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.

Third Sunday of Advent

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

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Advent Penitential Schedule for Fraser Valley East Deanery

St. Nicholas, Langley
Tuesday, Dec. 17th 7:00 pm
St. Joseph’s, Mission
Tuesday, Dec. 17th 7:00 pm
Sts. Joachim & Ann’s, Wed., Dec. 18th 7:00 pm
St. Ann’s, Friday, December 20th 7:00 pm
Ol of Good Hope
Saturday, Dec. 21st 9:30 am
St. Anthony of Padua, Sunday, Dec. 22nd 5:00 pm
St. James, Abbotsford Monday, Dec. 23rd 7:00 pm

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 24th 8:00 am
Tuesday, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve 5:00 pm, 7:00pm, Midnight
Wednesday, Dec. 25th 9:00am 11:00am
Thursday, Dec. 26th, St. Stephen, Martyr 9:00 am
Friday, Dec. 27th, St. John, Apostle 8:00 am
Saturday, Dec. 28th, Holy Innocents 9:00am (Special Remembrance & Reception following Mass) 5:00 pm
Sunday, Dec. 29th, Feast of the Holy Family 8:00 & 10:00am & noon, 1:30pm
Monday, Dec. 30th 8:00 am
Tuesday, Dec. 31st 8:00am & 7:00pm
Tuesday, Dec. 31st Advent & Benediction 10:00 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 1st, New Years: Mother of God 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Thursday, Jan. 2nd 8:00 am

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Please Pick Up Your 2020 Donation Box in the Parish Centre Foyer!

This Week at St. Ann’s:

Women’s Recreation: with a priest from Opus Dei - December 23rd, 10:00 am to 12 Noon at St. James Church on Townline Rd. All ladies welcome to attend.

Advent Giving Tree: Please Do Not Wrap the Gifts Return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached and put it in the sleigh beside the Christmas tree or bring to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday, December 16th.

Advent Retreat on Tuesday, December 17th following the 7pm Mass. A time of reflection and prayer as we move closer to Christmas and the celebration of the birth of our Saviour. There will be no Praise and Worship Prayer Meeting on December 19th & 26th.

Feast of the Holy Innocents: Saturday, December 28th, 9 am Mass. This is a special remembrance for those who have experienced infant loss. Everyone is invited to remember those infants who died too soon ~ either in the womb by miscarriage, still birth, neonatal deaths or those who died as infants. Add your baby’s name to the “Book of Life” and light a candle in his or her memory. Coffee and tea & refreshments to follow.

Parish Directory Photos: We have scheduled another photo shoot for those who haven’t had a chance yet to participate. Wednesday, January 8th to Saturday, January 11th. Please call the Parish Office to book your appointment if you missed reserving a date & time after Mass today.

Hiring Staff for St. Ann’s Daycare

St. Ann’s Daycare is looking for caring, compassionate and enthusiastic childcare workers who have experience working with children ages 18 to 36 months. Full time and part time positions available.

Requirements:
- Registered Early Childhood Education in BC
- First Aid Certification
- Good communication skills to work with children and their parents
- Physical and emotional well-being to withstand the demands of working with young children
- Resumes can be dropped off/email’d/faxed to Parish Office.

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Mass Intentions for Dec 16th to Dec 22nd, 2019

- Monday 8:00am Fr. Stephen, int.
- Tuesday 7:00pm John Hanks, r.i.p.
- Wednesday 8:00am Mass of Thanksgiving 7:00pm Marilyn & Roslyn Geofrey, int.
- Thursday 8:00am Cy & Pat Battistoni, int
- Friday 8:00am Maurice Thompson, r.i.p.
- Saturday 9:00am Souls in Purgatory 5:00pm Frances & Brian McNeel, int.
- Sunday 8:00am Anton & Susanna Fussi, r.i.p.
- Noon For All Parishioners 1:30pm Doreen Jenk, int.

Youth Ministry Event:

December 21st – Youth Ministry Christmas Party!

Our Last Event of 2019!! Come celebrate Christmas (Or Advent 😊 😊 😊) with St. Ann’s Youth Ministry! There will be Christmas Movies, Christmas Cookie Decorating, Christmas Character Contest, Potluck Dinner and so Much More!! Bring a non-perishable food item and be entered to Win a $15 gift card for Cineplex Theaters! Please bring an item to share for dinner, Nut Free! Open to everyone in Grades 5 – 12, From 6:30pm – 9:00pm in the Youth Lounge! See you all there!

All seniors/grandparents are invited to attend a LUNCHEON and a special Christmas Musical on Wednesday, December 18th. The doors will open at 12:00 noon, lunch will be served at 12:15pm and the show will begin at 1:00pm. The show is located at 2776 Townline Rd. in Abbotsford, and admission is by donation. If you are not planning on attending, please R.S.V.P. by calling the school at 604-852-1788 no later than Monday, December 16th so that we are able to plan and set up our gym accordingly. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Sweeney Family Singers present: COME, MESSIAH! Saturday, December 21st, 7:30 p.m. at St. James Church.

The CWL and Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual NEW YEARS EVE PARTY in the Parish Centre. A great way to bring in the New Year, pick up your tickets after Mass or at the Parish Office for $15 adults and $5 children. The fun starts when the doors open at 8pm! Make cheques payable to Knights of Columbus 6767 when purchasing tickets.

Feast Days & Readings

December 21st and 22nd, 2019

Monday Numbers 24-27, 15-17a; Matt. 21:23-27
Tuesday Genesis 49:2-8, 10-11; Matthew 1:1-17
Wednesday Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-24
Friday Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10-16; Luke 1:26-38
Saturday Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45
Sunday – 4th Sunday of Advent Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

Adult Faith Formation

Our community’s next ALPHA EXPERIENCE starts on January 23, 2020, on Thursday evenings until April. We encourage you to extend this invitation to people from the community and the parish.

Maybe you wonder about the purpose of life or why you are here on Earth. Maybe you wonder about death and about Jesus. Maybe you have big questions about life, questions that are important to you. Maybe you would simply like to hear questions posed by others and listen to the answers.

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith and allows everyone who attends to explore life, faith, and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. In each session, there’s a short, food talk, and short discussion in small groups.

There are no tests at Alpha. No prior knowledge of Christianity or religion is expected of you. There is no pressure or commitment and no admission fee.

Alpha will be held in St. Monica’s Lounge (Parish Centre) and is designed for those aged 18 and older. Every week’s session begins with a hot dinner at 6:30 pm, followed by a short teaching film and a chance to ask questions, wrapping up at 9:00 pm.

To learn more about Alpha or gather info about the upcoming session, please contact Judy Garneau at alphafascensus@hotmail.com or at 604-853-5602. If you have taken Alpha before and you are interested in helping, please contact Judy as we need a welcoming team of table hosts, supervisors and kitchen crew.

We are asking people to register as this helps us plan for meals! This event is open to the first 40 people who register as space is limited. We look forward to meeting you!

All persons ages 23-49 are invited to this season’s 2nd Annual Christmas Children’s Dance, 7-11 pm Saturday, January 4th, 2020 at St. Joachim and Ann Parish, Abbotsford. $20 to dress to impress! Hosted by Second Quarter, a group of Catholics in Greater Vancouver after undergraduate and before middle-age. Please RSVP on Facebook or at sj@alphacensus@gmail.com.

There will be apple pies for sale after all the Masses, on Sunday, December 22nd in the Parish Centre Foyer. Large: $5.00

Project Advance Pledges: $64,169.00

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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 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.

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

CONFESSIOON
Monday - Friday 20 min. before Mass Saturdays 10:00am - 11:00am & 4:00pm - 4:35pm

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

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