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 Preschool' Annual Poinsettia Sale

Friday, November 29th

Saturday, December 14th

Sundays: December 29th, 2019 - January 5th, 2020

Our 90th Anniversary celebration went well! I heard positive feedback from many who supported us in planning and organizing this milestone in St. Ann's history.

The Holy Eucharist is always a great gift and a faith experience, so I don't want to mention individual names; otherwise I'll feel like I'm not being fair to all!

Our Mission Statement:

Welcome to St. Ann's Parish of the Diocese of Toronto - the church of our community, our faith, our joy.

We believe in: 
- The Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- The Bible as the guide to our faith and life
- The Church as the body of Christ on earth
- The Sacraments as the means of grace
- Thecatechism as the Catholic way of life
- The Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- The Holy Rosary for Spiritual Renewal of our Country.

FIRST ADVENT: The Advent Season is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ. It is a time to reflect on the meaning of Christmas, to prepare ourselves for the birth of the Messiah, and to anticipate the Second Coming of our Lord. The Advent Season begins on Sunday, November 24, 2019, and lasts until Christmas Day.

PLANTING: Planting a tree is a symbolic gesture of growth and new beginnings. In the context of Advent, we plant trees to symbolize our desire for growth and renewal in our own lives and in the lives of others. Our tree planting ceremony will take place on December 1st.

Volunteers Needed: We are in need of enthusiastic childcare workers who have experience working with children and are willing to bring a box of chocolates for one of our charities, it would be greatly appreciated.

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This Week at St. Ann's

Mass will be celebrated, Sunday, November 24th at 4:00 p.m. in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital.

Women’s Reconciliation with a priest from Opus Dei: Monday, November 25th, 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon, at St. James Church on Townline Rd. All ladies welcome to attend.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 26th at 7:45 p.m. in St. Monica’s lounge.

Praise & Worship Prayer Group: Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joachim room.

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1) Next weekend— November 30th & December 1st – The CWL will be giving out postcards, Pornography Hurts Everyone, for you to fill out and mail to David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General for Canada, c/o the House of Commons, Ottawa. No postage required.

2) The CWL invites all parishioners to join them on Sunday December 1st from 3-4 p.m. 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.

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St. Ann’s Preschool’s Annual Poinsettia Sale is now on! Please see Sr. Vicky after all the weekend Masses if you would like to place an order or at the Parish Office. All orders must be in by Friday, November 29th. Pick up day: Friday, December 13th or after Masses on Sunday, December 15th.

Plant choices: 6” premium Poinsettias in red, white or pink, $12 each; Tropical Indoor Planters, $30; Holiday Wreath, $30; Succulent Bowl, $30.

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ADVENT RETREAT: Join us on Saturday, November 30th in prayer and reflection in preparation for Advent. Attend Holy Mass at 9:00 a.m., followed by morning reflections in St. Monica’s lounge until 1:00 p.m.

St. Nick is ready for the company of our single ladies, widows and friends. On Thursday, November 21st. Mrs. Thorne’s Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 27th at 10:00 a.m.

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ADVENT GIVING TREE is set up in the Parish Centre with tags for approx. 30 families that the Knights of Columbus have adopted for this Christmas. Please follow these directions:

1) Attach the tag securely to the gift tape with a staple. 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) DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS. Return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached and put it in to the sleigh beside the Christmas Tree or bring to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday, December 16th.

The Migrant Ministry will be working on Christmas Gift Bags for the migrant farmers 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 Parish 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 Burbina 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 2-6.

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2020 Missals now available at the Bookstore: $5.00

2020 CWL Christmas Brunch on Saturday December 14th at 10:00am. Tickets are available at the Parish Office for $15. We look forward to enjoying delicious food and warm conversations at our festive event. CWL members, if you are able to bring a box of chocolates for one of our charities, it would be greatly appreciated. We hope to see you there!

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St. Ann’s Youth Ministry is looking for YOUTH VOLUNTEERS to help serve at the Migrant Christmas Dinner as well as sing some Christmas Carols. Please email Erin at youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca to volunteer.

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DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I am writing on this day to express my sincere thanks to you all. Our 90th Anniversary celebration went well! I heard positive comments for both a Solemn Liturgy and a great social event.

The Holy Eucharist is always a great gift and a faith celebration that unites us as God’s children. Let me begin then by thanking Archbishop Miller for his presence in our midst and his spiritual guidance and support. Former Pastors and Assistant Pastors were in attendance. Their presence contributed to a beautiful and joyful evening. Choir members rehearsed over a period of weeks and successfully led the assembly in prayer and worship during the Holy Eucharist.

My gratitude goes also to all Parish groups and individuals who supported us in planning and organizing this milestone in St. Ann’s life—I don’t want to mention individual names; otherwise I’ll surely forget some.

Preparation began over a cup of coffee and went on to establishing a steering committee. We met on several occasions which led to a successful evening; some new members joined along the journey. Things can always be improved, but overall we are happy with the results!

Some CWL and K of C members took on the responsibility of planning and carrying out a mission. Committees were formed and tasks distributed. Setting up, decorations, banners and a topic were crucial! Thanks a lot to those who helped and volunteered. Your effort and contribution, big or small, colored the evening and made it an outstanding one!

Food from five ethnic groups was served and represented our multicultural origin. Thanks to each one of them! Food indeed was delicious!

A slide show also brought memories and emotions back. A prayer and thanks to all those who preceded us: to our benefactors, parishioners and families from past and present! An archivist and a prayer and thanks to all those who preceded us: to our benefactors, parishioners, and families from past and present! An archivist and a

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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.

Pietistic or Religious Life

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 – 4:30pm

Important Contact Info

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Bob Kasonyi
604-864-9443

Altar Society

Linda Harder
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Bookstore

Larry Burzynski
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Couples for Christ

Pat & Marci Carlos
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CWI-Catholic Women’s League

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St. Ann’s Preschool
A Great Place to Grow

3 year olds: 9am - 11:10am
4 year olds: 9am - 12:10pm

St. John Brebeuf...

2742 Trolley Rd., Abbotsford
604-855-0717

St. James & St. Ann’s...

604-852-1788

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