

FOCUS ON VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD-BY FR. HIEN

3. Vocation Culture in the Diocesan Community

3.4 The Priests

SUPPORT RECEIVED

We find solace and support from one another particularly at clergy events within the Archdiocese. We cherish our friendships with other priests, so much so that the absence of the friendships can make us depressed or leave us with the feeling of being alone or even betrayed in the ministry. We agree that we need one another's prayers and support to be more effective in God's work.

We find consolation in our relationship with God, first when it is most deeply nurtured by the celebration of the Eucharist and second when we personally encounter God in prayer. The other sacraments, particularly confession and anointing of the sick, bring us into the mind and heart of Christ so that in administering Christ's graces through the sacraments we are left profoundly affected by acting in His person. The sacraments revitalize our ministry and lives, and they deepen our union with Christ. When proclaiming His word during homilies, talks, or personal sharing, we are ourselves encouraged to live the teaching of Christ and his Church. We also find that retreats, days of recollection, and pilgrimages help strengthen our relationship with Christ.

For religious, we find that personal holiness is promoted by the unity within our respective communities, the obedience we give our superiors, and our personal relationships with the people of the same religious family.

OUR IDENTITY

What we value most about our priesthood is our identity with Christ, which is manifested particularly in celebrating Mass and administering the sacraments. Like Christ, we are living out our vocation and our mission through the total giving of ourselves to infuse hearts with the love of God. Aware of our own faults and failings, we are able through our ministry to bring forgiveness and peace to those who are reaching out for the Lord. We are able to live in 'Persona Christi' through ordination and to serve Christ the Teacher, Priest and Shepherd through our preaching the gospel, sustaining God's people, and celebrating the liturgy.

To be continued



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others.

Thus, all will come to share His joy. Please join us as we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy with **Adoration in the Church at 3:00 p.m. today.** All are welcome.

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be prepared by our Knights of Columbus this morning after the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses.



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND VESPERS on **Sunday, April 8th 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: **Tuesday, April 10th, 8:00 p.m.** in St. Joachim room.

MASS will be celebrated at the Mayfair Seniors Home on **Thursday, April 12th at 10:00 a.m.**

ONE BODY IN CHRIST PRAYER MEETING: meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joachim room.

MASS will be celebrated at Maplewood House on **Friday, April 13th at 4:00 p.m.**

HISPANIC MASS will be celebrated on **Saturday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m.**

There are **2 more ALPHA EVENINGS: Saturdays, April 14th and 21st.** We look forward to seeing the adults and youth who are doing this Alpha Course come out for dinner and conversation. The last evening (April 21) will be a potluck dinner.

CWL GENERAL MEETING is being held on **Monday April 16th at 7:00 p.m.** If you are able, please bring a spa item or small package of chocolate to donate for the baskets we are making for the Fashion Show & Ice Cream Social. Items can be brought to the meeting or dropped off at the parish office. We look forward to seeing you soon!



Father Lawrence Bilesky, OSB, of Westminster Abbey, Mission, B.C., died on April 2, 2018, aged 88.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on **Thursday, April 12, at 2:00 pm** at Westminster Abbey. Interment in the Abbey cemetery immediately after Mass. Reception to follow in the Majors' Dining Room. Celebrant will be Rt. Rev. John Braganza, OSB, Abbot.

St. James and St. Ann's School would like to invite you to their upcoming performance of **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST.** There will be an afternoon performance on **Wednesday, April 18th at 12:30 pm.** Grandparents are invited to attend a tea that will begin at **11:45 am on Wednesday** (please RSVP at office@stjameselementary.ca for the **Grandparents Tea**). There is also an evening performance on **Thursday, April 19th @ 7pm.** Tickets are by donation and can be picked up at the school office or at the door, however seating is limited. All of the proceeds will go to support future musicals in our school.

St. Ann's Meals for Moms program: If you are an expectant mother please contact: MothersatSt.Ann@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 9TH TO APRIL 15TH, 2018

Monday	9:00am	Lucille Caines, rip.
Tuesday	7:00pm	Mr. Jean Wauthy, rip.
Wednesday	8:00am	John Bassani, rip.
Thursday	8:00am	Henry & Angele Lemieux, int.
Friday	8:00am	Emilita van Stellingwerff, rip.
Saturday	9:00am	Violet Camire, rip.
	5:00am	Ed Bellefontaine, rip.
Sunday	8:00am	Johann & Maria Fuchs, rip.
	10:00am	Intentions for the Parish
	Noon	Shirley Rogers, rip.

HOPE FOR WOMEN DESSERT CONCERT - April 13th, 7:30pm

Come and enjoy a fabulous night of mouth-watering desserts and music at featuring Her Brothers and Souls Rest. A freewill offering will be taken to support the lifesaving work of Hope for Women Pregnancy Services. Location: Heritage Alliance, 3440 Mount Lehman Rd, Abbotsford. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door. For tickets call 604-853-0303 or email info@hopeforwomen.ca

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2018

On **April 27th & 28th**, join thousands of Catholics from across North America at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held at the Infinity Convention Centre in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada and the US. This year's Summit is once again featuring world-class Catholic speakers: Michael Dopp, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Curtis Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, and more. Register online today (<https://www.newevangelization.ca/>)! St. Ann's is one of only four LIVE streaming sites in the Vancouver area.

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **KONRAD KOCIS** whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, April 6th, **ERIC LUONG**, and **JOHN PALMER.** (MAY 4TH).

BULLETIN ADS: If you would like to advertise your business on the back of the bulletin we still have **2 vacancies** remaining. The cost is \$200 for the year with your ad published bi-monthly. Please contact office by April 3rd/4th then email a digital copy of your ad (a little smaller than business card size) to parishoffice@stannsabbotsford.ca. Thank you.

FEAST DAYS & READINGS APRIL 9TH TO APRIL 15TH, 2018

Monday-Annunciation of the Lord	Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10d; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15
Wednesday-St. Stanislaus	Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21
Sunday-3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 3:13-15,17-19; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

St. Ann's CWL Presents:

Mother & Daughter Fashion Show and Ice Cream Social

Saturday, April 21st, 2-4pm

Tickets: \$10 available at Parish Office

Fashions compliments of Suzanne's

PARENTS OF 2018 GRADS: Your son/ daughter has only 3 months left before starting the next phase of life. It is an expensive time....the grad dress is probably purchased, but there add on hair-dos, accessories, tux and limo rentals, flowers, as well as the deposit for residence housing. He/she may be eligible for a \$1000 CWL bursary if going to a university, college, technical school, or religious institution. Application forms are available at the parish office or at the counselling center at all the high schools.

Our **SPRING FAIR & GARAGE SALE** is coming up on **Friday May 25th and Saturday, May 26th.** It will be the place to be that weekend! Don't miss it.

WINE & CANVAS

Saturday, April 21st

5:00 pm in St. Joachim room

Come join a night of fun!

Enjoy a glass of wine while you follow a step-by-step painting demonstration & leave with your own masterpiece! Proceeds go to support the Syrian Family. Tickets available at the Parish Office. **\$40pp**

Appetizers, additional wine and pop or beer available to purchase (cash only) **Silent Auction**



St. Ann's Preschool is having their annual **PLANT AND HANGING BASKET SALE** starting this weekend. Sr. Vicky will be in the Church Foyer after all the Masses to take your order. Orders may also be placed at the Parish Office. All orders must in by **Sunday, April 22nd. Payment must accompany all orders.** Thank you for supporting our Preschool.

St. Ann's Catholic Community welcomes **NICHOLAS MENEGHETTI** who was received into the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, March 25th.



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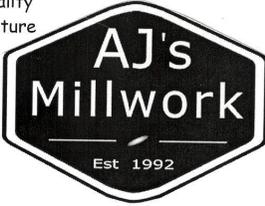


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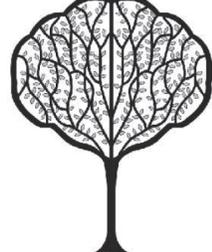
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