

**A FOCUS ON VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

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Particular Church of Vancouver

**History**

The Archdiocese of Vancouver was just the mission outpost started by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in the 1800s. The diocese humble beginning started from the Vicariate Apostolic of the Oregon Territory U.S.A. on July 24, 1846, and was called the Diocese of Vancouver Island. Five months later on December 14, 1863, the Vicariate Apostolic of British Columbia was erected. Not until over 40 years later in 1890 that the Vicariate Apostolic of BC became the Diocese of New Westminster. In 1903, the diocese of Victoria (Vancouver Island) was elevated to the Archdiocese of Victoria while Vancouver remained the diocese of New Westminster. Shortly five years later in 1908, the reverse affect happened. The Archdiocese of Victoria was lower to the Diocese of Victoria and the Diocese of New Westminster was raised to the Archdiocese of Vancouver under the guidance of Archbishop Neil McNeil.

From 1931 under the leadership of Archbishop William Mark Duke who took the motto from the Gospel of Luke 5:4 "Duc in Altum", he began the launching of faith reform in the Archdiocese that eventually earned the reputation of "an unyielding foe of Sunday picnics, parish hall dances, demon rum and Marxism."



The Catholics were the minority with only 12% in comparison to their Protestant counterparts with over 50%. Archbishop Duke wanted to evangelize through education system and set a goal of inaugurating a seminary and building more Catholic schools in parishes and universities.

By 1950, the Archdiocese of Vancouver had 67,000 Catholics, 60 parishes, 63 diocesan priests, 70 religious priests, one college, 2 high schools (plus 1 independent Catholic), 22 Catholic elementary schools, and 3 hospitals. A seminary was also established with the help of the Benedictine monks from Mountain Angels in Oregon.

Today (2010) Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB is our shepherd who governs the Archdiocese with close to half millions baptized faithful. The Archdiocese contains 74 parishes, 15 missions, 89 diocesan priests, 90 religious priests, over 100 religious sisters and 20 brothers and a permanent deacon. There are also 49 Catholic schools as well as hospitals, colleges, and Seminary of Christ the King.

(Next week: Vocation Crisis)

**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**

**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.

MASS will be celebrated at Bevan Village on **Tuesday, June 6th at 2:00 p.m.**

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

MASS will be celebrated at the Mayfair Seniors Home on **Thursday, June 8th at 10:00 a.m.**

MASS will be celebrated at Maplewood House on **Friday, June 9th at 4:00 p.m.**

**HISPANIC MASS : Saturday, June 10th at 7:00 p.m.** Reception to follow in the Parish Centre.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be prepared by our Knights of Columbus on **Sunday, June 11th after the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses.** Last one until September, so come and enjoy a delicious breakfast with your family & friends.



**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND VESPERS** on **Sunday, June 11th 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.

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**CORPUS CHRISTI HOLY HOUR:** To celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, please join us for Adoration and Benediction from **3:00 to 4:00 p.m.** on, **Sunday, June 18th.**

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

1) The K of C Council of St. Ann's wish to inform the **men** of the Parish that after the **Sunday Masses, on June 11th**, Council members will be available to answer questions and accept **APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.** If you enjoy fellowship, and seek service to Church, Family and Community we welcome your interest and invite your participation.

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

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**ST. ANN'S PRESCHOOL:** We are now offering a mixed 3 & 4 yr. old class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. starting in September. Registration forms available at the Parish Office or online at our website: [stannsabbotsford.ca](http://stannsabbotsford.ca)



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 5TH TO JUNE 11TH, 2017**

<b>Monday</b>	8:00am	Evangeline Nixon, rip.
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00pm	Peggy & Andy McHugh, rip.
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00am	Maurice Bellec, rip.
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00am	Jose Carrao, rip.
<b>Friday</b>	8:00am	John J. Poirier, rip.
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am	Joseph Luck, rip.
	5:00pm	Lawrence Lalonde, rip.
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am	Sofia Tomaszewska, rip.
	10:00am	Jean Pilla, rip.
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**YOUTH MINISTRY'S UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Junior Youth (Gr. 5-7) School Year Finale – Sunday, June 11 @ 1-3pm**

As the school year ends we welcome the beginning of summer with a fun outdoor party! There will be food, water fights, and of course awesome games! Be sure to come prepared to get wet out in the sun. Bring your friends and join us for some fun in the sun to kick off the summer!

**FAITH CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

St. Ann's Youth Ministry is hosting its annual Faith Camp for ages 3-10 yr. olds from **Tuesday, July 4th to Friday, July 7th** from **8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS—YOUNG ADULTS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS (Grade 7 and up)

This is a Great Opportunity for Service Hours!

Sign up sheets will be available outside the Youth Office until **Sunday, June 18th, 2017.**

~**First Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 20th at 5:30 pm~**

If you have any questions or concerns please contact our Youth Ministry Coordinator, Kirsten ven der Buhs

E-mail: [youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca](mailto:youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca) or phone: 604-852-5602 ext. 238

**REGISTRATION for Faith Camp is now open until June 25th. Forms are available in front of the REO Office and the Parish Office.**



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**JUNE 4TH, 2017**

**FEAST DAYS & READINGS JUNE 5TH TO JUNE 11TH, 2017**

<b>Monday-St. Boniface</b>	Tobit 1:1ad,2a,3,17; 2:1-8++;
	Mark 12:1-12
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tobit 2:9-14; 3:1++; Mark 12:13-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	Tobit 3:1-6a,7-10a,11-13,15b-17a; Mark 12:18-27
<b>Thursday</b>	Tobit 4:20;5:4; 6:10-11b;7:1,9-16; 8:1,4-9++; Mark 12:28-34
<b>Friday</b>	Tobit 11:5-15; Mark 12:35-37
<b>Saturday-</b>	Tobit 12:1-20; Mark 12:38-44
<b>Sunday-Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity:</b>	Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

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- Featured this month:**
- The Wild Goose: Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit* (Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR)
  - Divine Mercy In the Second Greatest Story Ever Told* (Fr Michael Gaitley)
  - Faith of our Fathers: In Search of the English Martyrs*
  - True Beauty: Becoming the Woman You Were Created to Be*
  - For the Kids: Brother Francis (cartoon)*
  - The Mass For the Kids: I'm Bernadette* (ebook)

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**THE SWEENEY SINGERS ARE CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF MAKING MUSIC!**

Their upcoming concert takes place **Friday, June 16, 2017 @ 7:30 pm.** at St James Catholic Church (2777 Townline Rd). It features music old and new and will include former members and their children. Admission by donation.



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**SPRING FAIR GROSS INCOME: \$16,653.25**

A big THANK YOU to everyone for all your donations of clothing, garage sale items, baked goods etc., to our many generous Benefactors, to our volunteers that helped with setting up, selling and clean up, to our community for coming to our Fair. A special thank you to our 2 coordinators Jody Garneau and Shirley Dickman & their families for the many hours they shared towards making this event such a success. Thank you to all the parishioners who helped take all the left overs away to the different thrift stores and shelters. A true success story.

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**CWL BURSARIES:** After much deliberation, the successful applicants for the \$1000 bursaries are Elizabeth Tram and Dylan Peat. Thank you to all the worthy students who applied, and we find it gratifying that we have such scholarly, parish/community minded young people in our midst. We are very proud of you.