



# ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF KAMLOOPS

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

**March 12, 2024**

The Month of March is dedicated to the **Holy Family**.

### The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of March 2024

#### For New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

#### Words from our secondary patron, St. John Vianney

*“A HOUSE founded on the Cross will fear neither wind, nor rain, nor storm”*

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***Prayerful wishes to Fr. Donal O'Reilly who celebrates his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 16th!***



### Holy Hour – for Vocations Serra Club of Kamloops Diocese

Prayer is a moving force in vocation development. Few are called to 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. Wednesday 9:30 am – 9 pm and Fridays 7-8 pm following 6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral



***62. You should take up as your own cause a Holy Hour of Adoration so that peace and unity can be brought about in the Church. (Pope Paul VI)***

## *Remembering Vocations in your Lenten Devotions—2024*



### ***Meditation in the words of His Holiness, Pope Francis:***

“Dear friends, Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take.” “Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.”

### **Weekly Meditations**

#### **March 17, *Fifth Sunday in Lent***

We pray for men of vision and courage to lead the Lord’s flock. In the words of Blessed Rev. Stanley Rother, Martyr: “The shepherd cannot run.”



**Please join Bishop Joseph Nguyen as he celebrates Easter Sunday Mass at St. Joseph’s on the reserve in thanksgiving for the gift of Resurrection which brings hope, reconciliation and restoration.**

March 31, 2024 at 1:00 PM  
St. Joseph’s Church  
200 Chilcotin Rd, Kamloops, BC.

## SUNDAY BULLETIN



HOPEWELL  
Clinic + Pregnancy Centre

Hopewell provides care and support to women affected by an unplanned pregnancy from the moment they find out they are pregnant, until their child is entering kingdom. Commitment to ongoing support is a central value held at Hopewell. The annual baby bottle campaign is running through Lent. Join the village of donors who help to ensure women have access to help through their pregnancy and into the early parenting years. There are 4 ways to donate: 1) Cash/Cheques: Pick up a bottle at the church and return it by Easter. 2) Credit Card: [www.hopewellkamloops.ca](http://www.hopewellkamloops.ca) 3) Etransfer: [donate@hopewellkamloops.ca](mailto:donate@hopewellkamloops.ca) 4) Mail a cheque: 429 Tranquille Rd. Kamloops BC, V2B 3G9. Your support will bring hope and healing to women and families in need.



### Mass of Chrism 2024

Join Bishop Joseph Nguyen and the Priests of our Diocese on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 10:00 AM at Sacred Heart Cathedral for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. During the Chrism Mass, Bishop Joseph will bless the oil of the sick and the Oil of Catechumen and consecrate the Oil of Chrism which will be used in the parishes of the diocese throughout the year. As our Bishop blesses these three oils, our hearts turn to our gracious Lord who bestows His infinite love and mercy to us through these

sacraments. Let us pray for our Bishop and the Priests who are the ministers of the sacraments in the parish, that they may be the humble and generous servants of the Lord. This Mass also acknowledges the ministry of Priests as they renew the commitments they made at their ordination and receive the prayers and support of the people. All are invited to this special liturgy to pray especially for Priests and for all who will be anointed by these oils in the coming year.

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul:** Everyone is invited to participate in our annual outdoor Way of the Cross to be held on Good Friday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We meet at 433 Tranquille Road and stop along the way recalling Jesus' passion and praying for various social justice concerns. We end at 168 Briar Avenue for soup and a bun. This does not replace your parish's Good Friday liturgy.



## **Please join Bishop Joseph in welcoming Rev. Henry Chigozie Nwaimo to the Diocese of Kamloops.**

Fr. Henry will be serving as Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Kamloops.

I was born into a family of seven (five male, two female), on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1980. I was born in Eziudo Mbaise in Imo State, Nigeria, but grew up in the South-Eastern city of Aba, in Abia State, Nigeria, where my parents lived and served.

At the age of 12, I started my minor seminary education/training at the Annunciation Minor Seminary, Amaudara, Abia State, Nigeria (1992-1998). At the end of my minor seminary education/training, I acquired the West African Senior School Certificate Examination result (WASSCE), which qualified me to proceed to the Diocesan Propaedeutic Spiritual Year Seminary of Azumini Ndoki (Aba Diocese), Nigeria (1999).

Upon my completion of my one year propaedeutic seminary training, I proceeded to the Seat of Wisdom Major Seminary, Owerri, Nigeria, for a four year philosophy course (2000-2004). I completed my philosophy course in 2004, acquiring a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy (from the Pontifical Urban University, Rome) and another Bachelor's Degree in Arts (from the Imo State University, Owerri, Nigeria).

Afterwards, I continued my theological studies at the Good Shepherd Major Seminary, Kaduna, Nigeria (2004-2009), after which I got a Bachelor's Degree in Sacred Theology (Pontifical Urban University, Rome) and another Bachelor's Degree in Theology (University of Jos, Nigeria).

I was ordained as a Catholic priest on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August, 2010, after a one-year pastoral internship program/formation in the Diocese. After my priestly ordination, I have worked/served in the following Parishes/places:

1. (2010-2011) – Assistant Pastor – SS. Anthony and Jude Parish, Umungasi, Aba, Nigeria
2. (2011-2016) – Pastor – St. Peter's Catholic Parish, Ohuhu Nsulu, Nigeria
3. (2016-2017) – Pastor – Our Lady Queen of Nigeria Parish, Eziama, Aba, Nigeria
4. (2017) – Vicario Parrocchiale – Maria Santissima Del Santo Rosario di Pompei, Scillichenti, Italy
5. (2017-2019) – Vicario Parrocchiale – San Nicolò Da Bari, Randazzo, Italy
6. (2019-2023) – Vicario Parrocchiale – Sant'Antonio Abate, Aci San'Antonio, Italy
7. (2023-2024) – Vicario Parrocchiale – Gesu Lavoratore, Giarre, Italy

Finally, during my stay and years of pastoral service in Italy (2017-2024), I had the opportunity to study Italian language, and acquired an A2 Language Proficiency Certificate in the Italian language. Currently, I am in the Diocese of Kamloops, on the invitation/acceptance of the Bishop, for a pastoral assistance/assignment/service.

Thanks and God bless

A Night at the  
St. James Saloon

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 20**

\$25  
6:30-11:00PM  
CASH BAR  
19+  
WESTERN ATTIRE

**BAND- BROTHER DOWN  
DJ - ROCKIN' RANDY**



# DAYS OF REFLECTION AT HIS FEET

**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED**

Friday, March 22 beginning at 7:00 pm  
Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Centre  
635 Tranquille Road, Kamloops, BC

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
Contact Domenica Spina  
[domenicaspina@yahoo.ca](mailto:domenicaspina@yahoo.ca)

*Mass and Adoration*  
*Presenters: Fr. Paul Simms,*  
*Christine Mason and Nancy Simms*  
*Breakfast, Lunch and Coffee Breaks included*



**Event Sponsored By The Kamloops Diocesan Catholic Women's League of Canada**

For more information or for registration form, please email Domenica Spina at [domenicaspina@yahoo.ca](mailto:domenicaspina@yahoo.ca) or call 250-320-8319



**Schedule for Days of Reflection: At His Feet**

**Friday, March 22, 2024**

Registration in OLPH Parish Centre at 6:30 pm

**Evening Session:**

Beginning at 7pm in OLPH Church Welcome & Introductions  
Reflection: Fr. Paul Simms and leading into Adoration & Praise & Worship  
Social Evening to follow in OLPH Parish Centre

**Saturday, March 23rd, 2024**

8:00 am – Breakfast in OLPH Parish Centre

**Morning Session:**

8:45 am Session 1: Fr. Paul Simms

9:45 am Coffee Break

10:00 am Session 2: Christine Mason & Nancy Simms 10:30 am Time for  
Confession and Prepare for Mass

11:00 am Mass in OLPH Church

12:00 noon to 12:45 pm Lunch in OLPH Parish Centre Afternoon Session:

12:45 pm Session 3: Nancy Simms

1:45 pm Coffee Break

2:00 pm Session 4: Christine Mason 3:00 pm Closing Remarks & Final  
Prayer

**CCCB Journey Through Lent Video Series**

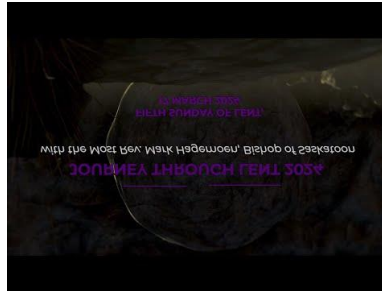
The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, in collaboration with the National Liturgy Office and the *Office nationale de liturgie*, launches the 2024 video series titled **Journey Through Lent.** Beginning on Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2024, and for each Sunday in Lent, up to and including Palm Sunday, a video will be uploaded to the CCCB website featuring pastoral reflections based on the Readings for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. Geared to individuals, families, and communities, this series is meant to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season.

This year's presenters are the Most Reverend Stephen A. Hero, Bishop of Prince Albert, and the Most Reverend Mark Hagemoen, Bishop of Saskatoon (in

English) as well as the Most Reverend Martin Laliberté, P.M.É., Bishop of Trois-Rivières (in French).

You are invited to visit the CCCB website for this week's videos on the reflections prepared for Ash Wednesday and the First Sunday of Lent. You can visit it again every Monday (19 February, 26 February, 4 March, 11 March and 18 March) to access videos for the upcoming Sunday Eucharistic Celebration.

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent 2024**



On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, Bishop Hagemoen provides a reflection on God's call to us all to care for one another.

### *Rachel's Corner*

*"I have told you all this so that you may find peace in me. In the world you will have hardship, but be courageous: I have conquered the world."*

*- John 16:33*

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and celebrate Our Lord's victory over death which you can receive directly as you allow Him to conquer the death you feel inside since your abortion.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL 1614

# Lobstermania



MAY  
25  
SAT

\$80/  
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**

GIDDENS SERVICES	ANTHONY MUZZILLO	250 - 851 - 1111
ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTIAN STORE	JOHN GIDDENS	250 - 682 - 4600
	GARRY MAYHEW	778 - 471 - 6100
	ED BARKER	250 - 319 - 3331



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1614 Sacred Heart Cathedral  
is hosting

## **LOBSTERMANIA 2024**

on **Saturday May 25, 2024** at **OLPH Parish Centre.**

Join us for a fun filled night of succulent Nova Scotian Lobster and dinner buffet.

**DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH LIVE MUSIC by**  
**'JERRY DE SOUZA and the MELODYMAKERS'**



Get a group of friends, relatives or co-workers together and enjoy an East Coast Lobster evening. Tickets are \$80. each and are available from **Ed Barker 250-319-3331, Anthony Muzzillo 250-851-1111, Gary Mayhew 778-471-6100 and John Giddens 250-682-4600**



## Pro-life \$1000 Scholarship.

Completed application due April 1st, 2024. Requirements ... Grade 12 completion by June 2024 (or in previous years), essay, volunteering in pro-life/life-affirming activities, references, acceptance by a postsecondary institution in the fall of 2024

Applicants should begin their volunteering now, if not before.  
For details , and to access the application form, please email us at:  
[kamloopsprolife@gmail.com](mailto:kamloopsprolife@gmail.com)



Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next retreat in Canada is **May 14 - 18, 2024 in Kelowna**. For more information, please email [griegtograncelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtograncelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.



*A 9-Day Pilgrimage to*  
**IRELAND**

*with Fr. Patrick Tepoorten & Fr. Paul Simms*

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**August 19-27, 2024**



**ST. CHARLES**   
*Catholic Pilgrimages*

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# DIOCESE OF KAMLOOPS

## Permanent Diaconate Formation



Mission Service  
Ministry of Liturgy  
Ministry of Charity  
Ministry of Word

Contact the formation team at:  
deaconpaul@rcdk.org  
For additional information or questions:  
Fr Dale Normandeau (604) 905-9897  
Deacon Paul (778) 212-2020

***"Not to be served, but to serve"***

## CURRENT JOB POSTINGS IN THE DIOCESE OF KAMLOOPS



### Catholic Independent Schools of Kamloops

The Catholic Independent Schools of the Kamloops Diocese (CISKD) is seeking an experienced individual to bring a depth of experience and financial acumen to supervise and lead financial operations across the CISKD and its Schools.

The centralized bookkeeper is required to provide comprehensive accounting direction and support in a professional, courteous and efficient manner while maintaining absolute confidentiality. The system operates six schools under the Authority of the CISKD, employing approximately 200 employees and 100 independent contractors serving the programming needs of approximately 1400 students.

Please provide: cover letter, resume (including contact information of two professional references, one of which should be from the most recent job evaluation report). A Pastoral Reference Form (catholic or non catholic) will be required as well and shall be sent directly from the Pastor to the Office of the Superintendent. Current CISKD personnel as well as applicants external to CISKD are invited to apply.

For further information contact Mr. Christopher Yuen, Superintendent of Schools at 250-376-3351. Applications should be forwarded to the CISKD Office to the attention of:

*Superintendent of CISKD, 635A Tranquille Road, Kamloops BC, V2B 3H5, or emailed to [hr@ciskd.ca](mailto:hr@ciskd.ca)*

We thank all applicants in advance, however only those shortlisted will be contacted. This position shall remain open until filled.

Current Job Postings can be found at [www.ciskd.ca](http://www.ciskd.ca) under the CAREERS tab: <https://www.makeafuture.ca/bc-schools-and-districts/catholic-independent-schools-kamloops-diocese/>

## **Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson**

### **Employment Opportunities**

Administrative Assistant to Superintendent of Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Diocese (CISND)

**Location:** Kelowna

**Start Date:** 03/01/2024

Financial Administrator

**Location:** Kelowna

**Start Date:** 04/01/2024

Principal - St. Michael's Elementary School

**Location:** Trail, British Columbia