



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion & prayer

The great thing about walking with God in life is that there is always the opportunity to start anew - God always offers us a new day and a new dawn, no matter what has gone before. At the start of the New Year, why not take a moment to **thank Him** for last year, **ask His forgiveness** for where you have failed, and dedicate this new year to Him - to serve Him and love Him afresh.

A New Year's Prayer

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father, Pope Francis, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; nonbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. **Amen**

Dear parishioners and friends,

We would like to take this opportunity to Thank each of you who helped with the many preparations required for our special celebration of Christmas. We would also like to thank everyone for the wonderful gifts, cards and prayers generously given to all of us here at St. Ann's, 3 priests, 3 sisters and one very grateful secretary.

May the peace, joy and love of Christ reign in your hearts now and in the coming year 2018.

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.

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

Please join us for ADORATION & BENEDICTION *today, December 31st from 9 to 10pm* as we pray to end the old year and bring in the new with prayer.

New Year's Eve Dance & Social

Sunday, December 31st

St. Ann's Parish Centre

Doors open at 8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$15 pp

Late night Buffet Music by Northwest Entertainment

Children's Party - \$5 per child up to 14 yrs.

Movie & games room Late night snack

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR.

MASS at Bevan Village is cancelled this week. (Flu outbreak)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING: *Thursday, January 4th, 7:00 p.m.*

ONE BODY IN CHRIST PRAYER MEETING: *Thursday, January 4th at 7:30 p.m.* in St. Joachim room.

First Friday ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held on *Friday, January 5th* after morning Mass, ending with Prayers for Vocations at 6:30 p.m., Benediction at 6:45 p.m. and then Mass at 7:00 p.m. Please come and spend some quiet time with our Lord in prayer and thanksgiving.

CAREGIVING IS PRO-LIFE!

"Persons with disabilities challenge us to be more fully human and compassionate, to recognize the presence of God in each human being. This requires us to sacrifice, to 'stretch our hearts,' as Pope Benedict XVI has said. This requires us to gradually become more like Christ, which is after all the goal of every Christian life.

--"Life Matters: Persons with Disabilities," USCCB Respect Life Program

Are you a caregiver? Are you taking care of a spouse, aging parent, or loved one? For those who would be interested in meeting others in the same situation, we are hosting a **Caregiver Coffee hour on Saturday, January 6th from 10 am - 11 am.** We will meet in St. Monica's Lounge. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Come and spend an hour with people who have similar challenges and concerns. We will be meeting on a quarterly basis. Home visits can also be arranged if you are unable to come out. For more information contact Jody at adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca

KIDS FOR JESUS begins Saturday, January 20th.



ALPHA starts again on *Saturday, January 27th, 2018 @ 6 pm;* begins with dinner (following Saturday evening Mass)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JAN. 1ST TO JAN. 7TH, 2018

Monday
9am & 11am Intentions for the Parish

Tuesday
7:00pm Charlene Loxam, int.

Wednesday
8:00am Maria Rosa Bonilla, rip.

Thursday
8:00am Lucy Kaszonyi, int.

Friday
8:00am Nina Boudewyn, rip.
7:00pm George Sinclair, rip.

Saturday
9:00am Rae Tomashewski, int.
5:00pm Freda Lemieux, rip.

Sunday
8:00am David Binding, rip.
10:00am Dusan & Olga Jamarik, rip.
Noon Intentions for the Parish

NEW YEAR: MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Sunday, December 31st—Mass of Anticipation— 6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 1st, 2018—9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 2nd—7:00 p.m. (Sts. Basil & Gregory)

JOURNEY DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

This is a comprehensive course that incorporates prayer, providing in-depth discipleship and spiritual care with the goal of helping individuals experience Jesus in their relationships, sexuality and identity. Each evening consists of worship, teaching, and prayer in small groups. These gender-specific groups are safe places for bringing our struggles to God and each other. There are weekly reading assignments for reflection, study, and prayer.

Location: **St. Ann's Parish Centre—St. Peter's room**

Date: *January 25th – May 17th, 2018*

Time: *Thursdays, 7:00 – 9:30pm*

Cost: \$600 (rate includes a non-refundable \$25 application fee)

Details: There are two day-long sessions (February 3rd & April 21st). Attendance is required at both in order to take the course. Email fraservalley@journeycanada.org to request an application for the Abbotsford Journey Discipleship Course.

Submit your application and fee:

- Online via PayPal or Credit Card: www.journeycanada.org/event-payment
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For more information, please contact JOURNEY CANADA at fraservalley@journeycanada.org or call 604-301-1470.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 31ST, 2017

FEAST DAYS & READINGS JAN. 1ST TO JAN. 7TH, 2018

Monday-Solemnity of Mary
Numbers 6:22-27 Gal. 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21

Tuesday-St. Basil & St. Gregory
1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

Wednesday
1 John 2:29; 3:1-6; John 1:29-34

Thursday
1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

Friday
1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

Saturday
1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:4-5,7-11++

Sunday—Epiphany of the Lord: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

MAKING SENSE OF ANXIETY IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH: Dr. Gordon Neufeld sheds light on the problem of the escalating level of anxiety in our children, and paves the way for natural interventions to get to the root causes as opposed to just managing symptoms. Although the focus is on children, the material will benefit anyone suffering from anxiety.

St. Ann's Family Group invites all parents and caregivers to this video course, facilitated by Kevin Bredeman, MA, on *Thursdays, January 11, 18, 25 and February 1, from 7-9 p.m.* at St. Ann's Parish. Cost is \$30/person. Register to reserve your spot. Childcare is available upon request for children 3+. For more details, e-mail: stannsfamilygroup@gmail.com or visit rcav.org/event/making-sense-of-anxiety.

ST. ANN'S MEALS FOR MOMS

Community building is at the heart of St. Ann's parish and we are pleased to introduce a new initiative called, St. Ann's Meals for Moms.

This is an outreach program designed to support new and existing mothers with a meal drop off schedule (for mothers who have just given birth, have experienced pregnancy loss, or have adopted).

Our hope is that through this initiative, we will be able to support families by providing them with a home cooked meal (or take-out) ever second day for the first two weeks postpartum.

In order for this outreach program to be a success, we need your help! *The commitment would only be once or twice per year.

We understand that some of you may not be in a position to cook a meal, but we are also hoping to provide mothers with some new knitted baby clothes or baby blankets.

We need volunteers who can:

- Pray for this new initiative
- Cook a meal
- Pick up/drop off meals
- Knit baby clothes

If you would like to volunteer by cooking a meal, or if you are an expecting mother, please contact:

mothersatst.ann@gmail.com

New knitted baby clothes/blankets may be dropped off at the parish office.

Please join me in working together to become a Christ-centered community of missionary disciples!



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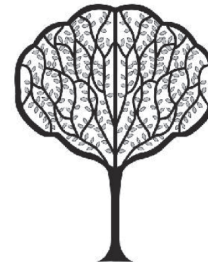


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