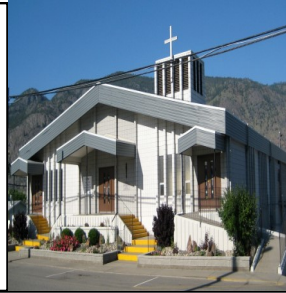


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**ASCENSION
OF JESUS**



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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 19 May
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 02 June

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 ASCENSION OF JESUS
[Acts 1: 1-11]

WELCOME & HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Welcome to the South Okanagan. A special welcome to all family members who return home on this spring weekend. Welcome home those who are here to celebrate with Mom. 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. _____

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

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

11 to 19 MAY 2024

CTK = Christ the King Oliver STA = St. Anne Osoyoos

Saturday 11 May	5 PM @ STA.....[Ascension].....	Rep. Mark Albert Geisler
Saturday 11 May	6:30 PM @ CTK.....[Ascension].....	Unannounced Intention
Sunday 12 May	8:15 AM @ STA.....[Ascension].....	Int. Larry Walker
Sunday 12 May	9:30 AM @ CTK.....[Ascension].....	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 12 May	11 AM @ STA.....[Ascension].....	Missa Pro Populo
Monday 13 May	8 AM @ STA[Our Lady of Fatima].....	Rep. Maria Pereira
Monday 13 May	6 PM @ CTK[Our Lady of Fatima].....	Unannounced Intention
Tuesday 14 May	9 AM @ STA.....[St. Matthias, Apostle].....	Rep. Maria Stukel
Wednesday 15 May	9 AM @ CTK.....	Int. Lucia & Silvano Artuso
Thursday 16 May	9AM @ CTK.....	Rep. Fernando & Sandy Soares
	9:30 AM to 10:30 AM...Eucharistic Devotion	
Friday 17 May	10 AM @ STA[Funeral Mass].....	Rep. Martin Plut
Saturday 18 May	5 PM @ STA.....[Pentecost].....	Rep. Barry Quaedvlieg
Saturday 18 May	6:30 PM @ CTK.....[Pentecost].....	Int. Morgadinho Family
Sunday 19 May	8:15 AM @ STA.....[Pentecost].....	Rep. Luis DeMelo
Sunday 19 May	9:30 AM @ CTK.....[Pentecost].....	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 19 May	11 AM @ STA.....[Pentecost].....	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: 06 May is the Festival of St. François de Laval (+06 May, 1708), first bishop of Quebec City. Université Laval is named for him, located in Quebec City. Furthermore, Laval is the oldest university in Canada, opening in 1663. Initially, it served as a training centre (seminary) for priests to be sent to serve in New France. What is Canada's second oldest university?

A] Toronto B] McGill C] Queen's D] Dalhousie

This Week: 18 May is the birth anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II (1920). He was born in Wadowice, about 50 kilometers from Krakow. He was the youngest of three children of Karol Wojtyla and Emilia Kaczorowska. His mother died in 1929. His older brother, Edmund (a doctor), died in 1932, and his father (a non-commissioned officer in the army) in 1941. he was elected in the second papal conclave of 1978 (October), the year of three popes. He was the first non-Italian pope since Adrian VI (1522-23). Now, the last Italian pope was Albino Luciani (John Paul I). Where was Pope Adrian VI from?

A] York, England B] Linz, Austria
C] Utrecht, Netherlands D] Mainz, Germany

Answer in next bulletin

FOR YOUR CALENDARS

MAY MMXXIV

- 12 - Mothers' Day
- 12 - Pro-Life collection at STA
- 12 - World Communications Day
- 12 - Canada Health Day
- 12 - First Eucharist 9:30 AM CTK Heiress, Maxx, and Yoel
- 13 - Our Lady of Fatima
- 15 - Mass at McKinney Lodge 11 AM
- 16 - Mass at Okanagan Correctional Centre 1 PM
- 16 - CWL spring lunch STA
- 19 - Pentecost First Holy Communion 11 AM STA
- 20 - Victoria Day Holiday
- 21 - Mass at Mariposa Gardens
- 23 - Full Moon 6:53 AM
- 27 - Memorial Day (U.S.A.)



JUNE MMXXIV

- 07 - Solemnity of the Sacred Heart (Day of Prayer for Priests)
- 13 - CWL Spring Dinner CTK

CANADA'S RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS HOTLINE

24 hours/day support: 866.925.4419 or 800.721.0066

COLLECTION ENVELOPES & DONATIONS

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

1. 2024 envelopes are available at the church entrance and are also available for parishioners on the auto-debit contribution plan, for the special collections.

2. 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."

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. 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 Eucharist responds: **AMEN.**

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

05 May (includes \$405.50/week e-donations) \$2,649.14
Sunday Collection Budget \$1,600.00
Thank you for your stewardship and support of the parish.

MAY THE TWO MARTINS LIVE IN PEACE STA

Martin Bucek died 04 May and his Funeral Mass was on Friday, 10 May at St. Anne. Martin Plut died on Thursday, 09 May. His Funeral Mass will be on Friday, 17 May, 10:00 AM at St. Anne. Our prayerful condolences to their families and we pray for their souls: *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION STA

At the 11 AM Mass next Sunday, 19 May, Emma Parker will receive the Sacred Eucharist for the first time.

CWL SPRING LUNCHEON STA

Thursday, 16 May. Sign-up sheets, with details, are on the bulletin boards in the main entrance to the church and also in the Msgr. Flynn Rm. Come join us for a wonderful afternoon of socializing and enjoying a meal together. Sign up by this Sunday, 12 May, to confirm numbers.

LIVE-IN WEEKEND CTK STA

Seton House of Prayer, Kelowna, 14-16 June. Don't miss out on this wonderful weekend! The purpose of the Live-In is to lead people to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ and experience a new peace and deeper faith. Many people say that during their Live-In, they have received a whole new outlook on life, an understanding of God's love for them, and a new desire to pray and read scripture. The program involves a series of instructions and slides on the basis of Christian life. There are a variety of speakers from all walks of life. It is Catholic funded and directed. It includes the celebration of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Shannon Moleski: moleskism@gmail.com or call or text 250-255-3444

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.

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through Blessed Mother Mary, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. May the blessing of the Divine be an especially bright benediction upon mothers everywhere on your blessed day - On Mother's Day!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

STA Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:30 - 11 AM
(Lorraine, Marlaine, and Lucia are at the desk).
CTK Wednesday to Friday: 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP: SUNDAY OFFERINGS CTK

05 May (includes \$217.31/week e-donations) \$ 1,688.31
Sunday Collection Budget: \$ 1,675.00
Share Lent Total \$ 3,520.00
Holy Land - Good Friday \$ 1,017.00

Papal Charities Total Report pending

God loves a cheerful giver and a generous heart....thank you.
Thank you for your support of the special collections noted above and for your support of the lunches for Share Lent.

GARAGE SALE CTK

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the many hours of work on the "re-location" of goods over the last few days. Thanks to the CWL for delicious baked goods for sale also.

FESTIVAL - OUR LADY OF FATIMA CTK

Monday evening, Mass is at 6 PM, followed by devotional prayers and the Holy Rosary and the celebration of Our Lady of Fatima. Children from the Religious Education Program will participate in the praying of the Rosary. Welcome to all.

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.

OUR PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL STA CTK

Received to date: **CTK \$21,565 31 donors Thank you!**
STA \$22,050 47 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.

QUICK 20s CTK STA

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

STA Tuesday, 14 May, 10:30 AM to 12 Noon

CTK Wednesday, 15 May, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 12 MAY

Dear brothers and sisters!

The development of systems of artificial intelligence, to which I devoted my recent Message for the World Day of Peace, is radically affecting the world of information and communication, and through it, certain foundations of life in society. These changes affect everyone, not merely professionals in those fields. The rapid spread of astonishing innovations, whose workings and potential are beyond the ability of most of us to understand and appreciate, has proven both exciting and disorienting. This leads inevitably to deeper questions about human nature, our distinctiveness, and the future of the species *homo sapiens* in the age of artificial intelligence. How can we remain fully human and guide this cultural transformation to a good purpose?

Starting with the heart

Before all else, we need to set aside catastrophic predictions and their numbing effects but, at this time in history, which risks becoming rich in technology and poor in humanity, our reflections must begin with the human heart. Only by adopting a spiritual way of viewing reality, only by recovering a wisdom of the heart, can we confront and interpret the newness of our time and rediscover the path to a fully human communication. Wisdom of the heart, then, is the virtue that enables us to integrate the whole and its parts, our decisions and their consequences, our nobility and our vulnerability, our past and our future, our individuality and our membership within a larger community.

Opportunity and danger

Such wisdom cannot be sought from machines. Although the term "artificial intelligence" has now supplanted the more correct term, "machine learning", used in scientific literature, the very use of the word "intelligence" can prove misleading. No doubt, machines possess a limitlessly greater capacity than human beings for storing and correlating data, but human beings alone are capable of making sense of that data. It is not simply a matter of making machines appear more human, but of awakening humanity from the slumber induced by the illusion of omnipotence, based on the belief that we are completely autonomous and self-referential subjects, detached from all social bonds and forgetful of our status as creatures.

Human beings have always realized that they are not self-sufficient and have sought to overcome their vulnerability by employing every means possible. From the earliest prehistoric artifacts, used as extensions of the arms, and then the media, used as an extension of the spoken word, we have now become capable of creating highly sophisticated machines that act as a support for thinking. Each of these instruments, however, can be abused by the temptation to become *like God* (cf. *Gen 3*), i.e., to want to grasp by our own effort what should instead be freely received as a gift from God, enjoyed in the company of others.

Starting with the first wave of artificial intelligence, that of social media, we have experienced its ambivalence: its possibilities but also its risks and associated pathologies. The second level of generative artificial intelligence unquestionably represents a qualitative leap. It is important therefore to understand, appreciate and regulate instruments that, in the wrong hands could lead to disturbing scenarios. Like every other product of human intelligence and skill, algorithms are not neutral. For this reason, there is a need to act preventively, by proposing models of ethical regulation, to forestall harmful, discriminatory and socially unjust effects of the use of systems of artificial intelligence

Growth in humanity

We are called to reflect carefully on the theoretical development and the practical use of new instruments of communication and knowledge. Their great possibilities for good are accompanied by the risk of turning everything into abstract calculations that reduce individuals to data, thinking to a mechanical process, experience to isolated cases, goodness to profit, and, above all, a denial of the uniqueness of each individual and his or her story. The concreteness of reality dissolves in a flurry of statistical data.

The digital revolution can bring us greater freedom, but not if it imprisons us in models that nowadays are called "echo chambers". In such cases, rather than increasing a pluralism of information, we risk finding ourselves adrift in a mire of confusion, prey to the interests of the market or of the powers that be. It is unacceptable that the use of artificial intelligence should lead to groupthink, to a gathering of unverified data, to a collective editorial dereliction of duty. The representation of reality in "big data", however useful for the operation of machines, ultimately entails a substantial loss of the truth of things, hindering interpersonal communication and threatening our very humanity. Information cannot be separated from living relationships. Here I think of the reporting of wars and the "parallel war" being waged through campaigns of disinformation. However, the use of artificial intelligence can make a positive contribution to the communications sector, provided it does not eliminate the role of journalism on the ground but serves to support it. Provided too that it values the professionalism of communication, making every communicator more aware of his or her responsibilities, and enables all people to be, as they should, discerning participants in the work of communication.

Questions for today and for the future

In this regard, a number of questions naturally arise. How do we safeguard professionalism and the dignity of workers in the fields of information and communication, together with that of users throughout the world? How do we ensure the interoperability of platforms? How do we enable businesses that develop digital platforms to accept their responsibilities with regard to content and advertising in the same way as editors of traditional communications media? How do we make more transparent the criteria guiding the operation of algorithms for indexing and de-indexing, and for search engines that are capable of celebrating or canceling persons and opinions, histories and cultures? How do we guarantee the transparency of information processing? How do we make it clear whether an image or video is portraying an event or simulating it? How do we prevent sources from being reduced to one alone, thus fostering a single approach, developed on the basis of an algorithm? How instead do we promote an environment suitable for preserving pluralism and portraying the complexity of reality? How can we make sustainable a technology so powerful, costly and energy-consuming? And how can we make it accessible also to developing countries?

The answers we give to these and other questions will determine if artificial intelligence will end up creating new castes based on access to information and thus giving rise to new forms of exploitation and inequality. Or, if it will lead to greater equality by promoting correct information.

The answer we give to these questions is not pre-determined; it depends on us. It is up to us to decide whether we will become fodder for algorithms or will nourish our hearts with that freedom without which we cannot grow in wisdom. Such wisdom matures by using time wisely and embracing our vulnerabilities. It grows in the covenant between generations, between those who remember the past and who look ahead to the future. Lest our humanity lose its bearings, let us seek the wisdom that was present before all things (cf. *Sir 1:4*): it will help us also to put systems of artificial intelligence at the service of a fully human communication.

Rome, Saint John Lateran

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