First Sunday of Advent:

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humbling; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.  

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ADVENT GIVING TREE

Please follow these directions:
1) Attach the tag securely to the gift with tape or staples. These tags are very important as the number on each tag corresponds to a particular family. Each gift is then put in a separate box designated for each family.
2) 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 it to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday, December 16th. 

THE C.W.L. invites all parishioners to join them today Sunday December 1st from 3-4 pm in the church for a SPECIAL TIME OF PRAYER. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Holy Rosary for Spiritual Renewal of our Country. Please join us in a HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION & PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS on Monday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING: Thursday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Theresa room.
First Friday ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held on Friday, December 6th after morning Mass, Benediction at 6:45 p.m. and then Mass at 7:00 p.m. Please come and spend some quiet time with our Lord in prayer and thanksgiving.

K4|KIDS FOR JESUS): Saturday, December 7th from 10:00am to Noon in St. Joachim room. Change in date for this month only.

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YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT:

December 7th – Social: Christmas Brunch Board Game Night

Bring your Favorite Board Game and Christmas Treat to the Youth Lounge for a night of board games, pool table, foosball, or Air Hockey fun with friends!! Open to everyone in Grade 5 – 12, Starts after the 5pm Mass until 8pm.

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All seniors/grandparents are invited to attend a LUNCHEON AND a special performance of the St. James St Ann’s SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MUSICAL on Wednesday, December 18th. The doors will open at 12:00pm, lunch will be served at 12:15pm and the show will begin at 1:00pm. The school is located at 2767 Townline Rd. in Abbotsford, and admission is by donation. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP 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!

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PROJECT ADVANCE 2019: There is still time to make a pledge to this year’s appeal. Drop a cheque or cash in a envelope in the collection plate with your pledge form to make a donation. You can also use a credit card, post dated cheques or by online donation. Please do so before December 31st to receive a 2019 tax receipt (in February). Thank you.

First Sunday of Advent, December 1st, 2019

FATHER, in this season of Advent we prepare our hearts for your coming. You are the vine, we are the branches. Come and tend us, prune us, clean us. Discard in us everything that does not bear fruit. Nourish in us everything that bears much fruit. As we celebrate your coming as a vulnerable baby Our hearts await your glorious return as the eternal King. Nurture in us expectant hearts, O Lord. Cultivate in us a deep longing for the expectant hearts, O Lord. Cultivate in us a deep longing for your glorious return as the eternal King. Nurture in us active youth ministry programming will receive a rebate from this training adult and youth leaders, providing networking opportunities, and supporting parishes in their youth ministry efforts. Parishes with active youth ministry programming will receive a rebate from this collection. Please be generous in supporting the youth of our parish and archdiocese.

This exciting Catholic Marriage conference is designed to enrich your relationship. It is a conference where you’ll hear life giving messages and engaging stories that will inspire and spark something new in each of you. You will also be given practical tools designed to help you build unity, rediscover joy and experience peace in your marriage.

Early Bird price - $269 per couple (until Dec. 31st)
Regular price - $369 per couple (Jan 1st – Feb 2nd)
Registration includes 7 sessions, His and Hers marriage guidebooks, and Saturday lunch buffet.
Parishioner discount is 10%.
Couples are responsible for their own accommodations.
REGISTER ONLINE at: www.catholicmarriageandfamily.com

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The Migrant Ministry will be working on CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS for the migrant farms workers in our area. These will be handed out to over 300 migrants during a Christmas dinner on December 14th. We hope that you will help us by donating items for the gift bags. The bags will consist of toothbrushes, bars of soap, toothpaste, and new men’s socks. There is a drop box located in the Centre foyer. All items will need to be dropped off before December 10th. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Also looking for volunteers for kitchen and dining room clean up. Volunteer sheet available at Parish Office. Thank you.

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SJB FAIR TRADE MARKET: During the first week of December a group of students will be hosting a Fair Trade Market! The market will feature products made in third-world countries brought to us by Ten Thousand Villages, Bags by Courtney and Burkina Faso Canada. All funds will go toward the hard-working artisans. The market is cash only and perfect for the upcoming Christmas season! Everyone is invited to come and shop. The sale will be in the MPX at lunch during the week of December 2nd.

2020 Missals now available at the Bookstore: $5.00

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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.
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Rev. Rosemond Sylvestre, C.S.

Associate Pastor:

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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.

SACRAMENTS Baptism

Marriage

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.

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.

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

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

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) Mercurio-Español 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 6:45pm - 6:55pm Benediction to follow 6:55pm - 7:00pm

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

Altar Servers Bob Kaszynski 604-864-9443

Altar Society Linda Harkles 604-308-3485

Bookstore Lucy Kaszynski 604-864-9446

Couples for Christ Pat & Marit Casles 604-853-2747

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