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.

**This Week at St. Ann’s**

The CWL invites all parishioners to a Special Time of Prayer on January 5th from 3-4pm. We will pray the Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary for Spiritual Renewal of our Country in preparation for the ways we have strayed.

*Even if a sinner were most hardened, if only once he will recite this chaplet, he will obtain grace from My infinite mercy*

**Holy Hour** of Adoration & Prayer for Vocations on Monday, January 6th from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Mass** will be celebrated at Bevan Village on Tuesday, January 7th at 10:00 a.m.

**Outreach Meeting** on Wednesday, January 8th, 9:00am in St. Joanich Room. This is an invitation to those interested in visiting parishioners in care homes or at their private homes.

**Mass** will be celebrated at the Mayfair Seniors Home on Thursday, January 9th at 10:00 a.m.

**St. Vincent de Paul Meeting:** Thursday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Theresa room.

**Migrant Ministry Meeting:** Thursday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

**Praise & Worship Prayer Group:** resumes Thursday evening, January 9th at 7:30 p.m. in St. Monica’s Lounge.

**Spanish Mass** will be celebrated on Saturday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the Parish Centre.

**Pancake Breakfast** will be prepared by our Knights of Columbus on Sunday, January 12th after the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses.

**Chapel of Divine Mercy and Vespers** on Sunday, January 12th at 3:00 p.m. in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital. Please join us in praying for the Doctors, Nurses, hospital workers, and most especially the patients and their families.

**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 / emailed / faxed to Parish Office.

**Mass Intentions for:**

**Jan 6th to Jan 12th, 2020**

**Monday, 8:00am**

- Freda Lemieux, rip.
- Nancy Gervais, rip.
- John Boucto, rip.
- Lisa Black, rip.
- Christine O’Reilly, int.

**Tuesday, 8:00am**

- Lloyd Francis Cosman, rip.
- Betty Hart, int.
- Mrs. Chit Larkin, int.
- George Kelly, rip.

**Wednesday, 8:00am**

- Mrs. Chit Larkin, int.
- Mrs. Lorraine Goodchild, int.
- Kathy Roberge, int.

**Thursday, 9:00am**

- Troy Biletski, rip.
- Wayne Hiller, int.
- Mrs. Marion Verrall, int.

**Friday, 8:00am**

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- Daniel Lavoie, int.
- Frank Silvestri, int.

**Sunday, 8:00am**

- Marie Maura Pacic, rip.
- Carl Berzins, rip.
- John Greaves, int.
- All Parishioners.

**Saturday, 9:00am**

- Achobia Family int.
- Zita Maclaren, int.
- Frank Silvestri, int.

**Sunday, 10:00am**

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- All Parishioners.

**January 11th – Junior: Lightsabers and Hope...?**

Join the Youth Minstry Team and find out what Lightsabers, Darth Vader, Anakin Skywalker and Hope all have in common!! Confused? Come to the Lounge on January 11th and find out what all of this means! There will be snacks, games and more! Event starts after the 5pm Mass until 8pm. For Grades 5 – 7.

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Andrew Siska who passed away on January 1st. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 15th at 10:00 a.m. with Prayers the night before at 8:00 p.m.

**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.

For those of you who had their pictures taken for the Parish Photo Directory, your free 8 x 10 print is available at the Parish Office.

**Christmas Market Info:** Top Money Makers

| Table rentals: $317.00 | Café: 1705.30 |
| Pie Sales: 1563.00 | Bake Sale: 1820.25 |
| Silent Auction: 1026.00 | Profit for 2019: $10,975.83 |

We would like to express our deep appreciation to everyone who helped with the church’s Christmas preparations and participation during the liturgy. It has been a glorious celebration of the birth of our Lord.

We would also like to thank you for all the cards, gifts, prayers and kindness shown to us during this time.

May Christ our Lord bless you abundantly as we enter another new year and decade.

**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.

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 by 9:00 pm.

To learn more about Alpha or gather info about the upcoming session, please contact Jody Garneau at alpha@stannsabbotsford.ca or at 604-852-5602. If you have taken Alpha before and you are interested in helping, please contact Jody as we need a welcoming team of table hosts, supporters, 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!

**K4J (Kids for Jesus):** Saturday, January 11th from 10:00am to Noon in St. Monica’s lounge.

Still collecting **2020 Calendars** for our Prison Ministry until January 10th. Box in Parish Centre Foyer.

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Dear Parishioners,

Greetings and best wishes to all at the beginning of 2020! It is written: “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace” (Num 6:24-26).

In Holy Scripture and under the subtitle The Blessing, these verses tell us how Yahweh wanted God’s people to be blessed. As we start this new civil year, let us reflect on this beautiful blessing taught by God Himself.

**Be an instrument of Peace:** As Priestly People, we are called to invoke the Lord’s blessings on others. Wishing goodness and desiring wellbeing for others is an antidote and a bridge to fraternity. Humanity, society is in need of kindness, warmth and heavenly graces. Let us start this journey together by offering our best, so hopefully seeds of blessings are planted.

Be a reflection of God: Another important task is to bring God wherever we go and in what we do. Discipleship is rightly said: “Be a reflection of God wherever we go and in what we do. Discipleship is rightly saying: “Be an instrument of Blessing.”

Peace is a gift from God. Jesus Himself said “Peace I leave you, my peace I give you”. Peace is then also a way of life, a concrete deeds of mercy, understanding and love toward nature, God, and others.

May God grant us heavenly blessings and transform our works.

Peace, Fr. Eduardo