



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

CONFESSIONS ALL BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Monday, Dec. 18th	St. Nicholas, Langley
Tuesday, Dec. 19th	St. Mary's, Chilliwack
Tuesday, Dec. 19th	St. Anthony of Padua 6:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 20th	St. Joseph's, Mission
Thursday, Dec. 21st	St. Joseph's, Langley

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24th—7:00 p.m. (Family Mass); 12:00 a.m. (Midnight) - Christmas Eve Masses DO NOT FULFILL the 4th Sunday of Advent Obligation (Dec. 24th).

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25th—8:00 & 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon (Children's Mass)

FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

Tuesday, December 26th—7:00 p.m.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Thursday, December 28th—8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

A Special Remembrance for all babies lost to miscarriage, pre-term birth, stillbirth, and infant death

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday, December 27th—8:00 a.m.

Friday, December 29th—8:00 a.m.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 30th—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31st—8:00 & 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

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)

FEAST OF EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 6th, 2018—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 7th, 2018—8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

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

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION with a priest of Opus Dei: **Monday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church. All ladies are welcome to attend.

BRASS CLEANING: We are asking for your help on **Wednesday, December 20th** after morning Mass in the back of gym. Thanks!

ONE BODY IN CHRIST PRAYER MEETING: There will be no meeting on December 21st or 28th but will resume again on **Thursday, January 4th at 7:30 p.m.** in St. Joachim room.

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED at Menno Hospital Chapel on **Friday, December 22nd at 10:00 a.m.**



St. Ann's Catholic Community welcomes ISABELLE STYLES & EMILY SWEENEY who were received into the Catholic Faith in the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, December 10th.



New this year: BLESSING OF THE BABY JESUS

Bring YOUR baby Jesus from your home crèche for a blessing of the Infant on Christmas Eve at the 7:00pm, Midnight Mass or Christmas Day at 8:00, 10:00 or Noon Masses.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS: Thursday, December 28 at 7 pm

A Mass for those who have experienced Infant Loss. Everyone is invited to remember those infants who died too soon ~Either in the womb by miscarriage, still birth or abortion or those who died as infants. Add your baby's name to the "Book of Life" and light a candle in his or her memory. Coffee and tea to follow in the Parish Centre.



We are running ALPHA again! **Saturday Jan 27, 2018 @ 6 pm**; starts with dinner (following Sat evening Mass)

What is Alpha? Alpha is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in an open, informal, friendly environment. The Alpha Course meets once a week for 11 weeks, with each week focusing on a different question. Each Alpha session follows the same format; we begin with a meal, followed by a video and table discussion. Everyone and every viewpoint is welcome- no background knowledge of (or belief in) Christianity is assumed. At Alpha there is no pressure, no follow-up, and no charge.

This Alpha Course is open to all members of the family – all ages. Babysitting is offered to infants to age 11. From grades 5-8 and grades 9-12 there is a Youth Alpha offered by grade level. From age 18 to 108 we offer the Alpha Course for all adults.

You're invited to explore! Is there more to life than this? Is there a God? Why am I here? Where am I going? No question is out of bounds. No question is considered hostile or too simple to be considered. Invite your friends and neighbours.

Helpers! We need you! Even if for part of the time to run Alpha. We provide the training and support! Parishioners interested in helping are invited to contact Jody Garneau (adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca) If you want to help with the teens, then contact Kirsten (youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca). We need support with hosting, cooking, cleaning, greeting, facilitating, babysitting, singing, and prayer. Even if you can only help for a few weeks, we will need you!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR DEC. 18TH TO DEC 24TH, 2017

Monday	8:00am	Philip Kang, int.
Tuesday	7:00pm	Jaime Nubla, rip.
Wednesday	8:00am	Lorraine Allenby, rip.
Thursday	8:00am	Michael Silvestri, rip.
Friday	8:00am	Marie & Peter Tull, rip.
Saturday	9:00am	Mary Blocha, rip.
	5:00pm	Elizabeth & Joseph Keresztvey, rip.
Sunday	8:00am	Intentions for the Parish
	10:00am	Helen Follack, rip
	Noon	Sr. Vicky de Guzman, int.

Open Lounge – All Ages

Dec 23 – 6-8pm

Come with the whole family to relax in our Youth Lounge and play some games! This is a drop in event so you don't have to be there the whole time, come for as long as you like!!

Youth Christmas Choir

Our Youth/Young Adult Choir is looking for new members - both instruments and singers! We are having Christmas Mass practices on Thursday's and Saturday's. Please contact Kirsten ven der Buhs for more information at youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION

As almost half of our PPC committee members are finishing up their term at the end of this 2017, we are looking for 3 elected positions and 2 appointed positions to be filled. **Deadline is December 23rd.** The application and more information about the PPC are available for pickup at both entrances of the Church.

ENDOW Women's Group CHILDCARE HELP NEEDED: We are looking for someone who can join their childcare team for their next study. If there are any women who enjoy working with young children, who might be able to volunteer their time for 2-4 hours a month (9:30-11:30 am every second Wednesday), from February to the end of May, please contact Eileen (778-808-5748). Thank you



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17TH, 2017

FEAST DAYS & READINGS DEC 18TH TO DEC. 24TH, 2017

Monday	Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-24
Tuesday	Judges 13:2-7,24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
Wednesday	Isaiah 7:10-14;810d; Luke 1:26-38
Thursday	Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45
Friday	1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56
Saturday	Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6; Luke 1:57-66
Sunday—4th Sunday of Advent:	2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

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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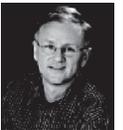
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