

HAPPY 131ST ANNIVERSARY!

Time flies! 131 years have passed since the Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini founded our Congregation to respond to the appeal of thousands of migrants. He saw the need to accompany them and support them in their quest for a dignified life. Last month we celebrated the XV General Chapter in Italy - Rome in renewing our vocation and mission to promote, to encounter, to dialogue and to proclaim among the migrants.

In his address to the Holy Father on the occasion of the general chapter, our Superior General has recalled that our charism is "to journey with all migrants, refugees and seafarers and at the same time to journey with the local Churches, called to welcome, promote, protect and integrate them".

Our founder used to say that the society is flying, we cannot stay static, and we have to be dynamic. The Scalabrinian's local community of Vancouver saw the need to move on in the Archdiocese to be closer to the neediest migrants of the local Church. Indeed, the idea became reality! It was in conformity with the XIV (CG XIV) General Chapter, focusing on the criteria of **significance, exemplarity and specificity** to make this move. And, the purpose in taking St. Ann's Parish was to be closer to the Seasonal Farm workers whom we have been ministering to in the Archdiocese for many years now and of course to serve the local Parish.

So, this XV General chapter seems to challenge us more and more when the Holy Father, Pope Francis in his written document handed to the Capitulars says: "The chapter represents a privileged moment of grace for your religious Family, called to adopt this dual approach of the Divine Teacher toward those who are entrusted to your pastoral care: to announce the word and to walk with them. It is necessary to constantly find new ways of evangelization and proximity, in view of implementing with dynamic fidelity your charism of service to the migrants."

Looking in a concrete way, our parish community is trying their best to journey with the Farm workers close by in so many different ways; in welcoming Refugee Families through the Refugee Sponsorship Program and welcoming many family migrants from different places on the world. Mindful of these advices from these two last General Chapters and the Holy Father, Pope Francis' words; as a Scalabrinian parish community we feel responsible to announce the word to the migrants and walk with them. They come here looking for a better life. In other words, they come here to work. Indeed, they are working hard. Our mission is to continue walking with them, and learning together with them. **Fr. Rosemond**

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

MOM'S & TOTS: Monday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30am in St. Monica's lounge.

MASS will be celebrated at Bevan Village on **Tuesday, December 4th at 10:00 a.m.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING: **Thursday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m.** in St. Peter room.

RCIA CLASSES: **Thursday evenings at 7:00p.m.** in Monica Lounge.

ONE BODY IN CHRIST PRAISE & WORSHIP MEETING: **Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** in St. Joachim room.

First Friday ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held on **Friday, December 7th** 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. Sign up sheets available on baptismal font.

SPANISH MASS will be celebrated on **Saturday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m.** to honour Our Lady of Guadalupe. Reception to follow in Parish Centre.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be prepared by the Knights of Columbus on **Sunday, December 9th** after the 8 & 10am Masses.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND VESPERS on **Sunday, December 9th at 3:00 p.m.** in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital Please join us in praying for the Doctors, Nurses, hospital workers, and most especially the patients and their families.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: **Monday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m.** In St. Joachim room.

ADVENT GIVING TREE is set up in the Parish Centre with tags for approx. 30 families that the Knights of Columbus have adopted for this Christmas.



Please follow these directions:

1) Attach the tag securely to the gift with tape or staples. These tags are very important as the number on each tag corresponds to a particular family. Each gift is then put in a separate box designated for each family.

2) **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS.** Return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached and put it in to the sleigh beside the Christmas Tree or bring to the Parish Office no later than **Wednesday, December 12th.**

3) **St. Vincent de Paul** will have tags on the tree requesting **Save On Food \$25 GIFT CARDS** for their Christmas Hampers. Please drop off to parish office by **December 17th.**

The Knights of Columbus of St. Ann's & St. James invite you to the **LIGHTING & BLESSING OF THE NATIVITY SCENE starting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4th** at St. James Church at 2777 Townline Road.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR DEC 3RD TO DEC 9TH, 2018

Monday
8:00am Irene Kubas, int.

Tuesday
7:00pm Mara Maliszewski, int.

Wednesday
8:00am Elena Valdez, rip.

Thursday
8:00am Jon Moylo, rip.

Friday
8:00am Jack Ellis, int.
7:00pm Henriette Fillion, int.

Saturday
9:00am Fr. Ajin George, int.
5:00pm Martin Perdue, rip.

Sunday
8:00am Intentions for the Parish
10:00am Dec. Family & Friends Peter & Anne Withers
Noon Luistro Family int.

FEAST DAYS & READINGS DEC 3RD TO DEC 9TH, 2018

Monday-St. Francis Xavier
Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11,13++

Tuesday
Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday
Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday
Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday-St. Ambrose
Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday-Immaculate Conception
Genesis 3:9-15,20; Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Sunday-2nd Sunday of Advent:
Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-6,8-11; Luke 3:1-6

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR: We are now accepting resumes at the Parish Office until **December 7th** for this part-time position as Kirsten vander Buhs will be resigning her position as co-ordinator by December 31st. We already have a preferred applicant, however, we will still be accepting further resumes. A decision will be made by the hiring committee between December 10th to 14th. Thank you.

Youth and Young Adult Choir that plays at Saturday Evening Mass is looking for new members and a **CHOIR LEADER.** Singers and those that can play instruments are welcome!! We meet **Saturday's at 4pm** for practice and then lead the music at the 5pm Mass right after. Please contact Kirsten vander Buhs, youth ministry coordinator.

2019 SUNDAY MISSALS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE IN THE BOOKSTORE weekdays and after Sunday Masses. \$5 each.

FRASER VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUTH CHOIR (ages 8-14)

We are a group of 22 singers under the teaching and direction of Alexander McCune, meeting at St. James parish on Tuesday evenings to learn and practice together.

We have spent a semester learning the basics of choral music, and now we will begin singing for Mass at local parishes once a month.

Now is a good time for new members to join. Membership is \$140 for the entire January-June season. Call Alexander: alexanderchurchmusic@gmail.com

2019 Donations Envelopes are available for pick up in the church foyer. If you require a set of envelopes please fill out your name and address on the sheet provided.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2ND, 2018

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth thy blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the Coming of Christ, and may receive from thee abundant graces.

Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

FIRST WEEK PRAYER: (Light 1 purple candle)

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and come, that by thy protection we may be rescued from the dangers that beset us through our sins, and be a Redeemer to deliver us; Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.



Saturday, December 8th: Our Annual CWL Christmas Brunch is coming up on Saturday December 8th at 10am. Tickets are available at the Parish Office for \$12 until **Tuesday, December 4th.** If you are able, please bring a small box of chocolates for us to donate to the charities we support for Christmas. We hope to see you there!

St. Ann's Preschool **POINSETTIAS, HOLIDAY PLANTERS AND WREATHS** Fundraiser: Pick up is **Friday, December 14th or Sunday, December 16th** after the Masses. All proceeds going towards playground improvements and gym equipment.

SIMBANG GABI (English/Tagalog Mass): **Friday, December 14th, 7 p.m.** at St. James Parish. Celebrant is Fr. Eduardo Quintaro. Pilipino specialties are greatly appreciated for the reception following Mass.

Thank you so much for voting. It is official: **Chalice** won the \$10,000.

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