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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.

## 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 Fridays 8:30am - 6:50pm  
Benediction to follow 6:50pm - 7:00pm

## 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 20min before Mass  
Saturdays 10:00am - 11:00am &  
4:00pm - 4:35pm

## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

|                                     |                      |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Altar Servers                       | Bob Kaszonyi         | 604-864-9443                      |
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| 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                 | Cheyenne Brinson     | 604-744-8555                      |
| Mayfair Sunshine Club               | Detta Fyfe           | 604-855-9284                      |
| Migrant Workers                     | Mary Phillips        | 604-852-3437                      |
| One Body in Christ Praise & Worship | Ken/Mena Beatch      | 604-855-9701                      |
| Outreach Bus                        | Parish Office        | 604-852-5602                      |
| Parish Education Committee          | Claire Wilkie        | 778-928-1406                      |
| St. John Brebeuf High School        | Monique Navarro      | 604-853-3028                      |
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| Project Advance Fundraising         | Paula Fischer        | 778-908-8606                      |
| Prolife Reps.                       | Anna & Benoit Wauthy | 604-852-6198                      |
| <b>Religious Education Office</b>   | <b>Extension 227</b> | <b>604-852-5602</b>               |
| 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              | fvatholicya@outlook.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



### 4.2 Young Adults

For the college-aged Young Adults, we do not have a collective effort to provide a faith formation for them. At the moment, the campus ministry is growing steadily, largely due to the missionary work of Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO). There is an intentional focus by the diocese at the moment to find an effective way to help this age group especially in the parishes.

These are the results of a quick survey focusing the needs of Young Adults: Many more young adults need to be re-evangelized especially those without any parish or youth ministry connection

This age group is looking for catechesis that is relevant, current and can speak to their everyday lives. They want to belong to a community, have a deeper relationship with Christ and feel they can make a difference in our world

Need a place to discuss and share their faith. They wrestle with what the Church teaches and what their friends are experiencing (i.e. moral issues of the day). They also need to learn what our Church teaches in the way of new technologies, sciences and business (i.e. ethics courses)

Want a community to belong to so they can learn and discuss their faith

Looking for other ways to learn faith than in a classroom environment. Would like to see more online media where they can learn and discuss their faith (i.e. webinars, websites and other online media)

Many young adults who grew up Catholic would like to connect, but don't have the means or don't know how to do so (i.e. like in youth ministry)

These young adults are looking for spiritual direction (i.e. may include vocation discernment)

Providing opportunities for service is also a growing need for this age group.

We have a common complaint in our diocese that by the time the students get to colleges and universities, they are no longer practicing their faith. In a report done by the Higher Education Research Institute found that "most of the respondents acknowledged a decline in religious practice during their college years. More than half (52%) reported attending religious services frequently before entering college, but by their junior year less than one-third (29%) attended frequently." The contributions to this sad phenomenon are links that connect together from a shaky foundation of faith from the home, to the lack of knowledge of the deposit of faith, to the loss of identity as a Catholic, that is being thrown into a hostile environment such as a university where pluralism, individualism and other ideologies are so prevalent. These results are found from the study. The young adults just go with the flow and do what they feel like doing, and when it comes to faith, they would say: "I want to be spiritual but not religious." T. P. RAUSCH, *Being Catholic in a Culture of Choice*, To be continued...

## 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

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

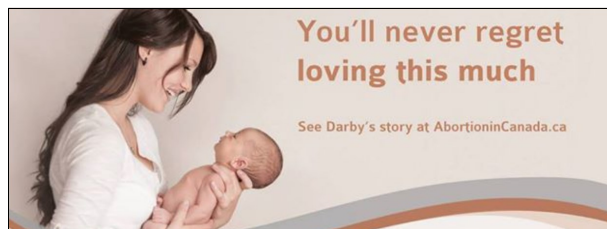
WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION with a priest of Opus Dei: **Monday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church. All ladies are welcome to attend.

MASS will be celebrated at MSA Manor on **Wednesday, September 27th at 2:30 p.m.**

COMMUNION SERVICE at the Mayfair Seniors' Home on **Thursday, September 28th at 10:00 a.m.**

ALPHA: **Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dinner / Video/Discussion.** There is **child minding** available for families with young children.

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. Signs can be picked up starting at 1:30 at Seven Oaks Alliance Church. For more information call 604-852-4623.



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ST. ANN'S PRESCHOOL is having their first fundraiser of the year. They are selling the **big little COUPON BOOK** for \$10 each. Coupon books can be purchased at the Parish Office.

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MOMS (OR DADS) & TOTS will resume on **Monday, October 2nd** with Sister Susan. This is open to all mothers/fathers 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.

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

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The new SCHEDULES for the **Lectors & EMHC** are ready for pick up in the Sacristy.

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WIDOWS' LUNCHEON on **Wednesday, October 11th, 12 noon** at Roseland Restaurant on South Fraser Way. Please rsvp to Matilde at 604-850-1782.

# 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPT 25<sup>TH</sup> TO OCT 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2017

|                  |         |                                   |
|------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | 8:00am  | Leona Rodrigue, rip.              |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 7:00pm  | Zivko Filiposki, rip.             |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 8:00am  | Dec. mem. of St. Ann's SVDP       |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 8:00am  | Ann Boswell, rip.                 |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 8:00am  | Gavin Toth, int.                  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 9:00am  | Sutcliffe Family int.             |
|                  | 5:00pm  | Antonio Turra, rip.               |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 8:00am  | Leona Rodrigue, rip.              |
|                  | 10:00am | Intentions for the Parish         |
|                  | Noon    | Denis & Odessa Roco & Family int. |

### FEAST DAYS & READINGS SEPT 25<sup>TH</sup> TO OCT 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2017

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| <b>Monday</b>  | Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18                               |
| <b>Tues-Sts. John de Brebeuf &amp; Isaac Jogues</b>    | Rev. 7:9-17; 2 Cor. 4:7-15; Luke 9:23-26               |
| <b>Wednesday-St. Vincent de Paul</b>                   | Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6                                 |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9                               |
| <b>Friday- Sts. Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</b>     | Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51                      |
| <b>Saturday-St. Jerome</b>                             | Zechariah 2:1-5, 10-11; Luke 9:43b-45                  |
| <b>Sunday-26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:</b> | Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32 |

Advokate Life and Education invites you to our Annual **FUNDRAISING BANQUET** on **October 19<sup>th</sup>** 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. 15<sup>th</sup> by emailing: [info@advokate.ca](mailto:info@advokate.ca), texting "banquet" to: 604 832 6311 or calling: 604 852 4623.



### RETRouvaille WEEKEND FOR COUPLES

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. For more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program (20 - 22 October 2017), contact our registration team Marc & Candice at 604-530-6710 or visit [www.retrouvaillevancouver.com](http://www.retrouvaillevancouver.com)

### YOUTH LOUNGE OPEN HOUSE

All August the youth core team has been hard at work re-designing our youth lounge. Join us September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> as we reveal our new youth lounge. After each Mass, come down and enjoy some food, foosball, billiards, and meet the Youth Ministry Core Team. We can't wait to show you!



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ZUMBA resumes on **Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 p.m.** For more info email: [zumbarightnow@gmail.com](mailto:zumbarightnow@gmail.com)

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Advokate Life & Education Services is looking to hire an experienced and passionate **INDIVIDUAL TO MANAGE THEIR CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AND CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE** in Abbotsford. Position is for 40hrs/wk at \$20/hr. Deadline for applying is **October 1<sup>st</sup>**. Visit [www.advokate/get-involved/employment-opportunities](http://www.advokate/get-involved/employment-opportunities) for more information or email [info@advokate.ca](mailto:info@advokate.ca).

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### WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT

Join St. Ann's Family Group as we gather for a fun adult evening on **Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm**. Enjoy a wine and cheese social and a video on the Meaning of Marriage from the "Beloved" series. Admission is by donation. Please RSVP to [stannsfamilygroup@gmail.com](mailto:stannsfamilygroup@gmail.com).

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On the **weekend of October 13 - 15**, there will be a **MONASTIC LIFE WORKSHOP** for ladies



interested in the consecrated life, at Westminster Abbey, Mission, BC. The weekend retreat has a monastic emphasis and style. It will be from **7 pm Friday to 2 pm Sunday**. If you are interested please call 604-826-8975 for more information.

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**WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT** with the priests of Miles Christi using the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius. **December 8-10, 2017** at the Abbey in Mission. Cost is \$230; space is limited and we have sold out the last 4 retreats. Contact Jody [adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca](mailto:adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca).



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