Dear Parishioners,

On this occasion I want to share some tips for married couples. I pray you find them inspirational and helpful. Family life is important, sacred. Cultivate the seed of love and mutual support!

Pray and show gratitude. Pope Francis advised newly married couples to constantly say “Permission,” “Excuse me,” “Thanks”. Invite God into your lives, that He may inspire them and shade his light in times of doubt or darkness.

Be honest, avoid secrets. Build a sense of trust and openness. Secrets in a couple’s relationship are very disruptive. They are like a cold water bucket. It is important to take responsibility for your own actions: say always the truth!

Complement each other. Do not make nasty comments: they hurt, destroy and dim a relationship. The saddest result is that they stick and become a broken record. Try then to be positive by affirming the other!

Do not scream at each other. When hearts distant each other, there is nothing else! Build a sense of trust and openness. Be positive, express what you admire or like - nurture your relationship by favoring your human and spiritual “plant”, marriages need some pruning. Think of what is not helping it. Husbands, share responsibilities (chores) at home. It is not a competition; other, offer quality time to your partner, do what you enjoy the most! When hearts distant each other, offer quality time to your partner, do what you enjoy the most.

Frequent and sad mistake couples make is not to build up a relationship of love. The consequences can be catastrophic later in life… Do not defame! Do not speak poorly of our newly created image children, especially little ones, have for their parents. Do not defame!

LifeTeen is continuing with its TOB Series, we are going to cover Sessions #4 Hope and Redemption and Sessions #5 Truth and Freedom on Saturday February 22nd. It is never too late to join! We invite you to join the conversation! Open to Everyone in Gr. 8 – 12. LifeTeen from 2pm from 6pm – 9pm in the lounge.

BULLETIN ADS: If you would like to advertise your business on the back of the bulletin we have 3 vacancies available this year. The cost is $200 for the year with your ad published bi-monthly. Please contact office by February 20/21 then email a digital copy of your ad (a little smaller than business card size) to parishoffice@stjannsabbotsford.ca. Thank you.

Collection for Week of Prayer: $1510.50
Thank you to all the ladies who donated their delicious soups for the luncheon and to all the volunteers who helped make our Tuesday Prayer Service so successful.

To all Parishioners: You are invited to share a time of fellowship as we say farewell and thank you to Fr. Rosemond. He will be leaving on Monday, February 17th for Our Lady of Fatima in Vancouver. Cake and refreshments will be served after each Mass on February 15th & 16th. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us following the Mass you attend.

CWL LENTEN RETREAT for all ladies of the parish—Saturday, February 29th from 9am to 2pm

Guest speaker: Fr. Mark McGuckin
Tickets: $100 – Available next week at the parish office, CWL Meeting Saturday, Feb. 15th or after Mass next weekend.

You are invited to join us for St. James & St. Ann’s School MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER on Friday, February 21st to watch Frozen 2 in our school gym! Doors & Concession open at 5:30pm and movie starts at 6:00pm. $5/person or $25/family. For more information, check out https://www.stjameselementary.ca/events/

RETROUVAILLE VANCOUVER MARRIAGE RECOVERY SPRING PROGRAM

Retrouvaille is an affordable program that provides couples with the tools to repair ALL kinds of marriage problems. Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples separate and regain a joyful marriage. For confidential information, please fill in the form and our coordinator will contact you.

*** 2020 ANCOP “Answering the Cry of the Poor” FUNDRAISING DINNER/DANCE Saturday, March 21st, 6:00 pm St. Ann’s Parish Centre Couples for a Christian is a lay global organization recognized by Vatican for its work on the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life and values. Be part of our mission to raise funds to build a house for a poor family. Each house costs $6,000 to build. Tickets for the Dinner-Dance is $25.00 each.

Call George Ellamparo 778-878-3061 or Dina Ellamparo 778-549-0783 to order tickets.

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.
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

Parishioners 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 mvsm@rcav.org/vocations, or for Scalabrinians at: emejia@rcav.org www.scalabrinians.org

Worship Schedule

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

Contact Information

Allan's

Mission & Abbotsford

JCF Cleaning Services

R&T Bottles Depot & Recycling Centre

St. Andrew's

St. Anne's

St. Brigid's

St. Patrick's

St. Pius X

St. Peter's

St. Teresa's

Swan's Nest

Trinity

Sacred Heart

St. John's

St. Joseph's

St. Joseph's

St. John's

St. John's

St. Mary's

St. Michael's

St. Patrick's

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St. Thomas More

St. Vincent de Paul

Missionary Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus

St. Anne's

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