Dear Parishioners,

The Lord is risen, Alleluia! Is a joyful announcement given to us in Liturgy. Jesus, our Lord and Savior, conquered the power of sin and death to victoriously live and reign. The empty tomb loudly speaks of God’s power, love and mercy, of fulfilled promises, of Life Eternal. The appearances of our Risen Lord eloquently proclaim a real event, which goes beyond dream or imagination. The women are depicted as credible witnesses on the Lord’s resurrection. The disciples “saw and believed” (Jn 20:8) to boldly announce the encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ who radically changed their lives.

Jesus’ resurrection was in deed a transforming experience in people’s lives. He set an example of discipleship, obedience and communion. From fear, doubt and isolation, the disciples received the Holy Spirit and began their mission. They talked about the miracle of life, the beauty of God’s creation, the gift of each other, the healing power of Christ. In other words, they called, in Jesus’ name, to excellency of life, to redirect our lives toward God, or, in Biblical words, “to make disciples of all nations” (Mt 28:19).

We are Jesus’ disciples today; we are His missionaries. Bear witness to the joy of the Gospel. It is our way of life, devotion and deeds of charity that reflect the depth of our convictions. The Lord’s resurrection sheds light on Jesus’ wounds, by which we are healed. The dimension of suffering is devotion and deeds of charity that reflect the depth of our love for God, which must lead us to redirect our lives toward God, or, in Biblical words, “to make disciples of all nations.”

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This Week at St. Ann’s

PARISH OFFICE is closed on Monday, April 22nd. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

We are having more work bees in the Parish Hall next week Tuesday April 23rd and Wednesday April 24th starting at 9:00am. Anyone wanting to come and have some fun cleaning is welcome. The CWL of St. Ann’s Parish wish everyone a Blessed & Happy Easter!

COMMUNITY SERVICE will be held at the Mayfair Senior Care Home on Thursday, April 25th at 10:00 a.m.

ONE BODY in CHRIST PRaise & WorShip MEETING resumes on Thursday, April 25th at 7:45 p.m. in the Family room after the CWL Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Mass will be celebrated at the Menno Hospital Chapel on Friday, April 26th at 10:00 a.m.

St. Ann’s Parish is honored to be hosting the 96th Annual Catholic Women’s League Convention April 25th-27th. More than 300 women from the Vancouver Diocese will be visiting our loving & caring parish community. Scheduled activities will resume Monday, April 29th.

Please join the women for the Masses: Thursday @ 6:30 pm, Friday 11:30 am, Saturday 5:00 pm.

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

PROJECT ADVANCE 2019 begins next weekend highlighting our youth and young adult ministries as well as our Catholic schools. Through Project Advance we support the many different ways in which we see the face of Jesus in our brothers and sisters. There will be volunteers stationed in the church foyer on Sunday, April 28th after all Masses & Saturday, May 4th after the 5pm Mass ready to give you your pledge form. Pledge forms can then be dropped in the collection basket, handed in to the parish office or mailed in. Pledge forms are not being mailed out this year so please pick up your envelope. Please be generous and pledge whatever you can no matter the amount.

On Saturday, June 1st we are holding a Fundraising Dinner & Entertainment Evening with funds going towards supporting the Migrant Workers in our community. We are excited to present a local young opera singer whom we first met 10 years ago at a CWL meeting when he was a student at SIDP. Simon Lee Hiles has since gone on to become an international opera singer; singing at different venues in which the Pope and Queen Elizabeth have been special guests. He is a dedicated worker with the Sisters of Charity in India, six months of the year. We are also pleased to have the migrant workers band: the Elegidos Band to entertain us. Tickets are $300pp and available at the Parish Office.

A big thank you to the family who donated the medical transfer pole.

Moss INTENTIONS for APR 22ND to APR 28TH, 2019

Monday 9:00am David Doucette, rip.
Tuesday 7:00am Troy Biletski, rip.
Wednesday 8:00am Linda Hanks, int.
Thursday 7:00pm Spanish Mass
Friday 7:00pm Sylvia Britten, int.
Saturday 9:00am Dec. mem. St. Ann’s CWL
Friday 5:00pm Walburga Sehn, rip.
Sunday 8:00am Cecil Fischer, rip.
10:00am For all parishioners
Thursday 8:00am Honoria Dutra, int.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28th. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, we want to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. Please join us as we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy with Adoration in the Church at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Our PARISH SPRING FAIR and GARAGE SALE is coming up on May 24th and 25th. Raffle tickets, to be pre-sold before the Spring Fair, are available at the office. The amazing prizes are displayed on the posters at the two entrances to the church. Please take a book to sell to family, friends, neighbors and coworkers; or buy single tickets. The Volunteer Sign-up List will be displayed in the Parish Centre foyer from April 27th onwards. There is a separate sign up list for students needing volunteer hours for school. Please sign up and be part of this Parish and community event.

On May 4th River Bend will be performing at the Parish Centre. The show starts at 7:30 pm. Ticket is $15.00. All are welcome.

On Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. and will return at 8:00 p.m. A detailed itinerary is posted at the back of the church. The cost for bus and transportation as foot passengers is as follows: Seniors (65+) - $20 per person. Adults 6-64 years - $50 per person. Child (5 - 11 years) - $15 per person. Under 5 years - Free

RESERVE and pay for your seat at the Parish Office.

For more information visit www.CatholicWomanCEO.com or call Monique at 778-928-7778 to order your free tickets. A free-will offering will be taken to offset expenses.

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**Welcome!**

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 Morning Masses in St. Joachim’s Room of the Parish Centre. Please notify the Parish Office if you are moving from the parish.

**Sacraments**

**Baptism**
Baptisms usually take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 11:15am. A baptism course is required for parents and Godparents. Registration is required. Teenagers & adults are asked to contact the RCIA coordinator.

**Marriage**
Please contact one of the priests through the Parish Office before making any plans for your wedding. We require at least 6 months advance notice before your wedding date, since a marriage preparation course & paperwork are required.

**Pentecost & Religious Life**
Please contact the Vocations Office at rccav.org/vocations, or for Scalabrinians at: emeja@rccav.org

**Confection**
Monday – Friday 20 min. before Mass Saturdays 10:00am – 11:00am & 4:00pm – 4:30pm

**Important Contact Info**

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  604-864-9443
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  604-556-3643
- **Bookstore**: Larry Von Krogh
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- **Couples for Christ**: Pat & Marcella Carlos
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- **CWL-Catholic Women’s League**: Bev Katcher
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- **Migrant Workers**: Parish Office
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- ** Outreach Bus**: Parish Office
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- **Pro-Life Reps**: Anna & Benedict Wauthy
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- **Religious Education Office**: Extension 277
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