



Welcome to
HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A WARM WELCOME TO GUESTS, AND VISITORS!

WHETHER YOU ARE VISITING, LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME PARISH, OR RETURNING TO YOUR FAITH, WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE!

The month of December is dedicated to
THE DIVINE INFANCY.

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Diocese of Kamloops: (250) 376-3351 | Diocese Website: www.rcdk.org

ADORATION

M/W/Th/F (not last Fridays): 7:30am
Saturdays: 8:00am
First Sundays of the month: 10:00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 8:30am-8:50am, or by appointment

MASS TIMES

Sundays: 10:30am
M/W/Th/F: 8:00am
Tuesdays: 6:30pm
Last Fridays of the Month: 5:30pm
Saturdays: 9:00am

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve, December 24th: 8:00pm
Christmas Day, December 25th: 10:30am
New Year's Day, January 1st: 10:30am

ADORATION on NEW YEAR'S EVE

December 31st: 7-8pm (after 6:30pm daily Mass (not Vigil))

MASS INTENTIONS

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| MONDAY | December 16 | 8:00am Mass |
| TUESDAY | December 17 | 6:30pm Mass - Bob Painchaud (RIP) |
| WEDNESDAY | December 18 | 8:00am Mass - Michael Taylor (RIP) |
| THURSDAY | December 19 | 8:00am Mass - Nuno Ramos (RIP) |
| FRIDAY | December 20 | 8:00am Mass - Alfredo & Lena Fernandes (INT) |
| SATURDAY | December 21 | 9:00am Mass - Juliana D'Costa (INT) |
| SUNDAY | December 22 | 10:30am Mass |

COMING UP

7:00pm 'The Search' program
6:00pm Children's Catechesis, Youth Night
10:00am Catechists Retreat
Final Pageant Rehearsal after Mass

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024: FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Christmas Day, the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, and New Year's Day, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God are Holy Days of Obligation in Canada. Christmas and New Year's Mass times throughout the Diocese can be found on the diocesan website at:
<https://www.rcdk.org/post/2024-christmas-and-new-year-s-mass-times>

youth night FRIDAY, DEC.20TH AT 6PM

We invite all youth (gr.7 + up) and their families, to join us for an evening of caroling around Valleyview! Ends with decorating the church foyer and enjoying some Christmas goodies! See sign-up sheet in foyer or contact Mary Anne Neutelings (250-828-0049)

Prayerful wishes to Fr. Emmanuel Onumadu who will celebrate his 21st Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on December 21st , to Fr. Thomas Arackal who will celebrate his 42nd Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on December 26th and to Fr. Ajin George who will celebrate his 17th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on December 27th !

THE
SEARCH

BROUGHT TO YOU FROM
FORMED



6:30pm Mass followed by light refreshments and program.

Week 7 Topic: Why a Church?

How do I access this man who lived 2000 years ago? How do I live this call of love? We uniquely encounter the love of God in His Church. But really? The Church? There are so many negative views of the Church. It's out of touch. It's full of bad people. It's just too boring. Maybe when we say "The Church" we mean a little more. The church is the family of God that's been lovingly gathered through our entire story. Jesus' first words to humanity in the Gospel of John are "what do you seek?" The one that asked the question not only knows the answer, He is the answer. The answers to everything. And you find him most profoundly here in His Church.

Friday, Dec.27th: Mass at 5:30pm and potluck dinner, to celebrate Fr.Ajin's Anniversary of Priestly Ordination!

DECEMBER 15TH: 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, GAUDETE SUNDAY

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: 7:30AM
- SATURDAY: 8:00AM
- FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: 10:00AM
- DEC 31: 7PM-8PM



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

During this Advent season of the liturgical year, as we all look forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord, we are also thinking about gift giving. As a parish, we have adopted five families in need this year. CWL members will be in the foyer after Mass for anyone who would like to support these five families.

ST. JOSEPH CARMELITE MONASTERY

You are invited to pray the Novena to the Infant Jesus for Christmas. You can view the invitation by going to the website: carmelspall.org. You will find the novena under Announcements and News Or CLICK THE FOLLOWING LINK TO OPEN PDF AND PRINT: <http://carmelspall.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Christmas-Novena.pdf>

SAVE THE DATE - THE SANCTUARY - MENTAL HEALTH COURSE FOR CATHOLICS:

January 18, 25 and February 4, 2025, 10 am - 11:30am
Facilitated by Adele Huculak

How can a church become a sanctuary—a place where individuals living with mental health challenges feel safe, supported, and a sense of belonging? The Sanctuary series explores key mental health topics and examines meaningful ways to offer companionship, support recovery, and promote wellbeing. Appropriate for anyone who wants to learn about faith and mental health, it requires no previous training or expertise—just a willingness to engage in dialogue with other believers.

This course and films address difficult and sensitive topics and may not be appropriate for a young audience. It is not recommended for people ages 17 and younger. Adele Huculak, the facilitator, has a master's in clinical Mental Health

Counselling and is a Registered Clinical Counsellor with the BCACC. See the preview video at <https://portal.sanctuarymentalhealth.org/the-sanctuary-course-for-catholics>

Two ways to attend the three sessions: live at Sacred Heart Cathedral OR by Zoom at home or with a group from your parish. An important theme in our times, please commit to learning more about mental health issues and being a person of faith. For more information and to register contact Kathy Dahl at (250)318-9698 kathysdahlhouse@gmail.com

Holy Hour - for Vocations

Serra Club of Kamloops Diocese

Prayer is a moving force in vocation development. Few are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations.

Jesus said, "Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:38).

Holy Family: 8am - 9am Saturday before 9am Mass

OLPH: 8:00am - 8:45am Wednesday following 7:30am Mass

Sacred Heart: 7:50am - 8:50 am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.
before 9 am Mass., Wed. 9:30 am - 9 pm
and Fri. 7-8 pm following 6:30 pm

By being faithful to our Holy Hour, and letting nothing interfere with it, we use it as the sign and symbol of our victimhood with Christ. (Archbishop Fulton Sheen)

2025 DONATION ENVELOPES

The donation envelopes for 2025 are ready to pickup in the foyer. For those of you who contribute by pre-authorized debit, there are small boxes of envelopes that include special collections only. Please verify that your address is correct and that you received the right type of envelope.

Please contact the parish office if you need to make any changes, or if you would like to receive envelopes for the 2025 year.

PARISH ASSESSMENT

\$27,068

NUMBER OF PLEDGES

67

TOTAL PLEDGED

\$26,444

CASH RECEIVED

\$25,944

Faith in Action Campaign 34.

If anyone still needs a pledge form, you can find it in the foyer by the bulletin board. Thank you to everyone who has responded.

Your generosity and support makes a meaningful difference.

Faith in Action also accepts Interac E-Transfers. Simply send your e-transfer contribution to fia@rcdk.org

Faith In Action Campaign 34 Video
<https://youtu.be/XM8HXoRFvQ8>

Tax Receipt 2024 reminder for parishioners

Faith in Action donations must be received at the Chancery by Monday, December 23rd. This includes E-Transfer donations as well. Due to the ongoing postal strike, donations must be delivered (either by hand or courier) directly to the Chancery office (Attn: Faith in Action) to be eligible for the 2024 tax receipt. All donations received after December 23rd will go towards the 2025 tax receipt.

THE SOCIETY OF ST.VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul makes 200 necessity bags for the poor at Christmas that includes a Toque, Mitts, Scarf, Socks and toiletries (shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant) and a greeting for Christmas. We are looking for contributions of these items. They can be dropped off at 168 Briar Avenue Thursday to Saturday between 10 and 3. Thanks for your help!

SSVP is looking for a few good people! If you have time to contribute weekly, we are looking for someone to order kitchen supplies, someone to help sort, clean and display kitchen items and someone to help fold and display linens. We are also looking for store volunteers for Friday and Saturday. All volunteers must have a criminal record check which is done without charge. For further information, please contact ssvpkamloops@gmail.com, call 250 554 0098 or come by 168 Briar and talk to Chris between 10 and 3 Thursday to Saturday.

CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS OF KAMLOOPS



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/>



SAVE THE DATE: THE AMAZING SAA PLAYERS PRESENT:

Sherlock Holmes and the Whitechapel Murders

May 14-16, 2025