

1st Sunday of Advent

December 1st, 2024

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Mass Times

	<u>St Joseph's:</u>	<u>St Ann's:</u>	<u>Carmel of St Joseph:</u>	<u>St John's, Falkland:</u>
Sunday Mass:	9:00 am	11:00 am	7:30 am	cancelled
Daily Mass:	8:30 am	Mon 10:00 am Fri 10:00 am	7:15 am	

St Joseph's Catholic Church

Civic address: 3335 Patterson Street, Armstrong
Mailing address: PO Box 331, Armstrong, BC V4Y 0H1

E-transfer: givingstjosepharmstrong@rcdk.org

Credit card donation: <https://tithe.ly/add-church-info>

Reconciliation: Saturdays following 8:30am Mass & by request

Baptism: Please contact Father Tony or leave message on office phone

CWL: Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 12 pm, St. Joseph's Hall

Knights of Columbus: 2nd Monday, 7:00pm St Joseph's Hall

Faith Formation for Children: Please call the office for books

Adoration: First Fridays 9:00am-4:00pm, all others 9:00am-10:00am

Holy Days of Obligation in Canada: All Sundays, Christmas Day and New Year's Day

St Ann's Catholic Church

Civic address: 1406 George Street (Highway 97A), Enderby
Mailing address: c/o PO Box 331, Armstrong, BC V0E 1B0

E-transfer: givingstannsenderby@rcdk.org

Credit card donation: <https://tithe.ly/add-church-info>

Reconciliation: Fridays at 9:30am, prior to Mass

Parish General Meeting: To be announced

CWL: To be announced

Knights of Columbus: 2nd Monday, 7:00pm, St Joseph's Hall

Faith Formation for Children: Please call the office for books

Adoration: Wednesdays 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Mass Intentions

December 2nd – December 7th

Mon: Int. of Lydia & Chris Melesko, req. by Lillian Novotny

St Ann's: Souls in Purgatory, req. by Louise Ginter

Tues: Int. for Healing of Ted B., req. by Brandy Turner

Wed: Deceased Members of the Anderson Family, req. by Marge Kalin

Thu: Int. of Christina Gross, req. by her secret CWL sister

Fri: Pro-Life, req. by St. Joseph's CWL

St Ann's: Dan & Gina Alary, req. by Rayna Lessard

Sat: Mary Ann Ludwig+, req. by Connie & Dieter Langer

† The Month of December is dedicated to
Divine Infancy

† Words from our secondary patron, St John Vianney:

"A spiritual alms is even more precious than a material one"

Holy Father's Intentions for December:

For Pilgrims of Hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Parish Report

St. Joseph's: Budget \$2,087.35 Donations last week \$1,009.00

St. Ann's: Budget \$1,399.56 Donations last week \$741.25

Faith in Action - Campaign 34 (2024 - 2025) per rcdk.org (Nov. 25 /24)

St Joseph's: Assessed \$ 11,601.00 Total Donations \$ 10,311.00

St Ann's: Assessed \$ 7,100.00 Total Donations \$ 6,644.00

St Joseph's Catholic Church

Parish Renovation Debt: Balance owing on August 31th - \$41,756.53

St Joseph's Parish Council: Father Tony, Adrien Lemaire.

Choir Practice: Immediately following Sunday Mass.

Help needed – Sacristan: Please see Father Tony if you are interested

Clothing for Less Fortunate: Please leave gently used cold weather clothing and footwear in the box at the back of the Church.

There are a lot of available days for Mass Intentions coming up. If you would like to book one, please email or call the office.

Perogie Dinner:

There will be an 8 & 8 Perogie Plate Drive Thru fundraiser on Dec 6. Order forms are available at the back of the church. Payment by cash or e-transfer with order. \$15/order includes 8 perogies, 8 pieces of kielbassa, onions and sour cream. Pick up will be from the church hall. Thanks in advance for your support! See Helen, Mary or Carol for order forms. Poster is at the back of the church.

Deadline for orders is Friday Nov. 29th

Parish Bingo Meeting:

There will be a meeting on Sunday December 8th immediately after Mass to discuss the possibility of running a weekly Bingo game at the Hall. There will be quite a few volunteers needed to make it work but it could bring in a lot of funds for the Parish. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting.

St. Joseph's Parish Christmas Potluck Luncheon:

Wednesday, Dec. 11th at 12:00; Christmas Potluck Luncheon and CWL Meeting to follow. There will be a guest speaker, after lunch, from our parish who has just returned from her pilgrimage to Santiago Compostela. Everyone is welcome, just bring a dish to share.

St. Joseph's CWL Corner

The ABC's of CWL: Week 42: Sisters

Have you ever longed for a sister? The Catholic Women's League will bring many women into your life. Some will journey with you through thick and thin, some will come and go. Always, these women will carry and support you with their prayers and sisterly love. Come meet new sisters.

Elections – if you haven't been contacted for nominations, please see Rose Kalin.

St Ann's Catholic Church

Christmas Luncheon: Sunday Dec. 8th after Mass. Signup sheets are located on the table in the foyer. We would love to see you there to share some Christmas cheer.

RCIA:

Seminars every Monday evening at 6:45 pm at St. Joseph's Church in Armstrong; everyone is welcome. Every Monday up to and including December 16; after that we will take a Christmas Break and then start again on January 6.

Jubilee 2025

In the Diocese of Kamloops, the Holy Year will commence on the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph on December 29, 2024, with a special liturgy at 1:30 PM followed by Holy Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

To bring the blessings of this Jubilee Year closer to you, there are three designated churches in our diocese as pilgrimage sites, each with its own Holy Door through which the faithful may pass and receive the graces of a plenary indulgence:

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Kamloops

St. James, Vernon

Sacred Heart, Williams Lake

Prayerfully visit these holy sites during the Jubilee Year and experience the richness of God's grace. This is a time for renewal, healing, and growth as disciples of Christ.

Serra Club of Kamloops Diocese

Prayer is a moving force in vocational 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).

97. By being faithful to our Holy Hour, and letting nothing interfere with it, we use it as the sign and symbol of our victimhood with Christ. (Archbishop Fulton Sheen)

Rachel's Corner

"The best part was that I didn't even know I needed this healing, but God did! I felt His mercy and forgiveness at all moments." Testimonial

Have you been trying to be strong ever since the day you were involved in an abortion decision? Trying to convince yourself that you don't need any help, and that there is nothing more to be done? God is calling you to something better – where you can be restored to who you were created to be once and always wanted to be. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. You don't have to be strong on your own anymore!

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