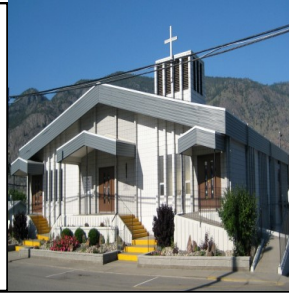


**Christ the King
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**EASTER
SUNDAY
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Christ the King (Oliver) (CTK)
Saturday - 6:30 pm and Sunday - 9:30 am
St. Gregory Mission - 3rd Sunday each month 1:00 pm
Next Mass 21 April
St. Anne (Osoyoos) (STA)
Saturday 5 pm Sunday 8:15 am and 11 am
Our Lady of Lourdes Mission (Cawston) -
1st Sunday each month at 1:00 pm
Next Mass 05 May

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 to 4:30 pm or request an appointment (St. Anne Osoyoos) or by appointment
Following 6:30 pm mass on Saturday (Christ the King Oliver) or by appointment
Baptisms: Contact the Pastor 2 months in advance **Weddings:** Contact the Pastor 6 months in advance

The Good Shepherd
John 10



**"I am the good shepherd. I know my own
and my own know me."** [John 10: 14]

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to the South Okanagan. A special welcome to all family members who return home on this spring weekend. Farewell to our travelling snowbirds. We wish all a pleasant and safe return journey.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

Please help us update our Parish records by cutting out & completing this form, and place in the collection basket or return to the Parish office.

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____ **COLLECTION ENVELOPE BOX #** _____

ADDRESS (STREET): _____

ADDRESS (MAILING): _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ **POSTAL CODE:** _____

I would like to receive the bulletin via weekly e-mail. _____

I would like to begin using a boxed set of collection envelopes. _____

I would like to use pre-authorized debit for my Sunday contributions. _____

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

20 to 28 APRIL 2024

CTK = Christ the King Oliver

STA = St. Anne Osoyoos

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| Saturday 20 April | 5 PM @ STA.....[Easter IV]..... | Unannounced Intention |
| Saturday 20 April | 6:30 PM @ CTK.....[Easter IV]..... | Dec. Thomas Family |
| Sunday 21 April | 8:15 AM @ STA.....[Easter IV]..... | Int. Maria Vieira |
| Sunday 21 April | 9:30 AM @ CTK.....[Easter IV]..... | Missa Pro Populo |
| Sunday 21 April | 11 AM @ STA.....[Easter IV]..... | Missa Pro Populo |
| Monday 22 April | 9 AM @ STA..... | Rep. Joaquim Ramos Pereira |
| Tuesday 23 April | 9 AM @ STA..... | Rep. Roger Baird |
| Wednesday 24 April | 9 AM @ CTK..... | Rep. Lidia Dutra |
| Thursday 25 April | 9AM @ CTK.....[St. Mark, Evangelist]..... | Rep. Patricia O'Doherty-Fleury |
| | 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM...Eucharistic Devotion | |
| Friday 26 April | T.B.A. @ STA.....[Our Lady of Good Counsel]..... | |
| | 9:30 AM to 11 AM.....Eucharistic Devotion..... | |
| Saturday 27 April | 5 PM @ STA.....[Easter V]..... | Rep. Luis Agostinho |
| Saturday 27 April | 6:30 PM @ CTK.....[Easter V]..... | Unannounced Intention |
| Sunday 28 April | 8:15 AM @ STA.....[Easter V]..... | Rep. Jose Candido |
| Sunday 28 April | 9:30 AM @ CTK.....[Easter V]..... | Missa Pro Populo |
| Sunday 28 April | 11 AM @ STA.....[Easter V]..... | Missa Pro Populo |

Masses for Our Lady of Lourdes Mission, at Cawston on the Lower Similkameen Territory, will continue on the first Sunday of each month at 1 PM. Masses for St. Gregory Mission at the Osoyoos Territory Band Office (adjacent to the South Okanagan General Hospital) on the third Sunday at 1 PM.

HOLY TRIVIA

Last Bulletin: In Canada, St. Kateri Tekakwitha is celebrated on 17 April. At the age of 21, Kateri was baptized and received First Holy Communion on Christmas Day in 1677. She walked to the St. Francis Xavier Mission near Montreal to join a community of Native American women who had also converted to Christianity. Kateri, (after Catherine of Siena), died on 17 April, 1680. She was canonized on 21 October, 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI. She is patroness of the environment and Indigenous people. What does "Tekakwitha" mean?

- A] She is pigeon-toed **B] She bumps into things**
 C] She is cross-eyed D] She is a tall one
 (Note: St. Kateri had smallpox, leaving her almost blind.)

This Week: 25 April is the celebration of the Festival of St. Mark, Evangelist. His Gospel is the shortest by chapter count (16) and quite likely the earliest written of the four Gospels. The Gospel of St. Mark has no stories about the conception or birth of Jesus, but begins with St. John the Baptist at the Jordan River. At the end of this Gospel, other than Jesus, who is the last human mentioned in the Gospel?

- A] Mary Magdalene B] Peter
 C] Caesar Tiberias D] Pontius Pilate
 Answer in next bulletin

COLLECTION ENVELOPES & DONATIONS

[Please do not use envelopes dated from past years.]

- 2024 envelopes are available at the church entrance and are also available for parishioners on the auto-debit contribution plan, for the special collections.
- All donations with cheques (except the annual appeal) are to be made payable to the parish. The memo line is the place to indicate "Pro-Life" or "Share Lent" or "Earthquake."

FOR YOUR CALENDARS

APRIL MMXXIV

- 22 - Earth Day
- 22 - Jewish Feast of Passover (begins at sundown)
- 23 - Full Moon 4:49 PM
- 25 - Mass at Okanagan Correctional Centre 1 PM
- 26 - Our Lady of Good Counsel
- 26/27 - Diocese of Nelson Charismatic Conference (Penticton)

MAY MMXXIV

- 02/05 - CWL Diocesan Convention (Summerland)
- 10/11 - Knights of Columbus garage sale CTK
- 12 - Mothers' Day
- 13 - Our Lady of Fatima
- 19 - Pentecost
- 20 - Victoria Day Holiday
- 23 - Full Moon 6: 53 AM
- 27 - Memorial Day (U.S.A.)



RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION CTK STA

Catholics may receive Holy Communion directly on the tongue (stand still and extend the tongue) or on the palm of the hand (allow the Holy Eucharist to be placed on the palm of the hand), following the reverent bow. Then, the person receiving Communion immediately places the Host on his/her tongue **BEFORE** walking away. We have had some "walk-aways" and we had to call them back. Please take the opportunity before Mass and before Holy Communion to instruct non-Catholics (family members and guests) in the practice of presenting themselves for a blessing, i.e., with crossed arms against one's chest). After the priest or Eucharistic minister says, "The Body of Christ" the person receiving the Holy Eucharist responds with AMEN.

CANADA'S RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS HOTLINE

24 hours/day support: 866.925.4419 or 800.721.0066

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

STA

- Parish Council Chair:** Contact: Denis Richer
CWL: Contact: Cindy Kennedy
P.R.E.P.: Contact: Fr. Peter
Praise Group: Contact: Maria González

CTK

- Parish Council Chair:** Contact: Dale Dodge
CWL: Contact: Christine Doraty
Knights of Columbus: Contact: Ed Van Dinter
Religious Ed Coordinator: Contact: Paula Martins
Finance Committee: Contact: Julie Van Dusen

ST. ANNE PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP: SUNDAY OFFERINGS STA

14 April (includes \$405.50/week e-donations) \$2,022.50
Sunday Collection Budget \$1,600.00
Thank you for your stewardship and support of the parish.

BULLETIN NOTICES

CTK STA

Bulletins may be printed for a 2-week period. Plan ahead and submit notices early (by email) so as not to miss a bulletin. Please email bulletin items by noon on Wednesday.

ZOOM WEBINARS ON PRAYER

CTK STA

Dr. Josephine Lombardi (St. Augustine's Seminary) presents eight webinars: "A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Program of Life." Tuesdays, 10 AM to 12:30 PM. https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/4017109566434/N_E7HPS7PeQAOXnuBjILt9Qg#/registration

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

STA

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11 AM
(Lorraine and Marlane are at the desk).

CTK

Wednesday to Friday: 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS CTK STA



The published intention (and announced on weekdays), and at the heart of the priest's prayer, may be for the living, the deceased, in thanksgiving for grace received, and also for special occasions (anniversaries or birthdays). The parish office is stocked with Mass Cards for these intentions which

may be sent to a surviving family or to the person for whom the Mass is offered. All parishioners may request Mass intentions, though we do try to keep a couple of openings each week on the calendar, in case there are requests for someone who is ill, heading for surgery, wedding anniversary, etc. If we have too many Masses we can support some of the smaller missions and parishes by forwarding Mass intentions to them for a more timely offering of the Mass. Please remember that no date is absolutely guaranteed. There may be a Funeral Mass, or the pastor may be away. Nearby dates will allow for a prompt re-scheduling. Also, (STA) Saturday 5 PM and Sunday 8:15 AM and (CTK) 6:30 PM Masses are listed in consecutive bulletins, but are unannounced at Mass. You may still request as many Masses as you wish, but I may have to ask our priests in smaller mission parishes to fulfill the request. We try to accommodate specific date requests, and to offer Masses for our recently deceased parishioners. ~Fr. Peter

PHONIES, FRAUDS, AND FAKES

STA CTK

Fraud Prevention: One of the latest tricks is for the scammers to text your mobile phone about the delivery of government grants. Or, this is the season for "so-called" refunds from the Canada Revenue Agency. Or, the text tells you that your vehicle was detected at 41 km/hr in a school zone. Then you are given a method of payment through your phone to avoid a higher fine a day later!! Stay one step ahead of these thieves. Hang onto your loot and protect your identity. Make yourself hard to find on the internet. Scams and schemes abound to separate you from your hard-earned money. Scoundrels deploy all means to contact you and trick you. RCMP reports fraud cases on the rise.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP: SUNDAY OFFERINGS CTK

14 April (includes \$217.31/week e-donations) \$ 1,518.31
Sunday Collection Budget: \$ 1,675.00
God loves a cheerful giver and a generous heart....thank you.

GARAGE SALE

CTK

Spring cleaning time! Prepare your nice discards for the Knights of Columbus sale, 10/11 May. Items may be delivered to the hall the week of 06-09 May, or phone Wayne for pick up: 250.498.2745. Friday, 10 May 2 PM to 6 PM
Saturday, 11 May, 8 AM to 12 Noon
The CWL will also be selling baked goods at the garage sale
Help needed from the Knights for setup Friday morning
NOTE: There will be a pancake breakfast, hosted by the K of C, Sunday, 12 May, following the 9:30 AM Mass

SAFE ENVIRONMENT LEADERS

STA CTK

One very important area of compliance in our parishes is the Safe Environment Policy of the diocese. All employees and most volunteers are required to qualify. And we need a Safe Environment Leader in each parish. The S.E. Coordinator prepares the training session and completes registration. Contact Fr. Peter for more information on this program in our parishes.

QUICK 20s

CTK STA

For appointments with Fr. Peter, please call the parish office and reserve during the following times:

STA Tuesday, 23 April, 10:30 AM to 12 Noon

CTK Wednesday, 24 April, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

OUR PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL STA CTK

Received to date: CTK **\$16,715 27 donors Thank you!**
STA **\$21,100 40 donors Thank you!**

The formal part of the appeal will continue until the end of May. This year both parishes are again very successful and are among the leading parishes of the diocese in timing and achieving our goals. Keep up the good work!! Both parishes have surpassed the required diocesan goal. One factor in having a successful appeal is the swift response, meeting our goals, and then having the appeal out-of-mind for another nine months. Yes, we are important parishes in the Diocese of Nelson, and we support the diocesan programs, and then work on our parish finances. Both of our parishes have similar required diocesan goals, already achieved, just under **\$13,000**.

~ You can track our progress on the posters in the churches as we climb past our diocesan goal and aim to match that amount with our parish goal.

~ You may return your pledge/donation in the Sunday collection basket or mail to the church office.

~ Extra forms are available in the foyer of each church (for those who did not receive the mail-out).

~ Please make cheques payable to the R.C. Bishop of Nelson.

VIGIL CANDLES

CTK STA

Devotional candles may only be lighted BEFORE Mass. Do not light candles after Mass. This is an insurance-compliance requirement. Thank you.

CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

The annual 2024 conference is in Penticton, 26-27 April, and we are very excited to have as our guest speaker, Rachel Herbeck from Renewal Ministries. More details to come. All are welcome to register and attend.

Dear brothers and sisters!

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace.

This Day, then, is always a good occasion to recall with gratitude to the Lord the faithful, persevering and frequently hidden efforts of all those who have responded to a call that embraces their entire existence. I think of mothers and fathers who do not think first of themselves or follow fleeting fads of the moment, but shape their lives through relationships marked by love and graciousness, openness to the gift of life and commitment to their children and their growth in maturity. I think of all those who carry out their work in a spirit of cooperation with others, and those who strive in various ways to build a more just world, a more solidary economy, a more equitable social policy and a more humane society. In a word, of all those men and women of good will who devote their lives to working for the common good. I think too of all those consecrated men and women who offer their lives to the Lord in the silence of prayer and in apostolic activity, sometimes on the fringes of society, tirelessly and creatively exercising their charisma by serving those around them. And I think of all those who have accepted God's call to the ordained priesthood, devoting themselves to the preaching of the Gospel, breaking open their own lives, together with the bread of the Eucharist, for their brothers and sisters, sowing seeds of hope and revealing to all the beauty of God's kingdom. To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis, but Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him.

A people on the move

The polyphony of diverse charisms and vocations that the Christian community recognizes and accompanies helps us to appreciate more fully what it means to be Christians. We come to realize that we are members of a great family, children of the Father and brothers and sisters of one another. We are not self-enclosed islands but parts of a greater whole. So, this World Day of Prayer for Vocations has a synodal character: in the variety of our charisms, we are called to listen to one another and to journey together in order to acknowledge them and to discern where the Spirit is leading us for the benefit of all. At this point in time, then, our common journey is bringing us to the Jubilee Year of 2025. Let us travel as *pilgrims of hope* towards the Holy Year, for by discovering our own vocation and its place amid the different gifts bestowed by the Spirit, we can become for our world messengers and witnesses of Jesus' dream of a single human family, united in God's love and in the bond of charity, cooperation and fraternity.

This Day is dedicated in a particular way to imploring from the Father the gift of holy vocations for the building up of his Kingdom: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (Lk 10:2). Prayer – as we all know – is more about listening to God than about talking to him. The Lord speaks to our heart, and he wants to find it open, sincere and generous. In this present year, devoted to prayer and preparation for the Jubilee, all of us are called to rediscover the inestimable blessing of our ability to enter into heartfelt dialogue with the Lord and thus become pilgrims of hope. For "prayer is the first strength of hope. You pray and hope grows, it moves forward. I would say that prayer opens the door to hope. Hope is there, but by my prayer I open the door" (*Catechesis*, 20 May 2020).

Pilgrims of hope and builders of peace

Yet what does it mean to be *pilgrims*? Those who go on pilgrimage seek above all to keep their eyes fixed on the *goal*, to keep it always in their mind and heart. To achieve that goal, however, they need to concentrate on *every step*, which means travelling light, getting rid of what weighs them down, carrying only the essentials and striving daily to set aside all weariness, fear, uncertainty and hesitation. Being a pilgrim means setting out each day, *beginning ever anew*, rediscovering the enthusiasm and strength needed to pursue the various stages of a journey that, however tiring and difficult, always opens before our eyes new horizons and previously unknown vistas.

This is the ultimate meaning of our Christian pilgrimage: we set out on a journey to discover the love of God and at the same time to discover ourselves, thanks to an interior journey nourished by our relationships with others. We are *pilgrims because we have been called*: called to love God and to love one another. Our pilgrimage on this earth is far from a pointless journey or aimless wandering; on the contrary, each day, by responding to God's call, we try to take every step needed to advance towards a new world where people can live in peace, justice and love. We are pilgrims of hope because we are pressing forward and working towards a better future.

This is, in the end, the goal of every vocation: to become men and women of hope. As individuals and as communities, amid the variety of charisms and ministries, all of us are called to embody and communicate the Gospel message of hope in a world marked by epochal challenges. These include the baneful spectre of a third world war fought piecemeal; the flood of migrants fleeing their homelands in search of a better future; the burgeoning numbers of the poor; the threat of irreversibly compromising the health of our planet. To say nothing of all the difficulties we encounter each day, which at times risk plunging us into resignation or defeatism.

In our day, then, it is decisive that we Christians cultivate a gaze full of hope and work fruitfully in response to the vocation we have received, in service to God's kingdom of love, justice and peace. This hope – Saint Paul tells us – "does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5), since it is born of the Lord's promise that he will remain always with us and include us in the work of redemption that he wants to accomplish in the heart of each individual and in the "heart" of all creation. This hope finds its propulsive force in Christ's resurrection, which "contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force. Often it seems that God does not exist: all around us, we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 276). Again, the Apostle Paul tells us that, "in hope we were saved" (Rom 8:24).

To be pilgrims of hope and builders of peace, then, means to base our lives on the rock of Christ's resurrection, knowing that every effort made in the vocation that we have embraced and seek to live out, will never be in vain. Failures and obstacles may arise along the way, but the seeds of goodness we sow are quietly growing and nothing can separate us from the final goal: our encounter with Christ and the joy of living for eternity in fraternal love. This ultimate calling is one that we must anticipate daily: even now our loving relationship with God and our brothers and sisters is beginning to bring about God's dream of unity, peace and fraternity. May no one feel excluded from this calling! Each of us in our own small way, in our particular state of life, can, with the help of the Spirit, be a sower of seeds of hope and peace.

The courage to commit

In this light, I would say once more, as I did at World Youth Day in Lisbon: "*Rise up!*" Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life, and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live. Let me say it again: "Have the courage to commit!" Father Oreste Benzi, a tireless apostle of charity, ever on the side of the poor and the defenseless, used to say that no one is so poor as to have nothing to give, and no one is so rich as not to need something to receive. Let us rise up, then, and set out as pilgrims of hope, so that, we too can be messengers of joy, sources of new life and artisans of fraternity and peace.

21 April 2024 4th Sunday of Easter

[edited to fit this page]