

Philanthropic Stage / Psycho-social / Illumination

An unexpected purification came when the war between the Communist from the North and the Republic from the South ended on April 30, 1975. The Communist officially took control of the whole country. John's father who was a politician for the Republic in the South went in hiding and avoided concentration camp. When his parents recognized the danger, they decided to leave everything behind, packed the essentials, and took the children to a rice farm in the Southern part of Vietnam near the *Mekong River*. There they changed their names and lived on God's providence.

A senior couple who had an empty dilapidated home on their farm allowed the family to temporarily use it. They started a new life all over again. In the desolation of not able to keep their identities, to go to school, to go to Church, they began to doubt the love of God. John's family lived in fear of the communists, fear of how they could find food for the next day, fear of being arrested, fear of losing their love ones, fear of losing their own lives.

Everyday John's task was to go with his brothers to catch fish or to go into the forest to trap birds for food. His sister would walk along the river to find vegetation. His mother and father scattered through fields to collect unwanted rice stocks. It was a time where they were in hunger and thirst; in cold and nakedness; in labour and weariness; in persecutions and many reproaches. However, it was in these circumstances that John learned the meaning of detachment. That life was more than just what he could gain and accumulate. He discovered happiness was not only to fulfill his wants, but instead it was what he can do for others.

It was when they were "stripped naked" of their lives that they realized the needs of others and how others also needed them. The activities became actions and behaviour toward others. "The motivation force behind these behaviours is the awareness of our own limitations and our insufficiency as persons, which makes us aware of our need for others."

What was important to John of his *actual-self: manifest self, latent self, and social self* were stripped away. What he was considered to be his values, needs, motivations, affections were all robbed by the communist. But through this purging John grew through a *Moral Conversion* that "changes the criterion of [his] decisions and choices from satisfactions to values, even for value against satisfaction when value and satisfaction conflict."

During the difficult time hiding from the communist, John had different responsibilities with his family to support his parents to keep the family together. He began to shift his values toward *Institutional ideal*. Here it was "the demands of the role of what the institution proposes to [him]; so it is the total of the expectations, demands and requests others make on [him]." At this period, what become important to John were family bond, education, freedom, and faith. 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

2ND COLLECTION this weekend, **January 27th & 28th** to help towards building up **our Syrian Family fund** (for rent, food and living expenses for a year).

MASS will be celebrated, **Sunday, January 28th at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital.

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION with a priest of Opus Dei: **Monday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church. All ladies are welcome to attend.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING: Thursday, February 1st at 7:00 p.m. in St. Theresa's room.

ONE BODY IN CHRIST PRAYER MEETING: Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joachim room.

First Friday ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held on **Friday, February 2nd** 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.

WELCOME ALL KIDS ages 3 to 5 and children from grades 1 to 4 to our Kids for Jesus Program held on **Saturday, February 3rd from 10:00am-12:00 pm.** in St. Joachim room.



Tickets on Sale- \$20 - after all the Masses this weekend

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His *Ideal-self* or more particular his *personal ideal* was to become a good self-giving person with an education to help and free those who are suffering in his country. Obviously the dialectic between these personal *ideal-self* and his actual circumstances self make it hard to come to realization because of the limitation created by the Communists. John was not free.

His relationship with God at this time was not consistent. God to him was more of an *Intuition ideal* because for John He was more of a set of "do-s and don't-s". He was the God that John met when he was able to go to Church with his family or the God that he talked to when it came to family prayer time. John manipulated his God and loves Him when what he asked was being answered and hated Him when things were not going well. It was dialectic between the subjective "me" and the objective God that John wanted to be in control and not God. The *actual self* was still dominating in John.

A. CENCINI – A. MANENTI, A, *Psychology and formation: Structures and Dynamic*, 21.

B. LONERGAN, *Method in Theology*, 240.

A. CENCINI – A. MANENTI, *Psychology and formation: Structures and Dynamic*, 175.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JAN. 29TH TO FEB. 4TH, 2018

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| Monday | 8:00am | Gerry Nagy, int. |
| Tuesday | 7:00pm | Kay Sanderson, int. |
| Wednesday | 8:00am | Peter Kaszonyi, rip. |
| Thursday | 8:00am | Hilda Leier, rip. |
| Friday | 8:00am | Riky Otto, int. |
| | 7:00 pm | Maria Bassani, int. |
| Saturday | 9:00am | Matilde Carrao, int. |
| | 5:00pm | Fran Fredette & Family int. |
| Sunday | 8:00am | Lorne & Sheila Donaldson, int. |
| | 10:00am | Intentions for the Parish |
| | Noon | Sr. Elizabeth De Guzman, int. |

YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Youth Alpha (Gr. 5-7 & Gr. 8-12) - Starting January 27th

Youth Alpha focuses on our personal relationship with God and our faith and is a wonderful program for anyone wishing to develop a deeper connection. The program will run weekly at our normal time on Saturdays from 6-8pm. Alpha (for 18+, Parents, grandparents, etc) will also run at the same time (Contact Jody Garneau regarding the adult program and babysitting). Dinner is provided and there no cost to attend! This would be a wonderful experience for the whole family and I highly encourage you to join us. **We will be dividing the youth into age groups for videos, discussions, games, and more.** Contact Kirsten at youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca for more information.

Youth Ministry Study Team

We are excited to announce that on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-7pm** LifeTeen is starting a homework group. If there is a subject that you are struggling with and you would like some help feel free to come by and join us. Email Kirsten if you would like more information and let us know if you have a subject you would like us to cover.

If anyone would be interested in volunteering to help with this program please contact Kirsten.

Any one registered for the **ONE Conference** is asked to please call Leo at the Parish Office on Monday.

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 28TH, 2018

FEAST DAYS & READINGS JAN. 29TH TO FEB. 4TH, 2018

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| Monday | 2 Sam15:13-14,30;16:5-13a; Mark 5:1-20 |
| Tuesday | 2 Samuel 18:9-10,14b,24-26a,30—19:3++; Mark 5:21-43 |
| Wednesday-St. John Bosco | 2 Samuel 24:2,9-17; Mark 6:1-6 |
| Thursday | 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13 |
| Friday-Presentation of the Lord | Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 2:22-40 |
| Saturday | 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34 |
| Sunday-5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: | Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23; Mark 1:29-39 |

St. Ann's CWL cordially invite all Ladies of the Parish to join them for the "**Gifted by His Grace**" RETREAT on **Saturday, March 3rd, beginning with Mass at 9am and retreat from 10am to 3pm.** Tickets are \$10 (includes morning coffee and lunch). Available at the Parish Office.

Guest speakers include: **Colleen Roy** who writes for the "Home Front" column in the B.C. Catholic. Topic: "Gifted by His Grace"; **Kathy Ross**, who has a Wholeness Practice (Body, Mind and Spirit) will speak on, "Discovering the peace within us, and the deeper peace that God gives us". **Fr. Ajin**, our Chaplin, will also be speaking to us on the day's retreat topic. Come and fill your hearts with us!

MEN'S SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT.

March 16-18. Total cost is \$230 Canadian. Retreat is Westminster Abbey, Mission, BC. This is a silent retreat designed for spiritual discernment and formation. Everyone will have the opportunity for confession and spiritual direction with the priests of Miles Christi from San Diego, CA. Email adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca for a registration form.

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **PETER CAVACECE** whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday, February 1st at 11:00 a.m. & MARY SIERPINA** whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated on **Friday, February 2nd at 11:00 a.m.** with Prayers on **Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.**



CHILDCARE SUBSTITUTE NEEDED

The Endow women's study group is looking for a substitute childcare helper to fill in occasionally if their regular childcare helpers are away/sick. The group will be meeting every **second Wednesday, from 9:30-11:30 am, from February-May.**

If you enjoy working with young children and might be able to volunteer your time occasionally please contact Eileen ([778-808-5748](tel:778-808-5748)) or Katy (604-996-5351). Thank you!

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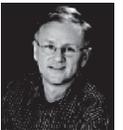
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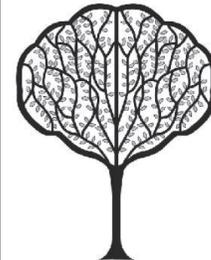


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