



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

April 21, 2026

The Month of April is dedicated to the **Holy Eucharist**.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of April 2026

For Priests Crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Words from our secondary patron, St. John Vianney

"My friend, dwell on the patience of our Lord!"



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

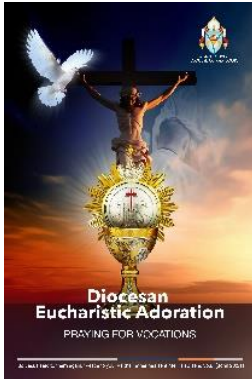
8am – 9am Wednesdays and Saturdays at Holy Family Parish

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



61. You will find visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament very conducive to increase in you Divine Love. (St. Mary Magdalene of Pazzi)

Prayerful wishes to Deacon Paul Murphy who celebrates his birthday on April 21st, to Fr. Derrick Cameron who celebrates his birthday on April 25th, and to Msgr. Jerry Desmond who celebrates his 60th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on April 28th!



Diocesan Adoration Week

April 19 – 25 – St. John's Lillooet

April 26 – May 2 – St. James Vernon

May 3 – 9 – Sacred Heart Lumby

May 10 – 16 – Blessed Sacrament Chase & Our Lady of the Lake
Blind Bay

May 17 – 23 – Sacred Heart Cathedral

May 24 – 30 – St. Joseph's Armstrong



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION GIFTS?

Your diocesan Catholic store, St. Joseph's Christian Book, Gift and Church Supply, will help you find the right gift for your young communicant or confirmand. Come browse their selection of

giftware, picture frames, medals, crucifixes, rosaries, jewelry, books, bibles, prayer books, prayer cards, greeting cards, boys' white ties, and much more, for that special day. Custom orders must be placed immediately to avoid disappointment.

STORE HOURS:

Tuesday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm (Closed 1-2 pm for lunch)

Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

Telephone: 778-471 6100 **Email:** stjosephskamloops@gmail.com

Address: 256 Nicola Street, Kamloops (opposite Sacred Heart Cathedral)



ST. ANN'S ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HOMESTAY PROGRAM

REASONS TO BECOME A HOMESTAY FAMILY

- **Make a difference in a young person's life**
- **Gain a new appreciation for where you live**
- **Share your culture**
- **Learn about a new culture**
- **Experience a new family dynamic**
- **Expand your family's horizons, connect them to the world and give them a more global mindset**
- **Create lifelong memories and relationships between your family and the student**
- **It's fun!**

Contact Mrs. Da Silva at
advancement@st-anns.ca if interested



St. Ann's Academy will be welcoming new international students from Germany and Mexico in the upcoming school year, and we are currently seeking caring families to host them. Opening your home to an international student can be an incredibly rewarding experience, offering meaningful cultural exchange and the opportunity to build lifelong connections. We encourage you to consider becoming a host family and making a positive impact on a student's life. For more information, please contact Mrs. Da Silva at advancement@st-anns.ca

KCYG PRESENTS

YOU ARE CHOSEN

A Retreat for Confirmation Candidates

SATURDAY MAY 2ND, 2026

10:00AM TO 4:00PM

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH, 2826 BANK
ROAD, KAMLOOPS BC



REGISTER HERE



FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL ANDY
AT KCYG@RCDK.ORG



DYC 2026

Diocesan Youth Conference



TOTUS TUUS



MAY 15 - 17

Sacred Heart Cathedral
Prince George

For Grades 7 - 12

Early Bird Fee: \$75

Regular: \$100

Early Bird Ends March 16



Scan for Registration!



Special Guests

Grace and Donny McGeragle

The Benedictines of Westminster Abbey

Music Ministry: CFC Youth

Register at: <https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/diocesan-youth-conference/>

For more info email dyc@pgdiocese.ca



OMI
The Missionary Oblates
of Mary Immaculate

We, as **Oblates of Mary Immaculate**, are grateful to the Diocese of Kamloops for the continued encouragement that is given in support of our missionary outreach here in the west.

BICENTENNIAL - We are hoping that many Catholics of the Diocese may join us as we

celebrate our Oblate Bicentennial (1826-2026) on the feast of St. Eugene May 21st. The Oblates are the roots of faith in this Diocese from the mid-19th century with many like Le Jacq, Le Jeune, Durieu, Morice, D'Herbomez, Dontenwill, leaving an indelible mark on the history of the Church and Society before even the Provinces of Canada came to be. To mark this special moment in our history of missionary activity, we are wanting to come together in a festive "Gala Event". Our hope is that we have a full joyful banquet hall but realize that few may be able to be present in person from your Diocese. If any are able to attend please contact the Star.

Starlight
FUNDRAISER DINNER

Join us for a Starlight fundraising dinner hosted by Star of the North Retreat Centre with the Missionary Associates of Mary Immaculate. Celebrating 200 years of Oblate mission, the evening supports renewal programs, young adult initiatives, and a new retreat house in Kenya, featuring keynote speaker Fr. Ken Forster, OMI

- Parishioners not able to join us in person for this "Living Mission in Community", are encouraged to still participate by sending a donation. (Perhaps some may want to mark our 200th anniversary, with a comparable \$200.00)
- You may donate by cheque, made out to "The Star of the North Retreat Centre" 3A St. Vital Ave, St. Albert, AB, T8N K1 (780) 459-5511)
- Or e-transfer to accounting@starofthenorth.ca

Thank you for your place in our hearts and our mission!

Fr. Ken Forster OMI
Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate 1311
The Crescent Vancouver B.C.
V6H 1T6

Scholarship Opportunity

***Please pass this information on to anyone
who you think may qualify.***

Albert Johnston Scholarship Opportunity

\$1000 towards post-secondary tuition for students
having completed Grade 12 by June 2026.

Requirements - due April 1, 2026:

1. Essay
2. Two references
3. Volunteering (in pro-life-affirming activities
with those who are pregnant, disabled, elderly)
which contestants should begin now.

Please allow 5 business days for Canada Post
delivery of your essay to us by the due date.

Email: kamloopsprolife@gmail.com for more
information or see 'Scholarship' under 'Events'
on our website <http://www.voices4life.com>

VERNON AND AREA PRO LIFE SOCIETY

**Vernon & Area Pro-Life Society is offering a
\$1,500 scholarship for a 2026 Grade 12 graduating
student. For more info or application email
prolifescholarship@gmail.com**

Deadline is May 22.

Knights of Columbus (B.C.) Charity Foundation BRITISH COLUMBIA

Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI
Memorial Bursary Program



2026 General Information and Terms of Reference

GENERAL INFORMATION

A. The 2026 bursary year begins January 1, 2026. No applications will be accepted or processed before this date.

B. Any interested and qualified student must write to the State Bursary Chairman, at the following address, to request a bursary application form:

Jim Williams
State Bursary Chairman
2195 Neptune Road
North Saanich, BC, V8L 5J4
OR
E-mail: jimw.kofc@gmail.com

All applications are numbered and tracked; no photocopied applications will be accepted. No one other than the student may request an application. **Deadline to request an Application Package is June 1, 2026.**

C. Completed applications, including a short personal Resume, must be received by the Bursary Chairman on or before June 30, 2026 to be considered for the 2026 bursary program.

D. The terms of reference listed are general guidelines only. The Foundation President may, at his discretion, award bursaries based upon special circumstances or needs.

E. Fourteen (14) bursaries valued at \$1,000.00 each are available. The quantity of available bursaries may increase, at the discretion of the Foundation President.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger Bursary is available to all Catholic students **residing in the province of British Columbia, Canada.**
2. Receipt of a bursary from the Foundation in any prior year disqualifies the applicant.
3. The deadline for receipt of completed applications by the Bursary Chairman is June 30, 2026, immediately preceding the academic year. **(Note: Requests for Bursary Application Packages must be sent to the Bursary Chairman no later than June 1, 2026).**
4. Applicants must be enrolling at any legally recognized institute of higher learning, beyond the secondary school level **in British Columbia, Canada.**
5. Proof of September 2026 registration, in the form of a tuition receipt from a university or other recognized institute of higher learning, will be required by the State Bursary Chairman from successful applicants **before bursary cheques** can be issued. This receipt must be received by the Bursary Chairman no later than November 30, 2026.
6. Bursaries are tenable at any legally recognized educational institute of higher learning, beyond the secondary level in British Columbia, Canada.
7. Applicants must be **under the age of twenty-five** as of the application deadline (June 30, 2026).
8. Applicants who demonstrate a financial need may receive primary consideration.
9. The signature of your sponsoring Parish Priest (parish where you are registered as a parishioner) must be on the application form.
10. Successful candidates will be notified by the State Bursary Chairman before the **thirty first (31st) of August** of that same year.
11. Applications will be sent only to students who apply in writing to the State Bursary Chairman. Completed applications, **along with a short personal resume** and **Baptism certificate**, must be received by June 30, 2026.

Jim Williams
State Bursary Chairman

MSGR. DESMOND'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION *Celebration!*



**MONSIGNOR JERRY'S 60TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY
MAY 16, 2026.**

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING AT
10AM AT OUR LADY OF
PERPETUAL HELP
635 TRANQUILLE ROAD
FOLLOWED BY A TICKETED
LUNCHEON AT COLOMBO LODGE
814 LORNE STREET**

MAY | 16th | 2026

Tickets are \$45.00 per person



[Register Here](#)

Deadline for registration
May 5

[Register Link Here](#)



SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING

Vocation Live-Ins

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 drawn closer to Christ, enriched by a deeper understanding of seminary life, and inspired to encourage other boys and men to consider and respond to a possible call to the priesthood or religious life.

Dates of the next Seminary Live ins:

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



National
Family & Life Week
May 10-17, 2026 "I am with you always"

National Family and Life Week 2026

(#NFLW2026) will take place

from **Sunday, 10 to Sunday, 17**

May 2026, centring on the theme "**I am with you always**" (cf. Matthew 28:20),

which reminds the domestic church that Christ remains with us in our joys,

struggles, across generations, and in all of life's experiences.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 1614

Lobstermania

JUNE
13
SAT



**\$85/
PERSON**

OLPH PARISH CENTRE • 635 TRANQUILLE ROAD, KAMLOOPS

COCKTAILS : 6 PM

CASH BAR

DINNER : 7 PM

LOBSTER + BUFFET



dance to live music by

**JERRY DE SOUZA
AND THE MELODYMAKERS**



FUNDRAISER PROCEEDS SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

TICKETS

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ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTIAN STORE

ANTHONY MUZZILLO
JOHN GIDDENS
GARRY MAYHEW

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250-682-4600
250-572-5429



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**You can't
 take it
 with you.**



ARTWORK BY
VICTORIA JEWELL

PLAYWRIGHTS
MOSS HART &
GEORGE S. KAUFMAN

May 12th, 13th, 14th
 St. John Vianney Parish | 2826 Bank Rd, Kamloops
 Doors open @ 6:30pm | Performance @ 7:00pm
 Admission \$15.00
 LIMITED TICKETS AT THE DOOR
 Contact: officeadmin@st-anns.ca | 250-372-5452



ST. ANN'S ACADEMY
 205 Columbia St. | 250-372-5452



ST. ANN'S ACADEMY

ALUMNI HOMECOMING

CELEBRATING 146 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

**YOU'RE INVITED TO THE 2026 ST. ANN'S ACADEMY
ALUMNI HOMECOMING!**



BRING YOUR FAMILY OR COME SOLO AND
EXPLORE THE SCHOOL WITH GUIDED TOURS
OR TAKE PART IN A SCAVENGER HUNT



ST. ANN'S ACADEMY
205 COLUMBIA ST
KAMLOOPS, B.C.



ENJOY LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES, AND A CHANCE TO CATCH UP
WITH OLD FRIENDS



MAY 16TH 2026
SATURDAY
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



SNACKS, DESSERTS, AND REFRESHMENTS
WILL BE SERVED!

We invite all St. Ann's Academy alumni—and families who know or are connected to alumni—to join us for our upcoming SAA Homecoming on May 16th! This free event is a wonderful opportunity to bring together past and present members of our school community to reconnect, share stories, and reminisce about their time at St. Ann's Academy.

Please help us spread the word and make this a memorable gathering! To reserve your free tickets, please visit: <https://buytickets.at/stannsacademy/1976504>. Kindly note that ticket reservations close on May 2nd, 2026.

Employment Opportunities



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/>

Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria – Assistant Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization

The Diocese of Victoria is seeking an Assistant Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization. The Assistant Director will report directly to the Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization and will aid in carrying out the primary mission of the Diocesan Ministry of Faith Formation and Evangelization and as agents of the Bishop of Victoria, serve the People of God to know, celebrate, contemplate, and live the Christian faith in the One Triune God. The salary range is \$62,000-\$67,000 FTE per annum. Please see the attached job posting for more details or visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>

FacetoFace Ministries Job Posting!

FacetoFace Ministries are excited to share that they are hiring 3 new Event Facilitators! These members of their staff are the ones who facilitate their events from the front. They go out in pairs of 2 putting on excellent Catholic youth events across Western Canada. They are youth ministry professionals who are dynamic, relational, quick learners, and eager to share the gospel message with young people.

Below is a link to their hiring video which is the best way to learn more about this position for anyone interested.

The application deadline is **April 30, 2025**.

You can also find the posting online here:

- **Employment Page:** <https://facetofaceministries.ca/employment/>
- **Hiring Video Link:** <https://youtu.be/Gp4breiL0qE?si=17e72IQ4LDHF8dNN>