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3rd Sunday of Advent - December 16th, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS

Starting Sunday, December 16, 2018

Sunday:	December 16 10:30 am	People of the Parish	3rd Sunday of Advent
Monday:	December 17 NO MASS		
Tuesday:	December 18 8:00 am	Mary Karpes (RIP)	
Wednesday:	December 19 8:00 am	Bob Blanchet (RIP)	
Thursday:	December 20 8:00 am	Judy Desrocher (RIP)	
Friday:	December 21 8:00 am	James Deuling (RIP)	St. Peter Canisius
Saturday:	December 22 NO MASS		
Sunday:	December 23 10:30 am	People of the Parish	4th Sunday of Advent

Holy Family Parish Penitential Service Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00 pm

Holy Family Parish Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Children Mass - 7:00 pm Evening Mass at 10:00

Christmas Day 10:30 am New Years Day 10:30 am



The only Christmas Mass at **Sun Peaks** will be held at the Grand Hotel on Monday, December 24th

Family Connection Gospel Reading [Luke 3:10-18](#)

John the Baptist teaches the path of repentance and announces Christ.

The theme of the season of Advent is sometimes described as a period of waiting for the birth of Jesus. However, today's Gospel reading suggests something different. John the Baptist did not tell the crowds to wait for the Messiah. He told them to prepare for the Messiah through acts of repentance. If Advent is a time of waiting, it is not the sitting in the doctor's office kind of waiting. It is a busy time of preparation, more like the waiting we might do when preparing for dinner guests. Our challenge is to not make this season a frenzied time, but rather a time of joyful anticipation and making ready for God who comes to dwell among us and changes our lives with the gift of salvation.

As you gather as a family, talk about the preparations your family is making during the season of Advent. Reflect together on these activities, not only on what you are doing but why you are choosing to do these things. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:10-18. Consider how Advent is a time for making ourselves ready to receive Jesus in our lives. Could your family make some changes in your Advent activities so that each person is well prepared to celebrate the gift of salvation at Christmas? Conclude in prayer together that your family will be able to live the spirit of Advent. Sing together an Advent song, such as "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" or pray together today's second reading, Philippians 4:4-7, as you light the third candle on your Advent wreath.

What's Happening-Upcoming Events

Rosary hosted by the Knights of Columbus There will be a Rosary led by the Knights of Columbus on the Feast of the Holy Family: Sunday, December 30th after Mass. We pray the Rosary on the 5th Sunday of each month. This happens about 4 times a year. Please come and join us for the Rosary and we can have coffee afterwards. This Sunday, December 30th is very special as we will be praying the Joyful mysteries in honour of the Holy Family, for our Family and World Peace.

Catholic Christian Outreach Annual Christmas/New Year's conference in Calgary Alberta from Dec 28 – Jan 1 called *Rise Up!* Rise Up is a conference for young adults (aged 18-35) to motivate and inspire leaders for the renewal of the world. It's not about what happens at Rise Up, but rather what happens the other 360 days of the year in the lives of participants once they have been built up in the faith and are equipped to share it with others. Are you ready for an experience that could change your life? To register visit <https://cco.ca/rise-up/>

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd January 15-20, 2019 at Sacred Heart Cathedral: The Catechesis of the



Good Shepherd is a Montessori based religious formation for children starting at the age of 3. It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, "hands-on" space for children called an atrium, in which both the children and their catechists can listen, ponder and celebrate the most profound mysteries of the Christian faith as revealed in Scripture and Liturgy. There are three levels of training for adults interested in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Level 1 for children 3-6 years of age, Level 2 for children 6-9 years of age and Level 3 for children 9-12 years of age. These levels must be taken in order. The Level 1 course lays the foundation of the theory and practices for all three levels. This 90+ hour course prepares the adult to work, to listen to the Word of God and to learn with and from the children. Pick up a registration form at the church entrance or from the parish office and return to the parish Attn: Susan Berdusco or register and pay online at www.cgsac.ca no later than December 31, 2018. Cost is \$350. For members and an additional \$75 for non members. FMI contact Susan Berdusco at 250-299-4539 or susankberdusco@gmail.com

Windmills, Wells & Water 2019 The 17th annual fundraising dinner for the Missionaries of the Precious Blood (CPPS), in support of their missionary work in Tanzania, East Africa, will take place on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Colombo Lodge. Tickets are \$80 per person with a tax receipt for \$45 per ticket. There will be dinner, dancing, silent auction and lots of giveaways. To purchase tickets, please contact Lloyd or Anna Babcock at 250-579-8888; Frank or Kelly Tries at 250-314-1429; or Margaret or Kevin Langevin at 250-682-5768.

God's Squad Senior's Tea Saturday January 26th Seniors Tea. Please note the date is in January this year. God's Squad is looking forward to hosting Seniors again for an afternoon of food, entertainment and fellowship. More information will be available closer to the date.

Opportunities

Job Postings

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH), Kamloops is seeking applications from qualified CEAs to fill a part-time position as soon as possible and ending at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

It is time for our annual Christmas Pageant. Sign up on today following



Mass. Shepherds, Angels, Kings, Mary, Joseph and other characters are needed to put on this play about the birth of Christ. Speaking and non-speaking parts are available. Costumes are provided. We will practice after mass Dec 9th, Dec 16th, and Dec 23rd. All children are invited to sign up. For

more information contact Louise by email nlsmit@telus.net or by phone 250-573-4641.

From St. Joseph's Christmas Book, Gift and Church Supply Store, Thank you for your patronage!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

ST. JOSEPH'S STORE IS OPEN THIS SUNDAY (DEC 16) FOR YOUR SHOPPING CONVENIENCE FROM 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Come in and pick up Christmas gifts, cards, ornaments, holiday DVDs, Christmas music, books and more - Your favorite Christmas products!

Regular store hours are Monday to Friday 10 - 5 and Saturday 10 - 2.
Call 778-471-6100



Serra Club of Kamloops Diocese Reflection on the benefits of Eucharistic Adoration! #2. The spiritual lives of our families are strengthened through our Holy Hour. (Saint John Paul II)

Exciting News and Information

Update on Development and Peace With the help of the Canadian bishops' conference, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) is now addressing serious problems that have been identified with some of its partner organizations involving activities contrary to Catholic moral teaching. A letter outlining this review process is available on the diocesan website. In the light of this progress, the western dioceses have agreed to forward the proceeds of the Share Lent collection for 2018 with the stipulation that no funds be given to any of the compromised partners in developing countries.

Tax Receipt 2018 reminder Faith in Action donations must be received by Friday, December 21; noon to Holy Family Parish or Friday, December 28; 4:00 pm to Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops office. Donations may be mailed to the Faith in Action - Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops post marked no later than December 28 to be eligible for 2018 tax receipt. **All donations received after the banks close on Friday, December 28, or are post marked later than December 31, will go toward 2019.**

Canada Post Christmas Stamps – “Away in a Manager” Permanent Domestic Stamp from Canada Post make a great addition for your Christmas cards and parcels! In a departure from past Christmas issues that have reproduced Old Master paintings, this year's Christmas stamp tells the story of Christ's birth through simple, colourful imagery and rich symbolism evocative of traditional folk art.



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul We have an on-going need for yogurt/sour cream containers for use as take-outs for breakfast. We favour the smaller 500 g size. Please drop them off at our Thrift Shop when you come to do your Christmas shopping or to drop off any donations. God bless you all.

God's Squad



If you are a youth, grade 8 and up, reading this and want to be involved with God's Squad, please send us an email at hfgodssquad@gmail.com or call Mary Anne at 250-828-0049.

Christmas Caroling to the Senior's of our parish on Thursday, Dec. 20th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm.

Please see email for more info.



Christmas Eve Mass, 7:00 pm. Youth Mass Ministries. Please come early to sing in the choir. Please let us know which ministry you want to sign up for.

Friday, January 11th, 2019 7:00–9:30 pm Come to our monthly meeting for fellowship, fun, munchies and games.

At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern. – Mother Teresa

Catholic Women's League

Thank you to all who brought in Christmas, Birthday and note Card.

Membership We are starting to collect CWL memberships for 2019. The fee this year is \$35.

The Knights of Columbus



4 Principals, 4 Reasons: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism for more information about the Knights of Columbus see the bulletin board in the foyer, any Knights of Columbus member or Grand Knight Tom Ouellette.

Christmas Dinner All Knights are invited to the 4th Degree Christmas Formal dinner at the Colombo Lodge on December 20th. Tickets are \$42.00 and are available from Tom Ouellette.

St. Ann's Academy - Catholic Independent Schools - Kamloops Diocese

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Principal: Mr. Patrick Niwa ~ Elementary Vice Principal: Mrs. Joanne Leggett ~ High School Vice Principal: Mr. Brent Arsenault
St. Ann's Academy is a Catholic school, under the administration of CISKD school board. The school is co-educational, offering academic, fine arts, and business programs, as well as athletic, performing arts, and other extracurricular programs, for students from grades K to 12. Contact the school for more information.



The high school Christmas concert is on Monday, December 17th at 6:30pm.
The elementary Christmas concert is on Thursday, December 20th at 1:30pm and 6:30pm
Everyone is welcome to attend!

“If something uncharitable is said in your presence, either speak in favour of the absent, or withdraw, or if possible, stop the conversation.” – St. John Vianney



Adoration for Vocations Weekly Holy Hour! - Serra Club of Kamloops Diocese

5:00PM 1st Wednesday of the month at OLPH, North Kamloops

7:00PM 2nd Thursday of the month at Holy Family, Valleyview (December 13)

7:00PM 3rd Wednesday of the month at St. John Vianney, Westsyde

8:00PM 4th Wednesday of the month at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Nicola



Choir Accompaniment Volunteer Opportunity - The "OLPH Choir" at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Kamloops is looking for ongoing musical accompaniment for Saturday evening (5pm) masses, twice monthly, and for special occasion masses, such as Easter and Christmas. Currently the Choir consists of 11 fun-loving and faithful women, with soprano, alto and descant voices. We sing acapella at present, but have enjoyed piano, organ and guitar accompaniment in the past. We are also open to other forms of accompaniment. We have a choir director, however the candidate may have an opportunity to move into that role in the future. Our practices are currently on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the church and then a 20-minute warm-up before the mass. There is no formal audition, however we would have a short trial period to determine the best fit for both the accompanist and choir. We also hope the candidate would love praiseful music and commit to attending regular practices and playing at scheduled masses when they are available, so that the Choir can depend on their presence. For more information, please email the Choir director, Linda DeCicco at nldecicco@gmail.com.

Choir Member Volunteer Opportunity - The "OLPH Choir" at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Kamloops is looking for new choir members for Saturday evening (5pm) masses, twice monthly, and for special occasion masses, such as Easter and Christmas. Currently the Choir consists of 11 fun-loving and faithful women, with soprano, alto and descant voices, however we also encourage men to join us to enrich our sound. Our practices are currently on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the church and then a 20-minute warm-up before the mass. There is no formal audition, however we hope the candidate would love praiseful singing and commit to attending regular practices and singing at scheduled masses when they are available, so that their voice stays strong and the Choir can depend on their presence. For more information, please email the Choir director, Linda DeCicco at nldecicco@gmail.com.

Faith in Action - Campaign 28 - Embracing Jesus - The Truth

Parish Assessment: \$25, 445.00

Parish Goal: \$10,000.00

Total: \$35,445.00

Number of Pledges: 104

Total Pledged: \$39,455.00



This and That

NEW 2018 Great Little Coupon Book Fundraiser for Kamloops Pro Life Society! Food, Fun and Services for only \$10. Call St. Joseph's Christian Book, Gift and Church Supplies (256 Nicola Street) 778-471-6100, or Linda 250-851-8605.

Rachel's Vineyard can help you find your inner voice. It creates a place where men and women can share, often for the first time, their deepest feelings about abortion. You are allowed to dismantle troubling secrets in an environment of emotional and spiritual safety. It can help you experience God's love and compassion on a profound level. Email: rvkamloops@yahoo.ca, Facebook: www.facebook.com/rvkamloops, Phone/text: 250-267-5081, National Toll Free: 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463)



Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia-Think About It! Instead of pressing for the legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide, we need to strongly and actively encourage governments to devote more resources towards palliative care in hospitals, homes and hospices, and for the education of health professionals in palliative care.

Human Trafficking Awareness and Resources from the Archdiocese of Vancouver Archbishop Michael Miller asks the Catholic community to call on the Federal Government to pass a law respecting the dignity of every human person. As a Call to Action for our parishioners, we hope you will download the printable version of a postcard addressed to Justice Minister Peter McKay, asking him to act <http://rcav.org/trafficking/> Trafficking is an insult to our human dignity. We are all persons created in God's image never to be reduced to "objects" that can be sold or traded. As a faith community we will pray for victims of trafficking.

Courage an apostolate of the Catholic Church, ministers to persons with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. We have been endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family and our beloved John Paul II said of this ministry, "COURAGE is doing the work of God!" We also have an outreach called EnCourage which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions. There is a Courage Chapter in Vancouver Contact: Rev. William Comerford, CSSR 604-916-6192 or email vancouvercourage1@live.ca

Secular Carmelite Community Do you want to grow in a deeper awareness of God's presence? Do you feel drawn to a more contemplative life? Are you interested in following in the footsteps of St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and St. Therese of Lisieux? Perhaps you are being called to a vocation in the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. This is a lay Carmelite Community of men and women, single, married or widowed, whose lives are dedicated to prayer. Contact Linda at sonshine@shaw.ca

St. Francis Xavier University offers distance education courses for adults seeking faith formation for personal and professional development: Diploma in Ministry; Certificate in Lay Ministry; Certificate in Spirituality; and Diploma in Intellectual Disability Studies. For information please contact Continuing & Distance Education, StFX University toll free 1-877-867-5562, diplomainministry@stfx.ca; website: <http://www.sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/ministry>.

Secular Franciscans A vocation for men and women, married or single, who follow Jesus in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi. If interested in Franciscan spirituality and for information on the Secular Franciscan contact Mary at 250-573-4441.

MaterCare International (MCI) is a group of Catholic obstetricians and gynecologists. This organizations mission is to carry out the work of improving the lives and health of mothers and babies both born and unborn. Funding is desperately needed to keep a hospital running in the district of Isiolo, Kenya. Maternal deaths in Isiolo are the highest in Africa - 1 in 31 mothers die unnecessarily in childbirth. www.matercare.org or phone (709) 579-6472.

Marian League Just to remind everyone of the beautiful treasure we have to offer you. The Diocese of Kamloops Marion League is offering prayer cards for you to enroll your friends and family. They will be enrolled perpetually and will be remembered in all the Masses and prayers offered for all members of the League – living and deceased – at the Diocesan Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Cache Creek. If you would like cards for yourself or your parish they are available at the Chancery Office. For information contact the Chancery at 250-376-3351. All offerings made will benefit the Immaculate Heart of Mary Shrine in Cache Creek.

Gonzaga University Want to get your Masters Degree? Gonzaga University is offering a two-year program right here in Kamloops. Tailored to the needs of working professionals, this program offers face-to-face instruction in a cohort setting. This program is invaluable not only to educators, but to holders of a Bachelors Degree in any field who are looking to augment their credentials. Based upon Jesuit humanistic principles, this program will renew your interest in and commitment to your profession. With enrolment deadlines approaching, please don't delay if interested. For further Information: Dr. P. Joan Southworth 250-832-6617 or pjoansouthworth@gmail.com

Great News!!! Children's Liturgy now has new leaders and will be held most Sundays. Children's Liturgy of the Word is geared for children from preschool to grade 2. The children gather with adult leaders to celebrate the Liturgy by breaking open the scriptures in a way that is more at their level of understanding. The children do what the rest of the community is doing at this point of the Mass. They listen to the proclaimed scriptures and reflect on the scripture by doing an activity or lesson on how it relates to their life. It is an experience of prayer, of dialogue with God. As it is a liturgical celebration, all the principles of good liturgy (active participation, good behaviour, clear symbols, etc) apply.

