



IN CONCERT—FR. ROB GALEA & PSALM 98
MUSIC MINISTRY
MARCH 4, 7:00 PM AT ST. ANN'S
LAST WEEK TO PURCHASE TICKETS (\$15PP)
PARISH OFFICE OR AFTER ALL MASSES TODAY.
THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR OUR
SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY

2016 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP ON
THE TABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYER.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR : Last practice before the concert, Friday, March 3rd at 4:30 p.m. in St. Monica's Lounge .



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

St Ann's Preschool Registration and Open House today, February 26th from 9am to 2pm.

MASS will be celebrated, *today, February 26th at 4:00 p.m.* in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital

MOMS & TOTS GROUP: *Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m.* in St. Monica's lounge.

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION with a priest of Opus Dei: *Monday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m.* in the Church. All ladies are welcome to attend.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING: **Changed this month's meeting date to March 9th at 7:00 p.m.**

ONE BODY IN CHRIST PRAYER MEETING: *Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.* in St. Joachim room.

First Friday ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held on *Friday, March 3rd beginning with Prayers for Vocations at 8:30 a.m.* ending with Benediction at 6:45 p.m. and then Mass at 7:00 p.m. Please come and spend some quiet time with our Lord in prayer and thanksgiving.

MARIAN DEVOTION on *Saturday, March 4th* after the 9am Mass. Let us gather together as the community of St. Ann's Parish to pray together 5 decades of the Holy Rosary with other devotional prayers *for the intention of renewed faith in the world* and to meditate on the mysteries (the life and Passion of Christ).

WELCOME ALL KIDS ages 3 to 5 and children from grades 1 to 4 to our Kids for Jesus Program held on *Saturday, March 4th from 10:00am-12:00 pm.* in St. Joachim room.



1ST SUNDAY ADORATION: *Sunday, March 5th*, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at *7:00 p.m.* & end with Benediction at *8:00 p.m.* Music lead by Fr. Ajin and the Young Adults group.

Living Faith Week 2017!

PARISH MISSION: *Monday-Thursday, March 6th-9th* Everyone is invited to participate in Living Faith Week. Invite your friends and family! The theme of the Mission will be: Conversion and Discipleship. Parish Mission with Fr Sam Medley, SOLT from Corpus Christi, Texas. Coffee and refreshments to follow after the talks.



Mass followed by the Mission Talk. **Morning: Mass 8 am; Evening: Mass 7 pm** (repeated talk from the morning)

SINGLE ROSE WIDOWS LUNCHEON: *Wednesday, March 15th, noon* at the Roseland Restaurant. RSVP to Matilde-604-850-1782

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEB 27TH TO MAR 5TH, 2017

Monday
8:00am Bernadette Robinson, rip.

Tuesday
7:00pm Dec. mem. MacDonald Family

Wednesday
8:00am Doreen Sullivan, int.
7:00pm Mrs. Stanislawa Kubik, rip.

Thursday
8:00am Mary Blocha, rip.

Friday
8:00am Bertha Kenny, int.
7:00pm Fr. Hien Nguyen, int.

Saturday
9:00am Rosemary MacMillan, rip.
5:00pm Therese Brassard, rip.

Sunday
8:00am Intentions for the Parish
10:00am Ted Cui and family int.
Noon Hal & Audrey Hough, rip.

FEAST DAYS & READINGS FEB 27TH TO MAR 5TH, 2017

Monday
Sirach 17:24-27,29; Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday
Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday-Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

Friday
Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday
Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

Sunday—1st Sunday of Lent
Genesis 2:7-9,16-18,25;3:1-7++; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

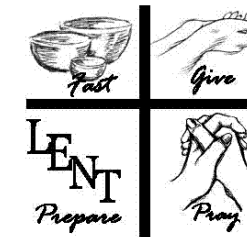
The Holy Season of Lent: As we begin this season of preparation on **Wednesday, March 1st** called **Ash Wednesday**, the Church reminds us of our need to intensify our spiritual lives with **increased prayer, fasting and almsgiving** so that we may better celebrate the fullness of our Catholic faith, namely the Easter message-- Christ suffered, died, and rose for the salvation of every person. Therefore, in order to unify ourselves with what Christ did in the desert to spiritually intensify His redemptive mission for forty days and forty nights, it is important that we are all clear with what the Church asks of its members with regards to **penance**.

The forms of penance that are asked other than personal sacrifices are **fasting and abstinence which are to be observed on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday**.

FASTING is required of Catholics from 18 to 60 years old. The Church defines a fast as one regular meal and two smaller meals that do not exceed the amount of a regular meal; and no snacks.

ABSTINENCE requires Catholics from 14 years of age and up to abstain from eating meat on **all Fridays** in honour of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Two Masses will be celebrated on **Ash Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**



YOUTH MINISTRY'S UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 4th: Fr. Rob Concert

There will be no Junior Youth this night. We encourage everyone to attend Fr. Rob's concert!! He is an amazing person and he loves working with youth! Come join us there. Tickets available at the parish office.

March 11th: LifeTeen

God gives us instructions on how to follow Him through both the Old and New Testaments with the foundation of live behind His teachings. Both benefit us by guiding us on how to live well and seek eternity with Him in heaven. Come join us for a night on God's law called "New and Improved" as we explore the role it plays in our lives and the grace we are given to find it.

BULLETIN ADS: If you would like to advertise your business on the back of the bulletin we have several spots available this year. The cost is \$200 for half a year which means your ad will appear on every other week's bulletin. Please call then email a digital copy of your ad (a little smaller than business card size) to parishoffice@stannsabbotsford.ca Thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held as follows:

- 1) **Wednesday mornings after 8:00 a.m. Mass-Mary's Way of the Cross**
- 2) **Thursday mornings after morning Mass—for Vocations to the Ministerial Priesthood and Religious Life**
- 3) **Every Friday evening at 6:30 p.m.—priest led**
- 4) **Every Friday during Lent there will be 2 Masses celebrated at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**-Confessions at 6:00 pm; Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm
- 5) **First Fridays during Lent: Mass at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**—Confessions at 6:00 pm; Benediction at 6:20 pm; Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm