We all want a lasting love
Since it was Valentine’s Day last Thursday, let’s explore the love we were made for.

More than a union based on romantic love or mutual fulfillment, marriage goes back to the very essence of what it is to be human—and reflects a design placed in our hearts by God himself. Beloved explores the spiritual and eternal reality behind “I Do.” Beautifully filmed and featuring acclaimed marriage experts, Beloved speaks to the very heart of every husband and wife, bringing sacramental truth and God-infused love into the everyday challenges of married life. Beloved: Mystery & Meaning of Marriage includes six inspiring and informative sessions.

SESSION 1: DO MARRIAGE MATTERS?
Long before cultures or governments ever discussed marriage, God placed on the human heart a longing for the unique, lifelong commitment, and total self-giving love found in the Sacrament of Matrimony. What does God’s design mean for us in our daily lives together? A remarkable assembly of experts shows us the answer.

SESSION 2: ENTERING THE STORY OF MARRIAGE
Our marriages are not small stories in which we are the main characters. From the beginning of creation, God unveiled his plan for married couples to share in his divine love. “Our “I do” fits into the much bigger story of God’s desire for humanity, going all the way back to Adam and Eve.

SESSION 3: LOVE REVEALED
God reveals the meaning of love most perfectly on the Cross where Jesus Christ—the Bridegroom—lays down his life in sacrifice for his bride, the Church. In this session, you’ll see how the Cross connects to a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Matrimony.

SESSION 4: THE TOTAL GIFT OF SELF
What does it mean to give ourselves completely to our spouses? How does it impact us emotionally, physically, and spiritually when we do—and what happens when we don’t? This study explores the power of sacrificial living and loving in our relationships.

SESSION 5: A SACRAMENTAL BOND
Marriage creates something that didn’t exist before: a sacramental bond between a husband and wife. It is essential in both the mystery and the reality of married life. But how do we make that bond a reality amidst the daily pressures of our lives together?

SESSION 6: REAL CHALLENGES, REAL LOVE
Marriage is beautiful. But it’s also messy. Conflict, miscommunication, unexpected challenges in life and wounds from the past are part of every marriage. How can we turn sources of division into opportunities for love and grace?

Visit FORMED to watch Beloved-Sessions 1-6 Log on G3WXM6

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 closed on Monday, February 18th for the Family Day Holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

This Week at St. Ann’s
MOM’S & TOTS DROP-IN Canceled for this Monday

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

Mass will be celebrated at Menno Hospital Chapel on Friday, February 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

Mass will be celebrated, Sunday, February 24th at 4:00 p.m. in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital.

Please join us on Saturday, February 23rd at 9:45am for the screening of the movie “FATAL FLAWS”. Open discussion and refreshments will follow the 80 minute movie. Invite your family and friends to learn more about this important topic of legalizing assisted death that affects us all. It is not as ‘compassionate’ as it seems. For more information, please contact Sandra Moran t.moran@telus.net or Kathy Van Dokkumburg kathy@shaw.ca.

ATTENTION: all parents and boys and girls from ages 9-14, you are cordially invited to our ANNUAL KNOTS OF COLUMBUS BASKETBALL FREE THROW COMPETITION. This fun and exciting event will take place on Monday, February 25th at the gym of St. James and St. Ann’s Schools. Work will begin at about 2:30 p.m. but latecomers are easily accommodated. Last year we were done by 4:00 p.m. Parents and other family members are invited to come watch and cheer. Each student will throw a basketball from the free throw line (15 ft but 12 for 9-11). They get 3 warm up throws followed by 15 throws that are counted. The top three from each age group and gender will be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals. Fun and good sportsmanship have been trade marks of all previous competitions. If you need further information feel free to call Gord Delong at 604-504-0323.

Tanzanian High School Fundraising Dinner & Dance: Saturday, March 16th. Tickets available at the Parish Office: $20/p Thre will be a Silent Auction and 50/50 Pot of Gold. Music by Northwest Entertainment—DJ (at New Years Eve.)

Splash of Colour Fashion Show Saturday, April 6th, 2-4pm Hosted by the CWL Tickets available at the Parish Office $10 pp

Mass Intentions for February 18th to February 24th, 2019

Monday
9:00am Marlene & Ray Lisafeld, int.
1:00pm Frank Domotor, rip.

Wednesday
8:00am Dorothy Francis, int.
7:00pm Spanish Mass

Thursday
8:00am Dorothy O’Reilly, int.
1:00pm Spanish Mass

Friday
8:00am Kay Dodd, rip.
9:00am Louise Young, int.
5:00pm Peter Booth, rip.

Sunday
8:00am Marinos Van Prattenburg, int.
10:00am For all Parishioners
Noon Jonathan Perez, int.
1:30pm Spanish Mass

 Feast Days & Readings
February 18th to February 24th, 2019

Monday
Genesis 4:1-15,25; Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday
Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday
Genesis 8:6-13,20-22; Mark 8:22-26
Thursday
Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33
Friday
Chair of St. Peter
1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19
Saturday
St. Polycarp
Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13
Sunday

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND FOR MARRIED COUPLES: April 5 - 7 Barnabas Landing, Keats Island

The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retreats is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages.

For more information, contact our registration team Marc and Candice at 604-530-6710 or leave a message or visit our website www.retrouvaillevancouver.com www.retrouvaillevancouver.com

The Catholic Women’s League of Canada-Vancouver Diocesan Council is offering a Bursary of $1000.00 to a son or daughter of a League Member. Student must be entering first year of a Post-Secondary Institution. Deadline for Applications March 21, 2019. Application forms available at the Parish Office window.

St. Ann’s Meals for Moms program: If you are an expectant mother please contact: MothersAtStAnne@gmail.com


Advocate Life & Education Services’ local crisis pregnancy centre, “Hope for Women”, will be holding their 5th Annual DESSERT CONCERT FUNDRAISER on Friday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m. at Heritage Alliance Church, 3440 Mt. Lehman Road. The event will feature local musicians and delicious desserts. Tickets are $15 in advance, or $18 at the door. For tickets, call 604-853-0203 or visit www.hopeforwomen.ca/concert
If you are new in our parish, registration forms can be found on the table in front of the Sacristy when you enter from the outside doors. You may place your completed form in the collection basket at the weekend Masses or drop it off at the Parish Office. Donation envelopes will be left on that same table for the next weekend, if they are requested. Please join us for refreshments after the 8:00am & 10:00am Sunday Masses in St. Joachim’s Room of the Parish Centre. Please notify the Parish Office if you are moving from the parish.

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Marriage
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