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**4TH WEEK PRAYER: **

Light all candles

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**F.E.A.S.T. DAYS & READINGS **

**DEC 24TH TO DEC 30TH 2018 **

**MONDAY **

8:00 am Helen Follack, rip.
5:00, 7:00, 9:00pm & Midnight: Intentions of the Parish

**TUESDAY **

9:00 & 11:am & 1:00pm Intentions of the Parish

**WEDNESDAY **

9:00 am Jean Pilla, rip.
7:00 pm Spanish Mass

**THURSDAY **

8:00 am Emmanuel Tan, int.

**FRIDAY **

8:00 am Virginia Yutiamco, int.
7:00pm Intentions of families who have experienced infant loss

**SATURDAY **

9:00 am Gerry Nagy, rip.
5:00 pm Nicole McCreedy, int.

**SUNDAY **

8:00 am Intentions for the Parish
10:00 am Christopher Pereira, rip.
Noon Patricia & Errol Lainchbury, rip.

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**YOUTH MINISTRY: **

Youth & Young Adult CHOIR DIRECTOR NEEDED:
Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument? Do you want to be more involved in the mass? Our Youth & Young Adult Choir is looking for new Director to help lead our team! We also want to encourage more singers and musicians to join! We lead music at the 5pm Mass on Saturday Nights and have practice at 4pm before Mass. Contact Kirsten at youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca for more information.

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The CWL of St Ann’s Parish wish all parishioners a Very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with God’s Blessings in All your Endeavours!

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**Wishing a Blessed & Joy-filled Christmas to all our parishioners, your families and all visitors to our Parish this Christmas Season! **

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**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: **

**DANCE: **

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 7pm **Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish, Aldergrove A festive spin on the Scottish ancestor to the barn dance (“KAY-lie”), no experience or dancing skills needed (instruction will be provided). $10 entry includes one mulled wine or other drink, dress to impress! For all young adults aged 23+. For more information find Second Quarter (Greater Vancouver) on Facebook or email David at st2ndquater@gmail.com

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**New Year’s Eve Dance & Social **

**MONDAY, 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 still available at the Parish Office on Dec. 27th & 28th.

**Happy New Year!**

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.