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WELCOME!

If you are new in our parish, registration forms can be found on the table in front of the Sacristy when you enter from the outside doors. You may place your completed form in the collection basket at the weekend Masses or drop it off at the Parish Office. Donation envelopes will be left on that same table for the next weekend, if they are requested. Please join us for refreshments after the 8:00 & 10:00am Sunday Morning Masses in St. Joachim's Room of the Parish Centre. Please notify the Parish Office if you are moving from the parish.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Baptisms usually take place on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 1:15pm. A baptism course is required for parents of their first child & Godparents are welcome to attend. Registration required. Teenagers & adults are asked to contact the RCIA coordinator.

Marriage

Please contact one of the priests through the Parish Office before making any plans for your wedding. We require at least 6 months advance notice before your wedding date, since a marriage preparation course & paperwork are required.

Priesthood or Religious Life

Please contact the Vocations Office at: rcav.org/vocations

CONFESSION

Monday - Friday Saturdays

20min before Mass 10:00am - 11:00am & 4:00pm - 4:35pm St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church Office: (604) 852-5602 / Fax: (604) 852-3007 / Res: (604) 852-5676 33333 Mayfair Avenue, Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 1P4 Office Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9-1:15pm/2:15-5pm

Carmelite Missionary Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus St. Ann's Convent - 2108 Ware Street / Tel: (604) 756-8882 carmelites@stannsabbotsford.ca

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MASS TIMES

Weekends	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday,	
Thursday & Fridays	8:00am
Tuesday Evenings	7:00pm
(Perpetual Novena	to St. Ann)

Other

Spanish Mass - 2nd Sat of mnth 7:00pm Korean Mass - Last Sat of mnth 7:00pm (served by St. Andrew Kim Parish) First Fridays 8:00am & 7:00pm Saturdays & Holidays 9:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Fridays8:30am - 6:50pmBenediction to follow6:50pm - 7:00pm



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

Altar Servers	Bob Kaszonyi	604-864-9443
Altar Society	Linda Harder	604-556-3643
Bookstore	Lucy Kaszonyi	604-852-5696
Couples for Christ	Pat & Mariz Carlos	604-853-2474
CWL-Catholic Women's League	Bev Katchmer	604-557-0309
Info Tech	Brian McNeil	it@stannsabbotsford.ca
Knights of Columbus	Cheyanne Brinson	604-744-8555
Mayfair Sunshine Club	Detta Fyfe	604-855-9284
Migrant Workers	Mary Phillips	604-852-3437
One Body in Christ Praise & Worsh	· ·	604-855-9701
Outreach Bus	Parish Office	604-852-5602
Parish Education Committee	Claire Wilkie	778-928-1406
		604-853-3028
St. John Brebeuf HighSchool	Monique Navarro	
Parish Outreach	Carl Gomes	604-859-6729
Parish Screening Coordinator	Jody Garneau	604-852-5602
Parish Vocation Committee	Angela	604-852-5602
Preschool	JoAnn Nixon	604-852-5602
Prison Ministry & Victim Support	Gabrielle Hoffer	604-864-0745
Project Advance Fundraising	Paula Fischer	778-908-8606
Prolife Reps.	Anna & Benoit Waut	
Religious Education Office	Extension 227	604-852-5602
RCIA/Adult Faith Formation	Jody Garneau	adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca
PREP - Children's Catechism	Jennifer Pucek	prep@stannsabbotsford.ca
St. Vincent de Paul	George Sweeney	604-852-5602
Young Adults Group	Therese	fvcatholicya@outlcok.com
Widow's Group	Matilde Carrao	604-850-1782
Youth Ministry	Kirsten ven der Buhs	youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca

A FOCUS ON VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

by Fr. Hien Nguyen

3.3 Asceticism and Sacrifice

When the traditional family was raised in the agriculture period, there was a stability of family life where the members of the family share different responsibilities to help each other from growing food in the farm and its care to household chores. However, when the industrial period became the norm of life, the stable family became fragile. There was massive exodus toward industrial areas. Mass productions and assembly-lines were the prescription of the day. The philosophy of how to produce the most with the least effort possible became the criteria and heart of the people's way of life. Today, we see the negative side of technology and how it forms people to be selfish and lazy. The virtues of sacrifice and asceticism disappear. Sufferings are evil and to be avoided at all cost. If the weather is hot, one pushes a button and the air-conditioning will turn on. If a person is bored, just a wave of the "magic wand" known as remote control and the whole entertainment world will appear in front of him. If a person is hungry, there is instant food that can be cooked with a microwave. The young today in the family does not lift a finger For the Fathers, making sacrificto do a thing but only for himself. There is no dimension of philanthropic or any motivation to reach out in a selfless service and love for the family members and others.



psycho-social level and rationalspiritual level.

The latter is the highest level of integration. In similar way human development also passes through different stages: the animal stage of maximizing pleasure and minimizing pain, the phase of ego centeredness, the next level of doing good beyond self, and finally to reach the highest goal of the Ultimate Good. We can see now that when our children are not having this value of selfless giving, of reaching out, and of detachment, they will never develop and mature.

Asceticism was the backbone of the spirituality of the Early Fathers of the Church. This was their way of journeying toward God. In fact, from the Fathers of Alexandria to the Cappadocian Fathers and including the Western Fathers, they all in general share the three stages of spiritual development that begin with purgation, detachment, asceticism etc. to help a Christian to move to the stage of illumination and finally unitative.

es and living an ascetic life is the first step toward holiness and in union with God. However, this contemporary generation is not willing to enter into this way of life therefore makes it close to impossible the relationship with God or giving oneself to God.

Psychologically, a person goes through three steps of development: psycho-physiological level

Welcome to St. Ann's Parish

Our Vision Statement: to be a Christ-centered community of missionary disciples.

Our Mission Statement: to work and pray to be a welcoming, Eucharistic community that spreads the good news of Christ. We each strive to share our gifts within and beyond the parish for the glory of God.

This Week at St. Ann's

CWL MEETING: The Fall season is here and our CWL meeting is on *Monday, September 18th @ 7 p.m.* in St. Joachim room. We have many new and exciting things lined up for the next few months and we look forward to coming together again after our summer break. All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend the meeting and enjoy a wine and cheese reception. For more information call Bev @ 604-557-0309

ALPHA: Please note the change in time for the continuing sessions - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. There is child minding available for families with young children.

MASS will be celebrated at the Menno Hospital Chapel on Friday, September 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

MASS will be celebrated, Sunday, September 24th at 4:00 p.m. in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital.

ST. ANN'S PRESCHOOL is having their first fundraiser of the year. They are selling the big little COUPON BOOK for \$10.00. Sr. Vicky will be selling them after all the Sunday Masses this weekend.

WOMEN, do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Do you seek connection with other women in our parish community? Are you searching for something more in your life? We invite you to consider joining WALKING WITH PURPOSE, a weekly group women's Catholic Bible Study aimed at bringing women to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ, starting on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 10:30am. Opening Your Heart, our foundational study, is designed for women who have or do not have Bible Study experience to learn how Scriptures apply to our daily lives. For more information or to register, please contact (Kathy at kathysmail@shaw.ca or 778.245.1221 www.walkingwithpurpose.com. We hope to see you! ***

MOMS (OR DADS) & TOTS will resume on Monday, October 2nd with Sister Susan. This is open to all mothers with infants and young children. Come join us for faith, fellowship and laughter. We will meet from 9:00 am to 10:30 am on Monday mornings in St. Monica's Lounge. Come and visit with other moms and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea while the children play.

SUITCASES NEEDED - pull type for Guatemalan farm workers returning home end of September. Please drop off at St. Ann's Parish Centre. Thank You!

REFERENCES: FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

- A. CENCINI A. MANENTI, Psychology and Formation, Structures and Dynamics, Bologna 1985, 20-23.
- R. J. SPITZER R. BERNHOFT C. DE BLASI, Healing the Culture: A commonsense philosophy of Happiness, Freedom and the Life Issues, San Francisco 2000, 65.

J. C. HEALY, Christian Spirituality: an Introduction to the Heritage, New York 1999, 22. To be continued...

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPT 18TH TO SEPT 24TH. 2017

Monday

8:00am Dylan Behan, int.

Tuesday

7:00pm

Laura & Ryan Dolby, int.

Wednesday

8:00am Tom & Rose Ward, rip.

Thursday

8:00am Tom Behan, rip.

Friday

8:00am Emily Fox, int.

Saturday

9:00am	Grandchildren & Grt. Grandchildren of
	Turra Family, int.
5:00pm	Bob & Ceka Butt, rip.

Sunday

8:00am 10:00am Noon

Helmut Glawischnig, rip. Thomas Walter Howell, rip. Intentions for the Parish

FEAST DAYS & READINGS SEPT 18TH TO SEPT 24TH, 2017

Monday 1 Timothy 2:1-7++; Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17

Wed.-St. Andrew Kim & Companions 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35

Thursday-St. Matthew Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

Friday

1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday-St. Padre Pio 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15

Matthew 20:1-16

Take a stand for life in your community by participating in this year's LIFE CHAIN on Sunday, October 1st, from 2-3pm on South Fraser Way. Every day in Canada 100s of children lose their lives to abortion, and 100s of women are deeply broken & scarred in the process. In obedience to God's word in Prov. 31:8, Christians are invited to be a voice for the voiceless through a peaceful, prayerful witness to the sanctity of all human life. Signs can be picked up starting at 1:30 at Seven Oaks Alliance Church. For more information call 604 852 4623.

Advokate Life and Education invites you to our Sunday-25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Annual FUNDRAISING BANQUET on October Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24,27; **19th** at Columbia Place, featuring our special guest speaker, former abortionist, Dr. Anthony Levatino. Table Sponsorship starts at \$250.

> Individual general seating is FREE. RSVP by Oct. 15th by emailing: info@advokate.ca, texting "banquet" to: 604 832 6311 or calling: 604 852 4623.

> PILIPINO (TAGALOG) MASS at St. James Parish on Saturday, September 30th from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. followed by procession after Mass (around the block). Feast of San Lorenzo de Ruiz Mass Celebrant will be Fr. Jun Reyes. Choir : THE MAGNIFICAT led by Vincent Punzalan. Please bring a dish for the Pilipino Specialty Potluck . For more info: Call Rosalina Cole 604-859-8465



St. Anthony of Padua Giant Garage Sale 7237 Morrow Road, Agassiz, BC (604 796-9181) Saturday, September 23rd, 8 am to 2 pm

Archdiocesan Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life September 21st, 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's, Vancouver.

Visit rcav.org for full schedule of parishes, dates and times.

ALTAR SERVERS AWARD **Presented to William Veters** and Alex Elia by Archbishop Michael Miller.



LIFETEEN LASER TAG LOCK-IN (GR. 8-12) This year's LifeTeen Kick-Off will be an

overnight laser tag event from September 23rd at 11:30pm to September 24th at 6am. The cost of the event is \$10.00 and includes 6 hours of laser tag, food, and games. The event will take place at Planet Laser - 20104 Logan Ave. in Langley. There is a limited number of participants allowed by Planet Laser for our event so spot's will be saved once payment has been received on a first come, first serve basis. Participants are required at Planet Laser to wear runners to be allowed to play and must arrive on time as the doors will be locked soon after the start time - Please do not be late. We hope to have you join us for this awesome night and look forward to seeing you there!!

JUNIOR YOUTH LASER TAG (GR. 5, 6 & 7)

Our Junior Youth Kick-Off this year will be a laser tag event on September 23rd from 11:00am - 2:00pm. The cost is \$5.00 which includes 2 exclusive games of laser tag, lunch, and more! It will take place at Planet Laser - 20104 Logan Ave. in Langley. There is a limited number of participants allowed by Planet Laser for our event so spot's will be saved once payment has been received on a first come, first serve basis. Participants are required Planet Laser to wear runners to be allowed to play. We hope that you will join us and look forward to seeing you soon!!

If you would like to join us registrations can be found outside the youth office on the bulletin board. Contact Kirsten at youthministry@st.annsabbotsford.ca if you have any questions.

