Welcome to St. Ann’s Parish

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Parishioners,

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for many different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for the challenges and increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

In 2019, the World Day will be celebrated on September 29th. Pope Francis has chosen the theme “It is not just about migrants” to show up our blind-spots and make sure no one remains excluded from society, whether a long-time resident or someone newly-arrived.

Last Sunday, the Archdiocese of Vancouver celebrated the 100th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Migrants and refugees are human beings, not numbers! There is a story, families, projects and dreams behind each one of them.

Taken from Bishop Scalabrini’s writings, behold how the idea of a Religious Congregation came about...

In Milan a few years ago, I witnessed a scene that left me with a sense of profound sadness.

As I walked through the station, I saw the vast waiting room, the porticoes at the side and the adjoining priest with filled with three or four hundred people, poorly dressed and separated into various groups. Their faces, bronzed by the sun and marked by premature wrinkles drawn by privation, reflected the tumult agitating their hearts at that moment. There were old men bent with age and young men, in the flower of manhood, women leading or carrying their little ones, boys and girls – all united in a single thought, all heading to a common goal.

They were emigrants. They belonged to the various provinces of northern Italy and were waiting with impatience for the train that would take them to the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, from where they would embark for the distant Americas where they hoped to find a less hostile destiny, a land less unresponsive to their labors.

They were leaving, poor souls, some sent by relatives who had preceded them in this voluntary exodus; others, without knowing where they were heading, drawn by that powerful instinct that impels the birds to migrate. They were going to America, where (they had heard many times), there was well paid work for anyone with strong arms and good will. It was not without tears that they had said goodbye to their native villages, to which so many tender memories still were linked.

Achoba Family, int.
Lise & Kevin O’Reilly, int.
Gordon Bregoliss, rip.
St. Ann’s Catholic Community welcomes 1. We are restarting the Theology of the Body: You program! Join us on September 28th after the 5pm Mass, for our first session! We will be watching some videos, having small group discussions, snacks and open lounge time! Bring your friends, everyone in grades 8 – 12 is welcome! Event ends at 8pm. There will be a small fee for the textbook, approx $10-$13. If you have any questions, please let the youth ministry know at youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca.
Sr. Vicky will be selling “Great Little Coupon Books” in the church foyer after all the Masses. $10 per booklet. Thank you for your continued support.

**Parish Outreach Ministry:** If you or a family member would like to visit or receive the sacraments while in the hospital or at home, please contact the Parish Office at 604-852-5602. We have 3 lay people and a deacon who visit the hospital on Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. each week.

**2nd Collection for: Needs of the Church in Canada – Sept 29th** (RCIA).
Contributing to this collection is an act of collaboration with the Canadian Bishops in their ministry of teaching, sanctifying and pastoral governance. “Challenges and favours which the Lord gives...are the ways by which He wanted His Church founded and established by the Apostles and Disciples.”

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**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Everyone is invited to celebrate the memorial of St. Vincent de Paul on Friday, September 27. Mass start at 8:00am with intention to pray for deceased members of SVDP followed by coffee and light snack in St. Monica’s room. A three to five minutes introduction of how the members help those that are need of food our community.

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**This Week at St. Ann’s**

**Mass Intentions for Sept 23rd to Sep 29th, 2019**

**Monday** 8:00am  Lise & Kevin O’Reilly, int.
Tuesday 7:00 pm  Achoba Family, int.
Wednesday 8:00pm  Edna Wagner, rip.
Thursday 8:00am  Marina Pacio, rip.
Friday 8:00am  Dec. Mem. of St. Ann’s  St. Vincent de Paul
Saturday 9:00am  Silvya Mackenzie, int.
Sunday 10:00am  Doug & Diana Wilkes, int.
Noon  All Parishioners
1:30pm  Florida Joy Antonio, rip.

St. Ann’s Catholic Community welcomes ANNELISE & ROSE WAUTHEY who were received into the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, September 15th.

**Life Chain:** Sunday, October 6th from 1:30 to 2:30pm
Join us on South Fraser Way between Ware and Gladwin and defend the Sanctity of Human Life. Signs available at Seven Oaks Alliance Church.

**Adult Faith:** It's about Time! If you are interested in learning about the Catholic Church, in what we believe and how we seek to live our faith in Jesus Christ, or if you would like to take steps to join us in faith, you are join us for Inquiry classes.
We have a process of formation which takes place over several months, culminating with the sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. This process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

We also incorporate those who are already baptized in other Christian denominations, but who would like to enter into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.
We are always eager to share our faith and so, welcome your inquiry! We look forward to hearing from you.
The first class of RCIA will begin on Sept 19th at 7 pm. Classes are free! Please invite your family and friends who have been waiting for this opportunity. You can contact Jody for more information: adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca or call 604-852-5602

** Feast Days & Readings Sept 23rd to Sept 29th, 2019**

**Monday-St. Padre Pio**
Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18

**Tuesday**
Ezra 4:4-5; 6:1a, 6ad,8-12,14-20++; Luke 8:19-21

**Wednesday**
Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6

**Thursday-St. Jean de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues:** Revelation 7:9-17; 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Luke 9:23-26

**Friday-St. Vincent de Paul:** Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22

**Saturday**
Zechariah 2:1-5, 10-11; Luke 9:43b-45

**Sunday-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Favoritum**
We would like your donations of Catholic books and religious articles for our upcoming SIDEWALK SALE on the weekend of September 28-29 after the weekend Masses. Religious items (medals, holy cards, statues, rosaries) and Catholic books (adult, children, etc) in good condition will be accepted.

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**Thank you everyone for your donations to the Tanner House school. Any other donations now, will be taken in December. Blessings Iris**
St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church

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.

BAPTISM
Baptism 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.

PIECEHOOD OR RELIGIOUS LIFE
Please contact the Vocations Office at rccav.org/vocations, or for Scalabrinians at: emejia@rcav.org

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

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Linda Harder
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Larry Xiao
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