Dear Friends in Christ,

Thanksgiving Day in Canada has been a holiday on the second Monday of October since 1957. It is a chance for people to give thanks for a good harvest and other fortunes in the past year.

For us believers it is also an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for the many blessings the Good Lord has showered on us, Ingratitude is a sin we all easily fall into. Human beings pay more attention to the gift and forget the Giver; we admire the paint or a work of art and ignore its designer; we enjoy music, animals and nature to completely forget its Giver. Creators.

This sounds like the Biblical story found in the Gospel of Luke. “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” (Luke 17: 17-18). Through this parable, Jesus teaches us that faith brings salvation and that salvation is offered in both physical and spiritual levels. Gratitude should be our sincere answer to God’s generous and merciful heart.

Let us give thanks for Spiritual blessings like faith, life, salvation and love. Let us also thank God for journeying with us and for giving us his Divine Word. Through it we enter into a loving relationship with God, our Creator. Holy Mass is a Thanksgiving celebration! The Mass is the perfect act of thanksgiving that Jesus commanded us to, “Do this in memory of me”.

Let us also celebrate the gift of each other. Other human beings were given to us to enjoy life with, to help, work and support each other. Not to kill or destroy each other; not to take advantage, label or live in a world of indifference! “Lord, give me a grateful heart.” Let us cry out in joy for the gift of peace, intelligence and talents. For prayer, unity, community, nations around the world and for freedom, by which “God’s presence are manifested. Let us work, nonetheless, for an end to violence, discrimination and intolerance.

The more we think how fortunate we are, the more we realize how ungrateful at times we are. May occasions like these help us to count the blessings in our lives. At St. Ann, we will celebrate those gifts that unite and consolidate us as a Parish community: its multicultural diversity, its hospitality, its desire to grow and build community. We also remember in prayer all those who contributed in varied ways to form a Parish family. Many preceded us and many will come after us. May our Thanksgiving prayer be always observed as a continual song before God’s altar.

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.

ST. ANN’S CHRISTMAS MARKET

NOVEMBER 1ST & 2ND

Items requested for Basket Raffle: BOXES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN CHURCH & PARISH CENTRE FOYER for your donations.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR DONATION ITEMS FOR BASKET RAFFLE DROPPED OFF BY OCTOBER 19TH TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

** Please come by the Parish Office to pick up your BAKING CONTAINERS.

- Prison Ministry will gratefully accept calendars. Please put them in box provided.

- St. Ann’s Catholic Community welcomes MATTLAND SEAN O’HAIRE who was received into the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, October 5th, 2019.

SCHOOL EVENTS:

St. James & Ann’s School MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Come and watch “Toy Story 4” on our big 16x9 Movie Screen on Friday, October 18th in the school gym. Doors & Concession Open at 5:30pm and movie starts at 6:00pm. $5 per person or $25 per family.

- St. John Brebeuf’s first two of SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS is coming up soon and we’d like to invite all parishioners to attend. Our 3rd annual Trivia Night takes place Saturday, October 26th at 7pm and is sure to be the best night of the year! A night of trivia, delicious food and great company. Doors are open at 6pm and trivia starts at 7pm. Tickets are $30 and are available on SB’s website or by calling the school office.

- St. Mary’s School, Chilliwack is looking to expand its roster of TEACHERS AND EDUCATION ASSISTANTS on call. If you are someone, or know someone, with teaching or EA experience who would enjoy casual work, please contact the Acting Principal, Jeanine Salois, at 604-792-7715 or jsalois@stmarysschool.ca. Being a practicing Catholic is an asset, but not a requirement.

Parish Outreach Ministry: If you or a family member would like a visit or to receive the sacraments while in the hospital or at home, please contact the Parish Office at 604-852-5602.
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.

**SAKRAMENTS**

**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**
Baptisms 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.

**Priesthood or Religious Life**
Please contact the Vocations Office at rcav.org/vocations, or for Scalabrinians at emejia@rcav.org

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

**Mass Times**

**Weekends**
Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

**Weekdays**
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays 8:00am Tuesday Evenings 7:00pm (Perpetual Novena to St. Ann) Micronesia-ESpanol 7:00pm

**Other**
Spanish Mass - 2nd Sat of month 7:00pm Korean Mass - Last Sat of month 7:00pm (served by St. Andrew Kim Parish) First Fridays 8:00am & 7:30pm Saturdays & Holidays 9:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament First Fridays 8:00am - 6:30pm Benediction to follow 6:30pm - 7:00pm