

# Second Sunday of Advent

## Bulletin for December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018



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## MASS SCHEDULES

### Our Lady of the Mountains

Saturday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

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 10<sup>th</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup>)

### Our Lady of the Mountains

Tuesday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm

Wednesday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Thursday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

Friday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm

### St. Christopher's

NO Weekday Mass until Spring

### St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 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

"When I am about to talk to anybody", said a young girl, "I picture Jesus Christ, - how gracious and friendly he was to everyone."

Jesus Christ, our example. *St. John Vianney*

## Scripture Reflection

### Second Sunday of Advent

Taken from *the Word among us* – December 2018

### *God is leading Israel in joy. (Baruch 5:9)*

When was the last time you saw Jesus in another person? Not just in a vague "I suppose so" way, but in a specific inspiring "Hey! I just felt the Lord!" way?

While it may not seem so at first, this is the kind of vision that Baruch gives his people in today's first reading. Baruch is speaking to the people of Jerusalem – a people who have survived a devastating military assault and who are now living hand to mouth in their city of ruins. Most of their fellow Israelites were carted off to exile in Babylon, leaving behind them a dreary and war-torn landscape.

Seeing his people's distress, Baruch gave them an unexpected message from God. Rather than telling them to look *up* and fix their eyes on the Lord, he directed their gaze *out*, where they would ultimately see their exiled brothers and sisters coming home in joyful procession. He promised that if they looked closely enough, they would see God's presence in the midst of these returnees. They would see it for the miracle that it was, and that vision would fill them with joy.

What Baruch told the Israelites, the Holy Spirit wants to tell you: *If you want to see Jesus, don't just look up to heaven. Look out at the people around you as well.*

Try an experiment at Mass today. Every time you stand (for the Gospel Acclamation, the Creed, the Great Amen and the Communion procession), look at the people standing with you. Tell yourself, "These are my brothers and sisters. Jesus has given them to me so that I could find him more easily. Each one of them reveals a different facet of God's love and faithfulness."

All these people surrounding you are precious to the Lord. Together with you, they make up the body of Christ. This means that Jesus is present in them just as he is present in the Host and the chalice. So, don't just look up. Look *out* as well, and marvel that Jesus is coming to you in such a personal way.

*"Lord, open my eyes to see you!"*

## 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](http://www.rcdk.org/weeklynews)

Check it out:

Upcoming events,  
Official Appointments,  
Catechetical Corner

Chancery Office: ph 250-376-3351  
visit [www.rcdk.org](http://www.rcdk.org)

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



### † EMC (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)

Saturday: **Arlene**

Sunday: **Edita**

### † Lectors

Sat, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>: **Ralph**

Sun, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>: **Jeanette**

### Coffee

Sun, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>: **Dagmar**

## 2018 Tax Receipt Deadline

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

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

## 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

The Christmas cycle includes a period of *preparation* (Advent), *celebration* (Christmas octave), and the *continuation* of the celebration (Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord).

*The central purpose of this period is to celebrate the incarnation*

God loves us so much that he sent his Son to become one of us and to save us by his dying and rising *(Jn. 3: 16-17).*

## Christmas and New Year Schedules – see notice board

### Development and Peace Wave of Prayer - Dec 10<sup>th</sup>

Development and Peace will be launching a "wave of prayer" on December 10<sup>th</sup>, which is International Human Rights Day, to mark the beginning of Caritas International's anti-hunger campaign, *One human family, food for all*, which seeks to bring an end to world hunger.

We invite you to become a D & P member at: [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Mountains, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

On Saturday we celebrate Mary's Immaculate Conception. That is, her total freedom from original sin from the moment of her conception. This freedom from the sin of Adam and Eve is shown in today's Gospel. In Mary's response to the angel, she shows her willingness to place herself fully in God's hands, even when it promises to be difficult and requires great faith and trust.

## Calendar

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> - International Human Rights Day, D & P Wave of Prayer

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> - National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> - Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> - St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor