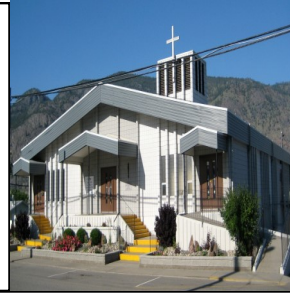


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6044 Spartan St.  
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**MMXXV**  
**23 & 30  
MARCH**  
**LENT**  
**2nd & 3rd  
SUNDAYS**



**St. Anne  
Catholic Church**  
7610 - 87th St.  
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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 20 April  
**St. Anne (Osoyoos) (STA)**  
Saturday 5 pm Sunday 8:15 am and 11 am  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Mission (Cawston) -**  
Next Mass 1:00 pm 06 April

**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



**MOSES BEFORE THE BURNING BUSH [Exodus 3 ]**

**WELCOME**

Welcome to the South Okanagan and to our Catholic parishes in Oliver and Osoyoos. School families are on Spring Break this week. Enjoy the blessings of the Jubilee Year, with abundant blessings in 2025. 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 22 MARCH to 06 APRIL 2025 [SUBJECT TO CHANGE]**

**CTK = Christ the King Oliver**

**STA = St. Anne Osoyoos**

Saturday 22 March	5 PM @ STA.....[3rd Sunday of Lent].....	Rep. Martin & Maria Plut
Saturday 22 March	6:30 PM @ CTK.....[3rd Sunday of Lent].....	Unannounced Intention
Sunday 23 March	8:15 AM @ STA.....[3rd Sunday of Lent].....	Rep. Jeanne Marty
Sunday 23 March	9:30 AM @ CTK.....[3rd Sunday of Lent].....	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 23 March	11 AM @ STA.....[3rd Sunday of Lent].....	Missa Pro Populo
Monday 24 March	9 AM @ STA.....	Rep. Carol Ahl
Tuesday 25 March	<b>TBA @ STA.....[Solemnity of the Annunciation].....</b>	Int. Santino Zenone
Wednesday 26 March	9 AM @ CTK.....	Rep. Joan Alaric
Thursday 27 March	11 AM @ CTK.....	Rep. Del & Tony Bremner
Friday 28 March	9 AM @ STA.....	Rep. Jessica Woudzia
	9:30 AM to 11 AM @ STA.....Eucharistic Devotion .....	
Saturday 29 March	5 PM @ STA.....[4th Sunday of Lent].....	Rep. Joaquim Pereira
Saturday 29 March	6:30 PM @ CTK.....[4th Sunday of Lent].....	Unannounced Intention
Sunday 30 March	8:15 AM @ STA.....[4th Sunday of Lent].....	Rep. Jaime Barroca
Sunday 30 March	9:30 AM @ CTK.....[4th Sunday of Lent].....	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 30 March	11 AM @ STA.....[4th Sunday of Lent].....	Missa Pro Populo
Monday 31 March	9 AM @ STA.....	Rep. Rosa & Teodoro Mellace
Tuesday 01 April	9 AM @ STA.....	Rep. Connie Pimentel
Wednesday 02 April	9 AM @ CTK.....	Dec. Trinca Famiglia
Thursday 03 April	11 AM @ CTK.....	Rep. Monika Macht
Friday 04 April	9 AM @ STA.....	Rep. Adelino & Armanda Sousa
	9:30 AM to 11 AM @ STA.....Eucharistic Devotion .....	
Saturday 05 April	5 PM @ STA.....[5th Sunday of Lent].....	Rep. Albert Geisler
Saturday 05 April	6:30 PM @ CTK.....[5th Sunday of Lent].....	Unannounced Intention
Sunday 06 April	8:15 AM @ STA.....[5th Sunday of Lent].....	Rep. Alcida DeMelo
Sunday 06 April	9:30 AM @ CTK.....[5th Sunday of Lent].....	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 06 April	11 AM @ STA.....[5th Sunday of Lent].....	Missa Pro Populo

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

**OUR PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL 2025**

Donors to the annual diocesan appeal in 2024 recently received a charitable contribution receipt for your tax filing. Thank you for your support of diocesan programs and parish projects. The 2025 brochure (and donor form) was mailed to households in the diocese. The annual financial appeal to support diocesan programs and parish programs has begun. The formal part of the appeal will continue for three months, until the end of May. Recent years in both parishes were very successful and we were among the leading parishes of the diocese in timing and achieving our goals. Keep up the good work!! One factor in the successful past appeals is the swift response, meeting our goals, and then having the appeal out-of-mind for another nine months. Both of our parishes have similar required diocesan goals:

**Christ the King Parish Oliver \$14,000**

**Week 1 6 donors \$5,300.00**

**St. Anne Parish Osoyoos \$13,500**

**Week 1 9 donors \$5,420.00**

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 goals. You may return your pledge/donation in the Sunday collection basket or mail to the church office. If you need any assistance completing the pledge form, contact the parish office. By far, most contributors donate using a cheque(s). Please make cheques payable to the **R.C. Bishop of Nelson**. A smaller number of parishioners donate with cash or arrange for auto-debit. Spreading your contribution over a number of months usually enables a larger donation. Those who did not receive the brochure and pledge form in the mail can find an extra supply on the table at the church entrance. Thank you! ~Fr. Peter

**FOR YOUR CALENDARS**

**MARCH MMXXV**

- 25 - Solemnity of the Annunciation
- 27 - Share Lent soup lunch 11:30 AM CTK

**APRIL MMXXV**

- 03 - Share Lent soup lunch 11:30 AM CTK
- 03 - Mass at Okanagan Correctional Centre 1 PM
- 03 - Parish Council Meeting CTK 3:30 PM
- 06 - Share Lent Sunday (with special offering)
- 07 - Sacrament of Reconciliation STA 2 PM & CTK 5 PM
- 08 - Mass at Mariposa Village 11 AM
- 09 - Mass at Sunnybank Centre Time TBA
- 10 - Mass at Okanagan Correctional Centre 1 PM
- 12 - Full Moon (Pink) 5:22 PM PDT
- 12 - Passover begins at sunset
- 13 - Palm Sunday (and The Masters Golf Tournament)
- 14 - Mass of the Sacred Chrism (Cathedral of Mary Immaculate)
- 14 - Vaisakhi Festival
- 16 - Mass at McKinney Place 11 AM
- 20 - Easter Sunday



**HOLY TRIVIA**

Last Week: The Solemnity of St. Joseph is celebrated on 19 March. How many popes selected the name JOSEPH?

- A] 0 B] 1 C] 2 D] 3

[Some popes had Joseph as their Christian birth name (for example Josef Ratzinger, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli) but no pope has selected Joseph's name following the Conclave.]

This Week: Our first reading this week is from Exodus 3. Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro. In Exodus 2, Jethro is known by another name. What name?

- A] Hophni B] Hezron C] Korah D] Reuel

Answer Next Week

<p align="center"><b>ST. ANNE PARISH NEWS</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>CHRIST THE KING PARISH NEWS</b></p>
<p><b>STEWARDSHIP: SUNDAY OFFERINGS STA</b>  16 March (includes \$405.50/week e-donations)      \$2,006.00  Sunday Collection Budget      \$1,600.00  Thank you for your stewardship and support of the parish.</p>	<p><b>STEWARDSHIP: SUNDAY OFFERINGS CTK</b>  16 March (includes \$252.12/week e-donations)      \$1,685.62  Sunday Collection Budget:      \$1,675.00  God loves a cheerful giver and a generous heart....thank you.</p>
<p><b>PARISH OFFICE HOURS STA</b>  Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:30 - 11 AM  (Lucia, Lorraine, Marlaine, or Pat are at the desk).</p>	<p><b>PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK CTK</b>  Wednesday to Friday      9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon.</p>
<p><b>SEASON OF LENT STA CTK</b>  <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS</b>  9:30 AM at St. Anne Church in Osoyoos  5:30 PM at Christ the King Church in Oliver  <b>THURSDAY MASSES IN LENT</b>  Please note that the Thursday morning Mass at Christ the King will be scheduled at 11 AM during Lent (06 March to 10 April).  Soup and bun lunch to follow, 11:30 AM to 1 PM</p>	<p><b>SAFE ENVIRONMENT LEADER CTK</b>  One very important area of compliance in our parishes is the Safe Environment Policy of the diocese, and every parish must run the program. 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.</p>
<p><b>CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE STA CTK</b>  Friday &amp; Saturday, 04-05 April at Immaculate Conception Church in Kelowna. Esteemed speakers are Fr. Troy Nguyen and David Paul. Registration is \$60 (\$15 for university students). To register, and for more information: <a href="http://www.godsquad.ca">www.godsquad.ca</a> and click '2025 Conferences' on menu bar.</p>	<p><b>PARISH FINANCIAL OPERATIONS CTK</b>  The parish is in need of more help in counting the Sunday collections and adding insight into the financial operations of the parish. Please contact Fr. Peter or Joan at the office.</p>
<p><b>QUICK 20s</b>  For appointments with Fr. Peter, please call the parish office to book an appointment and reserve during the following times:  STA Tuesday, 25 March      11 AM to 12 Noon  CTK Wednesday, 26 March      10:30 AM to 11:30 AM  Other appointment times can be arranged if needed.</p>	<p><b>PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING CTK</b>  The next meeting is Thursday, 03 April, 3:30 PM</p>
<p><b>IMPORTANT: LOCKS AND HEAT! STA CTK</b>  Please remember to lock all doors if you are the last person to leave the building. Our churches have had doors left open, not only unlocked. The temperature change means the doors may not close securely on their own. Make sure the heat is lowered when exiting the building. Check for running or dripping faucets. Turn off lights. At CTK, please do not leave the lock hanging open on the gate to the parking lot. After opening the gate for a church event, close the lock to avoid it being stolen.</p>	<p><b>SHARE LENT THURSDAYS CTK</b>  Lent Soup and Bun lunch. Come for Mass at 11 AM at Christ the King, and head downstairs for lunch from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. Sign up sheets for soup making are located in the foyer.</p>
<p><b>STAYING HEALTHY STA CTK</b>  The cold and influenza season is easing now. Some hygiene tips:  •Please stay at home if you are ill; we trust, Deo volente, that we will see you again the following weekend when you have recovered to reasonably good health. If you have Covid symptoms, get tested, and avoid the spread.  •Wash or sanitize your hands regularly.  •Hand-shaking is not required at the Rite of the Sign of Peace. A bow or a slight nod or a wave is just fine. Most important is the desire to offer the other people the peace of Jesus in their lives.  •Attempt to cough or sneeze into the inside of your left arm at the elbow, to avoid the spread of germs.</p>	<p><b>AND THE BISHOP CAME BACK STA CTK</b>  Bishop Bart van Roijen (Cornerbrook &amp; Labrador), the only priest of the Diocese of Nelson to become a bishop, is returning to his last parish to preach a parish mission.  St. Charles Garnier Church, Kelowna  Monday to Wednesday, 24-26 March  Mass at 5 PM followed by mission preaching. Welcome All !</p>
<p><b>CANADA'S RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS HOTLINE</b>  24 hours/day support: 866.925.4419 or 800.721.0066</p>	<p><b>BULLETIN NOTICES EARLY PLEASE STA CTK</b>  Occasionally, bulletins are printed for a two-week period. Be sure to submit notices by email well in advance to make the printing before the planned event.</p>
<p><b>FOOD BANK STA CTK</b>  Please remember to support the local food bank. Packaged and canned groceries work the best. Home-preserved goods are not accepted as donations. Please place food in the bin inside the Msgr. Flynn Room (STA), or in the church foyer (CTK). Thanks.</p>	<p><b>LENT VIDEO SERIES STA CTK</b>  Bishop Gary Franken (St. Paul, Alberta) presents the video series titled "Journey through Lent." It is now available on the CCCB website: <a href="https://www.cccb.ca/lent/">https://www.cccb.ca/lent/</a></p>
	<p><b>2025 COLLECTION ENVELOPES &amp; DONATIONS</b>  1. A project for Lent. Since the turn of the year we want to ensure that we have the correct names matched with envelope numbers used in the Sunday offering. Many parishioners include the name on the envelope. We encourage all parishioners, at least until Easter, to include your name on the collection envelope. Each new year brings some changes in envelope numbers for some people. Then, occasionally throughout the year as well, print your name on the offering envelope.  2. Please do not use envelopes from previous years.  3. At CTK, if you have <b>envelope #7</b>, please contact the parish office so that your contributions may be credited.</p>

## MESSAGE FOR LENT 2025 FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

### *Let us journey together in hope*

Dear brothers and sisters,

We begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent in faith and hope with the penitential rite of the imposition of ashes. The Church, our mother and teacher, invites us to open our hearts to God's grace, so that we can celebrate with great joy the paschal victory of Christ the Lord over sin and death, which led Saint Paul to exclaim: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:54-55). Indeed, Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is the heart of our faith and the pledge of our hope in the Father's great promise, already fulfilled in his beloved Son: life eternal (cf. Jn 10:28; 17:3).<sup>[1]</sup>

This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means *to journey together in hope*, and on the summons to conversion that God in his mercy addresses to all of us, as individuals and as a community.

First of all, *to journey*. The Jubilee motto, "Pilgrims of Hope", evokes the lengthy journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land, as recounted in the Book of Exodus. This arduous path from slavery to freedom was willed and guided by the Lord, who loves his people and remains ever faithful to them. It is hard to think of the biblical exodus without also thinking of those of our brothers and sisters who in our own day are fleeing situations of misery and violence in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones. A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity? It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrant or foreigner, to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father. This would be a good "examination of conscience" for all of us wayfarers.

Second, *to journey together*. The Church is called to walk together, to be synodal.<sup>[2]</sup> Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travellers. The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters.<sup>[3]</sup> Journeying together means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God (cf. Ga 3:26-28). It means walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded. Let us all walk in the same direction, tending towards the same goal, attentive to one another in love and patience.

This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance.<sup>[4]</sup> This, then, is a second call to conversion: a summons to synodality.

Third, let us journey together *in hope*, for we have been given a promise. *May the hope that does not disappoint* (cf. Rom 5:5), the central message of the Jubilee,<sup>[5]</sup> be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter. As Pope Benedict XVI taught us in the Encyclical *Spe Salvi*, "the human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Rom 8:38-39)".<sup>[6]</sup> Christ, my hope, has risen!<sup>[7]</sup> He lives and reigns in glory. Death has been transformed into triumph, and the faith and great hope of Christians rests in this: the resurrection of Christ!

This, then, is the third call to conversion: a call to hope, to trust in God and his great promise of eternal life. Let us ask ourselves: Am I convinced that the Lord forgives my sins? Or do I act as if I can save myself? Do I long for salvation and call upon God's help to attain it? Do I concretely experience the hope that enables me to interpret the events of history and inspires in me a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded?

Sisters and brothers, thanks to God's love in Jesus Christ, we are sustained in the hope that does not disappoint (cf. Rom 5:5). Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul".<sup>[8]</sup> It moves the Church to pray for "everyone to be saved" (1 Tim 2:4) and to look forward to her being united with Christ, her bridegroom, in the glory of heaven. This was the prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila: "Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one" (*The Exclamations of the Soul to God*, 15:3).<sup>[9]</sup>

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, intercede for us and accompany us on our Lenten journey.

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## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - SOUTH OKANAGAN & SIMILKAMEEN PARISHES

Lent is the season to prepare for Easter, and the renewal of our Baptismal promises. It is also a season of Reconciliation as we receive the Sacrament of God's mercy. Four priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the churches of our South Okanagan Deanery:

Our Lady of Lourdes, Keremeos Wednesday, 26 March 10:30 AM

St. Peter, Princeton Tuesday, 01 April, 6 PM

Holy Child, Summerland Wednesday, 02 April 6 PM

St. Anne, Osoyoos Monday, 07 April 2 PM

Christ the King, Oliver Monday, 07 April 5 PM

St. John Vianney (& St. Ann), Penticton Wednesday, 09 April 6 PM

