

First Sunday of Advent Bulletin for December 2nd, 2018



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MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday Masses

Our Lady of the Mountains

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 9:00 am

St. Christopher's

Sunday at 11:00 am

St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday at 12:30 pm

Weekday Masses

(December 3rd to December 7th)

Our Lady of the Mountains

Tuesday, Dec 4th at 5:45 pm

Wednesday, Dec 5th at 7:00 pm

Thursday Dec 6th at 11:00 am

Friday, Dec 7th at 11:00 am

St. Christopher's

NO Weekday Mass until Spring

St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, Dec 7th at 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before and after daily Mass,
also at Our Lady of the Mountains,
Saturdays at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm,
Sundays at 8:00 am to 8:45 am
or by appointment by calling

Fr. Dale at 604-938-6643

"O my children, how beautiful
will that soul be in eternity, who
makes frequent and good
Communion!"

St. John Vianney

Scripture Reflection

First Sunday of Advent

The days are coming, says the Lord... (Jeremiah 33:14)

Taken from *the Word among us* – December 2018

We often talk about "The Christmas Story", as if it were one single story. Actually, it's made up of a number of individual stories, each of which tells us something unique about the Christ child. The story of the Annunciation tells us about Mary's openness to God's plan. The story of Zechariah and Elizabeth tells us how John the Baptist – Jesus' forerunner – was called at birth. The stories of the shepherds and the Magi tells us that Jesus is worth searching for.

There's another story we don't often think about because it's not as long. It's the story of the innkeeper whose closed doors led Mary and Joseph to the manger. But just imagine for a moment that he did manage to find room for them after all. His inn, not the manger, would be honoured throughout the world. There would likely be a grand church marking its location and pilgrims would flock to it year after year.

As Advent begins, let's not be like the innkeeper. He missed a grand opportunity because he didn't make room for Jesus.

Many of us will gather with family and friends this Christmas. Anyone who has hosted these gatherings will tell you how time consuming the preparations can be. They want to create a pleasant, welcoming environment, so everything has to be just right. But no matter how much work is involved, they don't mind. The thought of seeing everyone together makes the work feel lighter.

Let's have this same attitude toward Jesus. Let's get ready with joy and anticipation, even it involves some work on our part. Let's embrace the opportunities to pray a little more, to examine our lives, and to show more love to the people around us.

Our first reading tells us that "the days are coming" when God will visit his people (*Jeremiah 33:14*). Let's dedicate the next twenty-three days to making our hearts as open and welcoming as possible so that Jesus will find a comfortable home there.

"Lord, help me to make time for you this Advent."

Office Hours

Monday to Friday

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

In important matters please call
the rectory at 604-938-6643

The Diocese of Kamloops

Please Visit:

www.rcdk.org/weeklynews

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Upcoming events,
Official Appointments,
Catechetical Corner

Chancery Office: ph 250-376-3351
visit www.rcdk.org

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



† EMC (Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion)

Saturday: Arlene

Sunday: Edita

† Lectors

Sat, Dec 8th: Christian

Sun, Dec 9th: Dorell

Coffee

Sun, Dec 9th: Arlene

2018 Tax Receipt Deadline

Faith in Action donations must
be received in the parish office
by **noon** on Friday Dec 28th.
Mailed donations postmarked
no later than December 28th
will also be accepted.

The **Faith in Action Campaign
28** continues after this date until
July 31st 2019 (2019 tax receipt)
Parish collections for Dec
29/30th will be included in 2018

Christmas - Best One Yet!

Advent is just around the corner,
which means Christmas is
almost here! Advent is a time to
prepare our hearts for
Christmas, but we often get
distracted and busy. So, sign up
for BEST ADVENT EVER! It's
a free, daily email program that
will help you slow down and
focus on what matters most in
the midst of the holiday bustle.

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best->

Welcome to Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church

We are a small Parish serving a very large visitor community. The majority of people you see in the church today are visitors from around the world. We rely on everyone's generosity to help us cover our daily operating costs. We want to sincerely thank you for being with us today and sharing in the life of the Holy Trinity in the celebration of the Eucharist. Thank you also for your generous donation.

Faith in Action Campaign 28

Parish Assessment OLOM	\$8,124	St. Francis of Assisi	\$1,412
Total Received	\$17,274		\$1,069

Money received over Parish Assessment goes to Parish Project:

Church interior renovation:	\$9,150	Parking Lot Renovation	\$
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Please make your cheques payable to "Faith In Action."

2018 Tax receipt deadline: 12 pm, Noon, Friday Dec 28th

Invitation to Sing

You are invited to join the choir in singing for either or both of the Christmas services. Practice is at Our Lady of the Mountains on Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 pm. Come and share God's gift!

Contact Heather Durfeld: 604-905-8774 or turn up on Thursday evening

Season of Advent

Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation!

During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writing of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

Christmas and New Year Schedules – see notice board

Development and Peace

Social justice is at the heart of Development and Peace (D & P)– Caritas Canada's mission. For more than 50 years, D & P has supported vulnerable populations in their quest for social, political and economic justice in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East. The support and generosity of thousands of donors throughout Canada enable D & P to amplify their quest. Together, let us continue to build peace with love, justice and truth. We invite you to become a D & P member at:

www.devp.org

*"Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other" (Psalm 85)*

Calendar

Dec 3rd - St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Dec 5th - First Communion, Catechism and Confirmation classes

Dec 6th - St. Nicholas, Bishop

Dec 7th - St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor – Mass at 11:00am

Dec 8th - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dec 12th - National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples