On Confirmation Day
When the Church celebrates the Feast of St Matthias, Apostles, it was supposed to be your Confirmation Day, young friends, a day of joy, faith and commitment.

Surrounded by family and friends, you would publicly assume the duty of Christians by the sealing of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation requires from you boldness in witnessing the faith and courage to defend it. For this reason, confirmation is referred to as being an “adult in the faith”, a soldier of Christ.

During Confirmation, the Holy Chrism, which is a perfumed oil, is used to Anoint your forehead. St Paul in that regard says that believers ought to “spread the sweet aroma of Christ”.

I am writing to you, dear Confirmands, to ignite in you the faith and courage to defend it. From fearful souls, Christ’s followers became his new ambassadors! So much so that from fearful souls, transformed people’s lives. So much so that from fearful souls, Christ’s followers became his new ambassadors! So much so that from fearful souls,

“Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit”. It is the liturgical formula used by the minister to confer on you the grace of Christ, his heavenly powers. By them, your soul, your inner being is changed, so you now “belong to Christ”. It was that power or gift that transformed people’s lives. So much so that from fearful souls, Christ’s followers became his new ambassadors!

Remain in Jesus, the Lord; remain in his love and commitments. Through these words, I want to let you know I pray for you and think of you! This is my way of keeping connected and expressing my closeness as we go through difficult times.

God bless you!
Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Eduardo Quintero, CS

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IMPORTANT: Please read the letter from Fr. Eduardo on the website under News & Events/Pastor’s Desk/FINANCES. This will update you on the Parish’s financial situation. There is a pre-authorized debit form available to print if you would prefer donations to come out once a month directly from your bank account (only). A void cheque is required or a printout from the bank with account number & transit number info.

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.

PARISH OFFICE is closed on MONDAY, MAY 18TH.

** SCHEDULE FOR MASSES, PRAYER AND CONFESSIONS **

The Church is open for personal prayer and reflection during Office hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 to 1:15 and 2:30 to 5:00pm. Daily Masses will be celebrated at 7:00pm and live streamed beginning with the Rosary at 6:30pm for the Month of May. Every Thursday there will be a Eucharistic Adoration from 2:00pm to 6:15pm, concluding with a solemn Benediction at 6:15pm. Come and spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration. (This schedule is for May as we pray the Rosary each weekday at 6:30pm)

Confessions by appointment… that’s our way of being flexible and responding to individual needs. Besides that, on Thursdays a priest will be available to hear your confession from 5:00 to 6:00pm.

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The CWL ladies are busy at work again this week, Emily weeding and planting flowers in the front beds of the Parish Centre & Church. Noli and Roslyn trimming the trees and shrubs in the front of the rectory and Grotto. They continue to have their executive meetings on Zoom and calling/visiting members. Helen, Sandra and Linda also helped out with raking and planting.

Thank you Ladies!

** MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 18TH TO MAY 24TH, 2020 **

Monday 7:00pm Alice Rozario, int.
Tuesday 7:00pm Brenden O’Reilly, int.
Wednesday 7:00pm Dec. mem Turra/Sartor Fam. Michael Patrick Grace, rip.
Thursday 7:00pm Elana Schuck, int.
Friday 7:00pm Paul Forrest, int.
Saturday 5:00pm Teodulo Funtaneres, rip. 5:00pm Helen Codere, rip. 5:00pm For all Parishioners

** FEAST DAYS & READINGS MAY 18TH TO MAY 24TH, 2020 **

Monday Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
Wednesday Acts 17:15,22—18:1; John 16:12-15
Thursday Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20
Friday Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23a
Saturday Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28
SundayAscension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

CWL MEMBERS: Thank you, to all members who prayed the 12 Hour Prayer for Palliative Care on May 8th.
Our CWL General Meeting on May 25th is cancelled.
Dr. Robert Walley (founder of MaterCare) has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. He was asked by the Pope to care for women in developing countries. His tireless devotion inspired all to uphold the dignity of human life. At this difficult time in his life, please let us keep him in our prayers.

Thank you to our calling committee who work on keeping everyone connected about our CWL events. A special Thank you to our President Noli for organizing these events and keeping us all informed with the help of her executive.

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Youth Ministry Leadership Bursary
The Ministries and Outreach Office (M&O) Youth Ministry Leadership Bursary recognizes high school students making a difference in their parishes, schools, communities, and homes. Two students will be selected to receive an award of $500 each to be applied to post-secondary schooling. Recipients will be young leaders who are making an impact, showing initiative, and inspiring others. Applicants must be in grade 12 and pursuing post-secondary education (visit catholicpapery.ca if you are considering a catholic gap year); a practicing Catholic, live in the Archdiocese of Vancouver; be known in your parish community; and be involved in parish and/or archdiocesan youth ministry. Deadline to apply is Monday, May 25th. Visit rcav.org/youth-leadership for more information and to apply.

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St. Ann’s Catholic Community welcomes BRADLYNN SHIVER who was received into the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, May 9th.

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Holy Family Bookstore, Langley is open Monday, May 18th. Hours of operation are MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, FROM 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Dear Parishioners,
Please visit our website at www.stannsbotsford.ca each week for news and instructions regarding the reopening of churches for groups of 50 people. We will be needing volunteers for set up, cleaning after each Mass, attendance taking at church entrance before each Mass etc. So please visit frequently for further updates. Thank you.