. John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

NURTURING CHRIST-CENTERED FAMILY VALUES: Emphasize the importance of evangelization within families, fostering a deep connection with Jesus and Guiding our faith journey with children and inspiring all to be courageous Catholics, grounded in the virtues of Christ. Hebrews 12:14 "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord".

IN SUMMARY: our Parish Mission is to extend kindness; to embrace inclusiveness; to seek the gifts of the Holy Spirit; enduring in faith through the Holy Eucharist; and nurturing Christ-centered family values for a thriving and committed parish community.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the families of **Gerardo DiFonzo and Katrina Caposi.** Please keep **Gerardo and Katrina** in your prayers, and may God's comfort and peace be with their families in their time of grief.



The Funeral Mass for Gerardo will be held on Monday, January 15th at 10:00 am and

The Funeral Mass for Katrina Caposi will be held on Wednesday, January 17th at 10:00 am. BOTH at OLPH Parish.



AN EVENING OF MUSIC ~ The Knights of Columbus invite you to enjoy the music stylings of Brian Bouthillier on **Friday, February 2nd** in the Bishop Harrington Room at the OLPH Parish Centre. Doors open at 6:30 pm and Brian will be playing from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. By Donation.




PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Please join the Knights and CWL after both morning Masses on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH**, 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. All donations go towards CWL and Knights of Columbus projects.

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.

JANUARY 15 - JANUARY 21 , 2024		
MONDAY	7:30 AM	+ Emile Lefebvre
TUESDAY	7:30 AM	+ Siro Rugolo
WEDNESDAY	7:30 AM	+ Fortunato Vetere
<i>St. ANTHONY, ABBOT</i>		
THURSDAY	7:30 AM	+ Guido Rugolo
FRIDAY	7:30 AM	Intentions Gina Ann Capa
<i>St. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS</i>		
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
<i>3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
<i>3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
SUNDAY	10:30 AM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
<i>3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		

COLLECTION JANUARY 07: Envelopes \$1,821.00; Loose \$287.35; EFT \$373.00; Other Envelopes \$291.00; Vigil Lights \$153.45; Stole Offering - Funeral \$200.00; Holy Childhood \$57.80;

 **PLEASE NOTE THAT WEDNESDAY ADORATION & CONFESSION HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FR. RAJESH RETURNS.**

“When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’”

STEWARDSHIP

- John 1.36

Time • Talent • Treasure

In today’s Gospel Jesus asks two of John the Baptist’s followers who now want to follow him, “What are you looking for?”

That is, of course, a very practical question. It is a very good question for us to ask ourselves as we begin this new year: What is it that we seek? What is it that we really want in following Jesus? How do we wish to live so that Christ will know that we have an authentic desire to be his disciples? This is a stewardship question. By our very human nature we are on a spiritual quest, and we have many choices. Is our choice truly to be followers of Jesus Christ? If so, what changes will we make in our lives that will draw us closer to the Lamb of God?



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OLPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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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 - Generous donations from OLPH Parishioners to the Kamloops Food Bank for 2023 totaled 1479 pounds!

Thank you for your kindness in sharing food and feeding hope! This weekend, January 13/14 is our first collection of the New Year. Hunger is a year round issue, so please help feed those needing support through hard times.

Donations can be made at any mass during the week and on the weekend. Happy New Year!

MARY’S PANTRY COLLECTION DATES FOR 2024:

Jan 13/14; Feb 10/11; March 9/10; April 13/14; May 11/12; June 8/9; July 13/14; August 10/11; Sep. 7/8; Oct. 12/13; Nov. 9/10; Dec. 7/8.

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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



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 JANUARY

FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

~ We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS KAMLOOPS DIOCESE

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