2nd Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

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*** Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30 – 1:00. Please leave a message on the office phone at 250-546-8215 ext #2 and your call will be returned as quickly as possible.

Mass Times ***masks are MANDATORY by ORDER of PHO***

	St Joseph's:	St Ann's:	Carmel of St Joseph:	St John's, Falkland:
Sunday Mass:	9:00 am	11:00 am	7:30 am	cancelled
Daily Mass:	8:30 am	Mon 10:00 am	7:15 am	
		Fri 10:00 am		

St Joseph's Catholic Church

Civic address: 3335 Patterson Street, Armstrong BC
Mailing address: PO Box 331, Armstrong, BC V0E 1B0

E-transfer: givingstjosepharmstrong@rcdk.org
Credit card donation: https://tithe.ly/add-church-info

Reconciliation: Saturday following 8:30am Mass & by request

Baptism: Please contact Father Tony or leave message on office phone.
CWL: To be announced - on Zoom, contact Mary for details.
Knights of Columbus: 2nd Monday, 7:00pm St Joseph's Hall
Sick: Cancelled until further notice
Adoration: First Friday 9:00am–5:00pm, all others 9:00am-10:00am

St Ann's Catholic Church

Civic address: 1406 George Street (Highway 97A), Enderby
Mailing address: c/o PO Box 331, Armstrong, BC V0E 1B0

E-transfer: givingstannsenderby@rcdk.org
Credit card donation: https://tithe.ly/add-church-info

Reconciliation: prior to Sunday 11:00am Mass

Parish General Meeting: To be announced
CWL: To be announced
Knights of Columbus: 2nd Monday, 7:00pm St Joseph's Hall
Faith Formation for Children: Please call the office
Adoration: Wednesdays 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Holy Days of Obligation in Canada: All Sundays, Christmas Day and New Year's Day

Mass Intentions

December 6th – December 11th

Mon: Int of Mary O'Hagan, req by Lillian Novotny
St Ann's: Forgotten Souls in Purgatory+, req by donor
Tues: Int of Blaeser Family members, req by Pat Blaeser
Wed: Int of Monique & Phillip Grossman, req by donor
Thu: Blanche Louttit+, req by Hector Tourangeau
Fri: Sick & deceased St Joseph's Parish members & their families, req by St Joseph's Catholic Women's League
St Ann's: Int of JoAnn Johnson, req by donor
Sat: Margaret Dickie+, req by Joanne Neu

Parish Report

St Joseph's:	Budget $2,087.35	Donations rec'd last week $ 920.00
St Ann's:	Budget $1,399.56	Donations rec'd last week $ 1,519.00

Faith in Action – Campaign 31 (2021 – 2022)

St Joseph's:	Assessed $ 10,339.00	30 Pledges to date = $ 10,062.50
St Ann's:	Assessed $ 6,685.00	19 Pledges to date = $ 10,520.10

Words from our secondary Patron, St John Vianney: "Love for our neighbour consists of three things: To desire the greater good of everyone; to do what good we can *when* we can; to bear, excuse and hide others' faults."

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December:
Catechists: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

St Joseph's Catholic Church

Parish Renovation Debt: Balance owing on Oct 31st - $52,808.96

St Joseph's Parish Council: Father Tony, Helen Galuska, Adrien Lemaire, Lillian Glaicar (secretary).

Choir Practice: Thursdays at 10:00am in the church.

*****Pianist/organist required: If you know how to play the piano, we have a teacher that is able to train for the organ with no problem at all! Please see Father Tony.**

Holy Childhood total: January 1st – October 31st: $160.70

The **Armstrong Food Bank box** is once again at the back of the church, please give generously. All donations are very appreciated.

The **Winter Clothing Box** has returned to the back of the church - please give generously. All donations are very appreciated.

Askew's CWL fundraising cards: Please call Pat Weninger directly at 250-546-3276 for safe exchange of card/payment.

Sunday Missals, 2021 – 2022: Available at the back of the church. **$5.00** each. Please place your money into the tally envelope and mark your name hat you've purchased and paid for it. Thank you!

The Diocese of Kamloops is requiring Catholics to wear masks at Mass and other religious events. The exceptions to this rule are the same as those outlined by B.C. health authorities.
There are exemptions for:

- People with health conditions or with physical, cognitive or mental impairments who cannot wear one
- People who cannot remove a mask on their own
- Children under the age of 5
- People who need to remove their masks to communicate due to another person's hearing impairment.

Tax Receipt 2021 reminder: 2021 Donations must be received in the Parish office by Tuesday, December 21st. This includes E-transfer donations as well. Donations may be mailed to the parish or the Chancery office post marked no later than December 31st to be eligible for 2021 tax receipt. All donations received after 12 noon on Tuesday, December 21st, or are post marked later than December 31st, will go towards the 2022 Tax Receipt.

Serra Club of Kamloops Diocese – Benefits of Eucharistic Adoration!
42. A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. (St. Padre Pio)

For more information about the Serra Club of Canada please visit the website at http://serracanada.com/

Faith in Action News: Faith in Action donations are now being accepted by E-transfer. Interac e-transfer to fia@rcdk.org

No security question required. For tax receipt purposes, please include the following in the e-transfer memo section: your name, address, phone number, parish in which you would like the donation allocated to, and the city where the parish is located. Donations may also be made directly to the Diocese of Kamloops.

Job opportunities – Diocese of Kamloops: Please see https://www.rcdk.org/copy-of-creating-a-safe-environment

St Ann's Catholic Church

Choir Practice: Cancelled until further notice.

Holy Childhood total: January 1st – October 31st: $17.00

Church Flower donations: A jar has been set out for donations to get flowers for the church. Christmas is close and the gardens have stopped production. Thank you for your kind support.

Diocese of Kamloops:

Please refer to Bishop Joseph's September 9th and September 15th letters for current guidance regarding provincial and local health authority mandates.

Masks will now be mandatory to wear at all indoor events at parish facilities, including Mass, meetings, PREP classes, youth events, and others throughout the Diocese of Kamloops. Please refer to Bishop Joseph's November 10th letter.

The faithful in the Diocese of Kamloops remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass as of present.

Some of our Diocesan priests are providing online Masses they are celebrating through social media. Please check our website at https://www.rcdk.org/masses-1

The government would like to **remove charitable status** for Crisis Pregnancy Centers and pro-life organizations. Please go to the link to **sign a petition** against this:
https://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/petition/page/1/id/51

Armstrong Food Bank donation ideas below: Please contact Mary at 403-507-9214 or meservk@telus.net for more details

CCCB Prayer for the Week: For hands and hearts that make straight paths for Jesus and his people - God of the great things, prepare us to welcome you again, in our hearts and in our world. May we never give up hope, in the midst of the waiting, that you will come to do great things here and now to set your people free, we pray to the Lord.

Diocese of Kamloops: On November 10th, Bishop Joseph sent out a letter to all clergy, religious and faithful of the Diocese that masks are now mandatory. It is my hope that this letter has been communicated, and that all are respecting by observing his request.

It is our priority here in the diocese, to ensure that the safety and well-being of all parishioners is being taken seriously, by wearing a mask at all indoor events held at parish facilities, which includes Mass. This simple request, and sign of sacrifice shows our kindness, care, and love for one another.

As we transition through the "flu season", it is very important that if you are feeling ill, having flu-like symptoms, or you are not able to wear a mask, please stay home as to prevent the spread of illness to others. There are several parishes throughout the diocese that continue to offer on-line Mass for you.

As we navigate through the next few weeks, and the months ahead, I ask for your continued support and efforts to help us provide a safe and healthy environment to all those entrusted to our care.

God bless you,

Jeanette Melnychuk
Safe Environment & Human Resources Officer

Serra Club of Kamloops Diocese

Vocation Place

Remembering Vocations in Your 2021 Advent Devotions

Let us pray this second week of advent for the need for vocations to be "born" into the Church so that Christ's life can continue through his followers.

Prayer at the start of each Devotion:

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families. Inspire men to imitate Christ, the Eternal High Priest, in sacrificial service to your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity and obedience. Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayers and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to your call. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

December 5, Second Sunday in Advent [Two purple Candles]

December 6, Feast of St, Nicholas

December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 11, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe [Solemnity Observed]

Meditation: "Who can consider himself worthy to approach the priestly ministry? Who can embrace the consecrated life relying only on his or her own human powers?" "An emblematic human response, full of trust in God's initiative, is the generous and unmitigated "Amen" of the Virgin of Nazareth, uttered with humble and decisive adherence to the plan of the Most High announced to her by God's messenger (cf. Lk 1:38). Her prompt "Yes" allowed Her to become the Mother of God, the Mother of our Savior." Benedict XV