

- **Pastor:** Rev. Hien Nguyen
pastor@stannsabbotsford.ca
- **Assistant Pastor:** Rev. Ajin George
assistantpastor@stannsabbotsford.ca
- **In Residence:** Rev. John McCarthy
jmccarthy@rcav.org
- **Secretary:** Frances McNeil
parishoffice@stannsabbotsford.ca

Carmelite Missionary Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus
St. Ann's Convent - 2108 Ware Street / Tel: (604) 756-8882
carmelites@stannsabbotsford.ca

- **Sr. Elizabeth de Guzman, C.M.S.T.** * srelizabeth@shaw.ca
- **Sr. Suzana Tairo, C.M.S.T.** * susytairo@hotmail.com
- Sr. Vicky de Guzman, C.M.S.T.** * srvicky@shaw.ca

www.stannsabbotsford.ca

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 8:00 & 10:00am Sunday Morning Masses in St. Joachim's Room of the Parish Centre. Please notify the Parish Office if you are moving from the parish.

MASS TIMES

Weekends

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Fridays 8:00am
Tuesday Evenings 7:00pm
(Perpetual Novena to St. Ann)

Other

Spanish Mass - 2nd Sat of mnth 7:00pm
Korean Mass - Last Sat of mnth 7:00pm
(served by St. Andrew Kim Parish)
First Fridays 8:00am & 7:00pm
Saturdays & Holidays 9:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Fridays 8:30am - 6:50pm
Benediction to follow 6:50pm - 7:00pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Baptisms usually take place on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 1:15pm. A baptism course is required for parents of their first child & Godparents are welcome to attend. Registration required. Teenagers & adults are asked to contact the RCIA coordinator.

Marriage

Please 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: rcav.org/vocations

CONFESSION

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

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

Altar Servers	Bob Kaszonyi	604-864-9443
Altar Society	Linda Harder	604-556-3643
Bookstore	Lucy Kaszonyi	604-852-5696
Couples for Christ	Pat & Mariz Carlos	604-853-2474
CWL-Catholic Women's League	Bev Katchmer	604-557-0309
Info Tech	Brian McNeil	it@stannsabbotsford.ca
Knights of Columbus	Cheyenne Brinson	604-744-8555
Mayfair Sunshine Club	Detta Fyfe	604-855-9284
Migrant Workers	Mary Phillips	604-852-3437
One Body in Christ Praise & Worship	Ken/Mena Beatch	604-855-9701
Outreach Bus	Parish Office	604-852-5602
Parish Education Committee	Claire Wilkie	778-928-1406
St. John Brebeuf High School	Monique Navarro	604-853-3028
Parish Outreach	Carl Gomes	604-859-6729
Parish Screening Coordinator	Jody Garneau	604-852-5602
Parish Vocation Committee	Angela	604-852-5602
Preschool	JoAnn Nixon	604-852-5602
Prison Ministry & Victim Support	Gabrielle Hoffer	604-864-0745
Project Advance Fundraising	Paula Fischer	604-850-3506
Prolife Reps.	Anna & Benoit Wauthy	604-852-6198
Religious Education Office	Extension 227	604-852-5602
RCIA/ Adult Faith Formation	Jody Garneau	adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca
PREP - Children's Catechism	Jennifer Pucek	prep@stannsabbotsford.ca
St. Vincent de Paul	George Sweeney	604-852-5602
Young Adults Group	Therese	fvatholicya@outlook.com
Widow's Group	Matilde Carrao	604-850-1782
Youth Ministry	Kirsten ven der Buhs	youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca

A FOCUS ON VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

by Fr. Hien Nguyen

As we just celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday and looking forward to a few ordinations especially of Juan Lucca, I would like to dedicate this column for Vocations during this Spring time.

"The Harvest Is Plentiful but the Laborers Are Few" Mt 9:23

Taking a pulse, the rate at which the heart beats, is a traditional way to obtain a quick evaluation of a person's health. If we are to take a pulse on Vocation today, we may find with difficulty a faint beat that leads to the conclusion that Vocation to the diocesan priesthood and consecrated life in the diocese of Vancouver is "under the weather". An example to support this diagnosis is the number of nine seminarians we have recently in 2007.

Digging through the archive from 1977 to 2010, the most number of seminarians who studied for the Archdiocese of Vancouver in a year was twenty-two, and that was in 1986. The average number of seminarians within the thirty years is fifteen. This figure is not only a concern in the Archdiocese, but it is also a worry for many other dioceses across Canada. At our local Archdiocesan Seminary of Christ the King operated by the Benedictines, just nine years ago, the seminary did not know where to put extra college students. However, in the school year of 2007, its entire first floor and few other rooms were empty.

We can identify many factors that contribute to the lack of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. A major cause is the affluent society we live in - a society that train us and in particular, our young people to strive hard to meet the high standard of living. Thus, a level of comfortableness indulged by many young people makes them accustomed to a self-centered lifestyle instead of self-giving. Consequently, they do not want to give themselves in the service of the Church; for them, what the Church can offer is not as important as what the world offers. This standard of life also causes the family size to shrink considerably to accommodate the increasing demands. In the early fifties and sixties, the birth rate in Canada was from 35-46 births/1000 population (4 children or more per family). From the nineties up to this year, Statistics of Canada shows the birth rate of 10.75 births/1000 population (just over a child per family). How can parents want to offer their children to God when they have only one or two kids?

Others causes are: the non existence of the practice of the faith in the family, the lack of the priority for religious education, promotions and examples from priests, instability of marriage and commitment, etc. We can go on and on, pointing out the many reasons and grounds for the decline in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. But the most important thing is what are we going to do about it?

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 22ND. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

MOMS & TOTS GROUP meet every **Monday at 9:00 a.m.** in St. Monica's lounge. No registration needed just drop in for coffee/tea and some social time for you and your young children.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: **Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:45 p.m.** in St. Monica's lounge.

COMMUNION SERVICE at the Mayfair Seniors Home on **Thursday, May 25th at 10:00 a.m.**

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

MASS will be celebrated at the Menno Hospital Chapel on **Friday, May 26th at 10:00 a.m.**

MASS will be celebrated, **Sunday, May 28th at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital.

PREP Registration is now open for 2017-2018 school year. Forms can be found outside both the Parish & PREP Offices or online. Registration **deadline is September 1st.**

Let's Talk! **13 Reasons Why** Parents Should Know More About Teens in Distress. With the rising popularity of this online series (13 Reasons Why), issues around suicide prevention, self-harm, and bullying have been on people's minds. Clinical Counsellor PJ Lewis will address what you should know and how to talk to your teens. What signs to look for? How to approach teens about self-harm or cutting? What resources are available in our community to support teens and families? Come to St. Ann's Parish Centre, **Wednesday, May 24 from 7 pm - 9 pm** to find out more. This is open to all parents, care givers, teachers, and concerned community members. Free.

MORNING OF REFLECTION: On **Saturday, May 27th** the Knights of Columbus & their chaplain Fr. Hien invite all men ages 18 & up to a morning of reflection beginning with Mass at 9:00am, followed by a continental breakfast, video and group discussion. Please RSVP to Zoltan at 604-226-3457.



STATUES OF OUR LADY: Would all the ladies who brought in their pictures and statues for our devotional display in honour Our Lady, please pick them up at the Parish Office.

The Knights of Columbus members and their families are invited to a **FAMILY PICNIC** on **Saturday, June 25th from 1:00 to 5:00pm.** They have reserved the covered picnic area across from Godson School off of Bevan Avenue.



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.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21ST, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 22ND TO MAY 28TH, 2017

Monday
9:00am Joseph Maddalozzo, rip.

Tuesday
7:00pm Mary Lou Vella, rip.

Wednesday
8:00am Danilo Bayudan, rip.

Thursday
8:00am Martin Lanigan, rip.

Friday
8:00am Norberto Carlos, rip.

Saturday
9:00am Dec. mem. Doreen Sullivan Fam.
5:00pm Lena Costantino, int.

Sunday
8:00am Susana Fussi, rip.
10:00am Intentions for the Parish
Noon Mary Lou Vella, rip.

FEAST DAYS & READINGS MAY 22ND TO MAY 28TH, 2017

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— St. Philip Neri
Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23a

Saturday
Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

Sunday—Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Religious Education (PREP) begins SEPTEMBER 2017

Do you have a desire to be involved? A passion for God and willingness to share our faith?

No past teaching experience necessary (but an asset). We'd love to have you on board!

Please email Jennifer Pucek at the PREP office prep@stannsabbotsford.ca by **August 1st**. A planning meeting will be held to go over details

Save a life by donating **sunglasses, sunscreens and hats**. The **dead line for donation is June 27, 2017**. For more information please, contact Sr. Suzana Tairo 604-832- 1066 or susytairo@hotmail.com

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is hosting the Western Canadian Catholic Stewardship Conference on **June 9-11**. For more details: www.wccsc.ca.

Contemplative Evening of Sung Prayers, Saturday, May 27th 8:00pm, Westminster Abbey, 34224 Dewdney Trunk Rd. Mission, BC. You are welcome to join in a one hour experience of sung prayers, stillness, rest, and sacred space. For more information, please contact Cathy at cathyajhardy@shaw.ca.



ST. JAMES & ST. ANN'S SCHOOL PUB NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Friday, June 2, 2017

Doors Open at 6:00pm
Finnegan's Pub & Grill
33780 King Road, Abbotsford



Tickets are \$25/each and include entry, a burger and a drink of your choice.

Tickets can be bought at the school Monday - Friday from 2:30-2:45pm for the next two weeks leading up to the event

Cost is \$10 pp.

YOUTH MINISTRY'S UPCOMING EVENTS:

Save the Date!!

There are only a few more events until the summer. Please come join us for an awesome time of faith, fun and fellowship. Here are the remaining event dates for this school year:

Saturday, May 27th – Junior Youth
Friday, June 2nd – LifeTeen Year End Party
Sunday, June 11th – Junior Youth Summer Finale
Faith Camp – July 4th –7th
More info coming soon!

ST. ANN'S PRESCHOOL: There are still vacancies in 3yr. old class. The 4yr. old class is full but we are accepting names for a waiting list. Registration forms available at the Parish Office. We may decide on a mixed class of 3's & 4's as well if there is interest.



ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Juan Lucca, Giovanni Schiesari, and Francesco Voltaggio will be ordained priests by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB at Holy Rosary Cathedral. All are welcome to celebrate this most joyous event on **Saturday, June 3, from 12-2 p.m.** If you would like to attend, we are arranging a bus. We need at least 20 people with a maximum of 24.

Please call Parish Office to reserve your seat. **Deadline is Monday, May 29th**



Deacon
Francesco Voltaggio

Deacon
Giovanni Schiesari

Deacon
Juan Lucca

Please support our sponsors



Henderson's Funeral Home
34537 Marshall Road
Abbotsford BC V2S 1M1
604-854-5534




Sara Lawson
hendersonsabbotsfordfunerals.com
Veronica Tod



McLean's Funeral Services
"Your Catholic Family"
604-847-3477 24hrs
45651 Lark Rd
Chilliwack, BC V2R 3N5
mcleansfunerals@shaw.ca
Stewart McLean
Owner



WORRY FREE
Accounting.com
Chris Pilla
604.870.0455
2081 Dolphin Crescent
Abbotsford, BC
chris@worryfreeaccounting.com

It's never too early to plan.
Call **604-531-2141**
or to download our free planning guide
visit www.rcav.org



FREE!



Catholic Cemeteries
Archdiocese of Vancouver



ALTERNATIVESSM
FUNERAL & CREMATION
SERVICES
604-857-5779
Serving the Catholic community
since 1992

The new name for
Personal
Alternative
Funeral Services

Final
Arrangements
made in your home

We offer
Pre-Arrangements



R&T BOTTLE DEPOT LTD.
#23 - 31550 S. Fraser Way,
Abbotsford
Office: **604-852-6092**
Cell: **604-996-1076**
**FREE pick up for
Bottle Drives!**
Cash Refunds on
beverage & liquor containers

It's Worth It.
Val S.K. Son
Free Drop Off for:
• Electronics • Milk Jugs
• Small Appliances
• Paint Cans
• Car Batteries

Serving Abbotsford and area for over 8 years.



Specializing in Commercial and
Industrial Installations and Maintenance.
3634 Nicomen Pl
Abbotsford, BC
604-854-5854



Robert Harde
WHITE WOLFE RESTORATIONS
Complete Home Renovations
and Repairs
wolferenos@shaw.ca
32144 Mouat Drive Abbotsford, BC
(604) 835-1609



EC Echo Contracting Ltd.
Building On Your Referrals
Renovations, New Construction
Kitchens, Bathrooms, Additions
Residential / Commercial
604-309-2130
emmanuel@echocontracting.ca
www.echocontracting.ca
Emmanuel Tomasi



Upper Fraser Valley
Habitat for Humanity | ReStore
NEW AND USED
Building Supplies
Furniture & So Much More
31877 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford, BC
Shop • Donate • Volunteer



Lu Theberge
778-552-3940
604-381-3940 (f)
garagedoors@live.ca
3175 268 Street
Langley, BC V4W 3E4



Dr. Catherine Walls
Family and Cosmetic Dentistry
(604) 853-1010
Garden Dental Centre
101 - 2890 Garden Street
Abbotsford, BC V2T 4W7



GOURMET CUP
BEVERAGE STATION
MICHAEL & RITA KIM
Sevenoaks Shopping Center
303-32900 South Fraser Way
Abbotsford, BC V2S 4A1
Phone: (604) 852-6360
Cell: (604) 614-8180
E-mail: mydkim@yahoo.com



ST. JAMES & ST. ANN'S
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
604-852-1788
saint.james@shaw.ca
www.stjameselementary.ca
2767 Townline Rd, Abbotsford V2T 5E1



dale's
Since 1975
AUTO SERVICE CENTER
604-530-9160
www.dalesauto.ca

Mission Dental Clinic
Dr Stephen Chow & Associates
Offering a full range of Dental Services
Mon & Tue 7am - 7pm
Wed & Thu 7am - 5pm
7576 Grand St, Mission BC
(Corner of Grand & 7th Ave)
604-826-3805
missiondentalclinic@hotmail.com



Professional
Whitening System
Now accepting
new patients



Great smiles start here!

- We service all your denture needs.
- All dental plans accepted.
- Denture lab on site.
- ANNE KEOUGH, RD.
Your Friendly Denturist.
- **604 856 5155**




yms
YOUR MORTGAGE SOURCE™
Alex Kotai, BBA, PFP
President & Senior Mortgage Advisor,
Residential and Commercial
Call **604.557.3461**
alex.kotai@YmsCanada.ca
www.YMSCanada.ca
Your home. Your business. Your trusted Advisors.




Balakshin Hargrave Law Corp.
Tel **604.859.1220**
Toll Free 1.855.375.5025
Fax 604.859.0473
BH Lawyers
#202 - 2955 Gladwin Rd
Abbotsford, BC V2T 5T4
Mark Hargrave
ICBC Claims
mhargrave@bhlawyers.ca



HEARING Care Centre
#101 - 33774 Marshall Rd.
Abbotsford, BC V2S 1Y2
604-855-3702
Free Hearing Test
We care about your hearing
Visit our website: www.jphearing.ca



JASMINE GARDEN SEAFOOD RESTAURANT
幸運樓海鮮酒家
CLARISA
Tel: (604) 850-8628
#1 - 31813 South Fraser Way,
Abbotsford, B.C. V2T 1V4
Fax: (604) 556-0699
www.jasminegarden.itgo.com