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Weekly News and Bulletin Information from the Chancery Office to all Parishes and Catholic Schools

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The Month of December is dedicated to **The Divine Infancy**.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of December 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict

"Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope."

Words from our secondary patron, St. John Vianney

"Those who are led by the Holy spirit experience all sorts of happiness in themselves."

Holy Hour - for Vocations

Serra Club of Kamloops Diocese

Prayer is a moving force in vocational development. Few are called to the 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).

Kamloops:

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

7:50am - 8:50 am Mon., Tues, Thurs. & Fri. 7:50am - 8:50am before 9 am Mass. and

Fridays 7-8 pm following 6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

8am - 9am Saturdays at Holy Family Parish

5pm – 6pm Tuesday to Friday at St. John Vianney



43. When Our Lord sees pure souls coming to visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament He smiles on them. They come with the simplicity that pleases Him so much. (St. John Vianney)

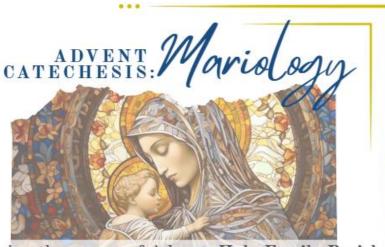
CCCB Journey through Advent 2025

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Advent with the Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxilliary Bishop of Hamilton. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2025.

A joint initiative of the National Liturgy Office, the Office national de liturgie and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis.

Second Sunday of Advent 2025





During the season of Advent, <u>Holy Family Parish</u> will offer a four-week series of reflections.

We encourage everyone to come deepen your understanding of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her role in the life of the Church.

Schedule (Tuesdays at 7pm)

November 25th The Immaculate Conception

December 2nd Mary, Ever Virgin
December 9th The Assumption

December 16th Mary, Mother of God



Canada Post Christmas Stamps

Please be sure to purchase the "Christmas 2025 – Christmas Nativity" Permanent Domestic Stamp from Canada Post this year for your Christmas cards and parcels!



The Alpha Course is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith, designed for anyone curious about the topic. Lasting 9 weeks, each session includes food, a video, and a small group discussion where participants can ask questions in a friendly and open environment. Alpha is open to people of all backgrounds and levels of belief.

What to expect

Connection:

Each session starts with a time of refreshments and a meal, creating a welcoming atmosphere.

Content:

Following the initial connection, there is a video on a topic central to the Christian faith. These videos explore big questions about life and faith, such as "Is there a God?" or "Who is Jesus?" or "Why did Jesus die?".

Conversation:

Participants break into small groups to discuss the talk, ask questions, and share their thoughts. Participants can say whatever they think in a safe and friendly environment.

Who it's for

- People who are new to the Christian faith.
- Anyone curious about Christianity and its core beliefs.
- Those with questions about life, faith, and purpose.
- It's open to everyone and designed to be a space with no pressure or follow-up.

Catholic Alpha is actively promoted by our Bishop and has run with great success in the Vancouver Archdiocese. It is Bishop Joseph's express wish that Alpha start in Kamloops and then grow throughout the Diocese.

Alpha will run on Thursday evenings from Jan 8 until March 5, as well as on one Saturday (Feb 14).

Questions? Please contact me anytime at cathedralpa@rcdk.org or 587 201 1712

Mark Perren for, The Alpha Team

Alpha, an open space to meet new people,

And unpack Life's big questions - Together



Thursday evenings in January and February 5:30 - 8 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 255 Nicola Street, Kamloops

Fine, free meal at 6 pm!



Register here with this QR code, or email

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Questions?

Meet new people and explore life together. Alpha is for anyone who's curious. No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation. Come along, see what you think!

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2nd Prize \$25,000 4th Prize \$ 5,000

3rd Prize \$10,000 5th to 14th \$ 1,000 each! --> Early Bird Draws



BUY TODAY

Sales Oct 1, 2025 to Dec 13, 2025, 8pm
Early Bird Draws
Oct 6 (2x\$1000), Oct 20 (2x\$1000), Nov 3 (2x\$1000)
Nov 17 (2x\$1000), Dec 5 (2x\$1000)
Main Draw Saturday December 13, 2025, 8:01pm

An annual charity appeal of the Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER Thank you for your Support!

For gien eral in quiries call 604-216-7272 Raffle Event License #: 164-447
Chances are 1 in 410,000 (total tickets for sale) to win a grand prize. Actual odds depend on number of tickets sold. 19+ to play.

Problem Gambling Help Line 1-888-795-6111 w.w.w.bcresponsible gambling.ca Know your limit. Play within it.

Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery it laiming of prizes.





This year also marks the 35th year of the diocese's annua Faith in Action appeal, whose longevity is itself a truly remarkable testament to the faith and extraordinary generosity of Catholics here in the diocese.

Wish to Donate Online? Interac e-transfers to: fia@rcdk.org

Tax Receipt 2025 reminder:

Faith in Action donations must be received by Monday, December 29th to be eligible for the 2025 tax receipt. This includes E-Transfer donations as well. All donations received after December 29th will go towards the 2026 tax receipt.

Faith In Action Campaign 35 Video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xs5yYuzUojU



Rachel's Corner

"With weeping they shall come, but with compassion I will guide them; I will lead them to streams of water, on a level road, without stumbling. ... I will turn their mourning into joy; I will show them compassion and have them rejoice after their sorrows." Jeremiah 31: 9, 13

Allow yourself to be guided and lead by Our Lord as He yearns to level your road, turn your mourning into joy and dry your tears of sorrow. His compassionate mercy awaits you on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat. We will be waiting for you.

www.rachelsvineyardkamloops.org rvkamloops@yahoo.ca 250-267-508



Managing Your Fertility Naturally Choosing to Achieve or Avoid pregnancy



Are you a Canadian that has charted 6 cycles using the Symptothermal method and recognize its importance in your life?

We Need Your Help!

Do you:

- Appreciate the value of fertility?
- Feel that planned abstinence can enhance a couple's relationship?
- Appreciate working with your spouse?
- Like team work?
- Want to help other couples by sharing what you know?

Benefits of becoming a teacher-couple include:

- The satisfaction of offering a valuable resource
- Making a difference in the lives of other couples
- The opportunity to grow as a couple.
- A chance to develop friendships

Training Program Overview Serena offers you:

- Quality training
- Ongoing volunteer development
- A chance to learn more about the method
- The opportunity to meet people who share the same values.

Ready to become a teacher-couple? https://serena.ca/teach/



Vocation Live-Ins

CHRIST THE KING A Vocation Live-In is an opportunity for young men to spend a weekend at the seminary. It

gives them a chance to meet other boys and/or men searching for God's will. During the weekend there are times for community prayer, daily mass, *lectio divina* (spiritual reading), rosary, sports, discussion groups, and a tour of the seminary and campus.

Most of the boys and men attending the Vocation Live-ins (which begin Saturday morning and end Sunday afternoon) are from B.C.'s lower mainland, but there are usually several from the U.S. and often a few from out-of-province.

We hope that in attending the Vocation Live-In, you will leave the seminary closer to Christ, more knowledgeable of seminary life, and will inspire other boys and men to respond to the possibility of a call to the priesthood or religious life.

Dates of the next Seminary Live ins: February 7-8, 2026 July 4-5, 2026

If you are interested in attending a vocations live-in weekend, please contact Fr. Derrick, Vocations director at vocations@rcdk.org or calling 250-372-2581

CURRENT JOB POSTINGS IN THE DIOCESE OF KAMLOOPS





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/