

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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

(April 8th to April 12th)

Our Lady of the Mountains

Tuesday, Apr 9th at 5:45 pm

Wednesday, Apr 10th at 7:00 pm

Friday, Apr 12th at 5:45 pm

St. Christopher's

Thursday, Apr 11th at 7:00 pm

St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, Apr 12th 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

The Stations of the Cross

Every Friday

St. Francis of Assisi 9:30 am

Our Lady of the Mountains 7:00 pm

Scripture Reflection

Better Way of Dealing with Sin

Readers of the Gospel have long, and fruitlessly, speculated on what it was that Jesus wrote on the ground. We do not know. Perhaps he was only doodling. What the writing does, however, is provide a space of time for the opposition to melt away. Jesus does not confront the law directly. He just points out that the only person who could have a right to condemn another is one who has never sinned. If the eldest leaves first, that is because he has had a longer space of life in which to accumulate sin.

This way the punitive legal prescription simply falls away. Jesus has a better way of dealing with sin than condemnation and punishment. He does not deny or condone sin (the episode does seem to presuppose that the woman is in fact guilty – though we might well ask about her male accomplice). But his concern is to rescue the woman from her terrible plight and set her free for a new life: "Go and sin no more".

A subtle point about the episode is that Jesus never actually looks at the woman while she is the subject of accusation. His bending down and writing may be a ploy to avoid this. It is only when her accusers have melted away that, from this humble position, he pronounces judgment: "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you. Neither do I condemn you". He who is without sin (2 Cor 5:21), the only one actually credentialed to judge her from "on high" – actually goes down on the ground and looks up at her to restore her dignity and self-esteem.

The "orphaned" status of this story in the textual tradition probably reflects early Christian uneasiness with Jesus' apparent leniency in a case of sexual misconduct. So much more prone is the religious instinct to condemn and punish rather than to rescue and set on the path to life. And often, of course, the most paralyzing accusations are those that we inflict on ourselves.

If Lent is about conversion of heart and deeper knowledge of God, nothing could be more helpful than meditation on this precious gem from the gospel tradition.

Women's Faith Study Tuesdays at 8:00 pm

Please join us for a short 5-week faith study during Lent at the parish. We will be reading Jacque Philippe's "Searching For and Maintaining Peace". Cost: about \$10 for the book.

To register or for more information contact: sarah@adamneilson.com

Office Hours

**Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

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

The Diocese of Kamloops

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Catechetical Corner

Chancery Office: ph 250-376-3351

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



† EMC (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)

Saturday: **Arlene**

Sunday: **Edita**

† Lectors

Sat, Apr 13th: **Alyssa**

Alex

Sun, Apr 14th: **Dorell**

Coffee

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First Holy Communion Saturday, May 25th at 5:00 pm

Confirmation

Saturday, June 29th at 5:00 pm

If you have a child in Grade 7 or
above who has not yet been
confirmed, **please contact Fr.
Dale or the office urgently.**

The Mass of Chrism Tuesday, April 16th at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Kamloops, at 10:00 am

The Mass of Chrism is
concelebrated by the Bishop and
representatives of the priests from
all parts of the Diocese. It is a sign
of the unity and communion of the
priests with their Bishop. This
celebration should foster the
relationship of the Bishop with the
liturgical life of the parish. Parish
representatives are invited to this
diocesan event.

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.

The 7 corporal works of mercy:

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty.
3. Clothe the naked.
4. Shelter the homeless.
5. Visit the sick.
6. Visit the imprisoned.
7. Bury the dead.

The 7 spiritual works of mercy:

1. Counsel the doubtful.
2. Instruct the ignorant.
3. Admonish sinners.
4. Comfort the afflicted.
5. Forgive others.
6. Bear wrongs patiently.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

2019 Share Lent, Week 5: Solidarity Sunday, April 7th Share Lent 2nd Collection

Share the journey with Syrian refugees in Lebanon

Since the war broke out in Syria in 2011, some 12.5 million Syrians have had to flee their homes. Development and Peace partner House of Peace (HOPE) is working to build bridges between Syrian refugees and their host communities in Lebanon.

On this Solidarity Sunday, we extend a warm thank you for your generosity. Your donation will help our sisters and brothers across the world, from Colombia all the way to Lebanon, Nigeria, and elsewhere! Thank you for helping us build a world of peace and justice, where no one will be forced to flee their home! www.devop.org/give

Celebrate Holy Week and Easter with S+L TV

Free Preview - April 14 – May 12, 2019

Salt + Light TV is available on a free preview from participating cable and satellite providers across Canada, from April 14 - May 12, 2019.

Join us starting Palm Sunday for live Papal events and our line-up of Catholic programming to grow in the knowledge of our faith and Catholic tradition in its many expressions. Be sure to check out S+L's new documentary, *The Francis Impact*, premiering May 5, 2019, 5pm PST.

Check your local provider or visit www.saltandlighttv.org/subscribe for more details.

During this month long free-preview, in addition to Holy Week and Easter live Vatican events, Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation is pleased to announce the premiere their new documentary *The Francis Impact* on May 5, 2019, 8pm EST/5pm PST. Please see this link for more details. <https://saltandlighttv.org/blogfeed/getpost.php?id=90258>

Calendar

**Apr 9th Alzheimer Society Workshop, Whistler Library 1:30-3:30pm
Free to attend. See noticeboard for details.**

Apr 14th World Day of Youth

Apr 14th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Apr 18th Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper

Apr 19th Good Friday, Passion of the Lord

Apr 20th Holy Saturday, The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Apr 21st Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord