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## 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

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<b>Religious Education Office</b>	<b>Extension 227</b>	<b>604-852-5602</b>
RCIA/Adult Faith Formation	Jody Garneau	adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca
PREP - Children's Catechism	Jennifer Pucek	prep@stannsabbotsford.ca
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Youth Ministry	Kirsten ven der Buhs	youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca

## A FOCUS ON VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

by Fr. Hien Nguyen

### 2.2 Maturity & Commitment

It is so common to hear complaints coming from vocation directors or religious directors that the problem of young people today is that they cannot make a commitment. They are immature. This is true for the young people in Vancouver. Fr. Brett Brannen, the Vocation Director of the Diocese Savannah, Georgia through his experience working with young people commented that the "resistance to commitment is a common condition in our present culture, and The United States today could be called the Land of Perpetual Adolescence." (B. A. BRANNEN, *To Save a Thousand Souls, Georgia 2010, 72*). Not that these young people do not want to grow up, but it is more increasingly difficult to do so when they are so deformed by the culture that preaches to keep their options open and do not commit to anything or anyone; the society that persuades them to make lots of money and accumulate toys; a civilization that screams at them to not give up their freedom so that they can enjoy life and have a good time without responsibility. It is a culture of "free choice".

Youth formators also agree that it is very hard to motivate the youth to commit to an activity, project, or an idea. This is the symptom of the contemporary young generation who relies on instant gratification as the basis for making decision. Choices being made primarily beneficial to the self with the least efforts possible. It is the self-centered generation "I": i-pod, i-pad, i-phone, i-player, i-tunes, i-tv, i-google, etc. They are programmed to avoid the choices that require elements of making sacrifices: such as a choice that benefits the common good. They

avoid activities that require efforts and turn to immediate and short term entertainment such as computer, TV, videos etc. The young forever more is incapable of moving forward or at least being delayed to develop different stages of human growth: egocentric, philanthropic, and transcendental. Their development is being blocked by this individualistic society, and they live their lives based on this self-centred level which is purely subjective. Fr. Imoda describes this blockage as a condition of immaturity.

Concretely, only those criteria which express respect for the reality of personal mystery can constitute valid criteria of development, and hence of maturity – even psychological. Consequently, such criteria must contain a willingness to deal with the otherness which is found at every step of human development, in such a way as to respect to the utmost the presence of both poles. As one example amongst many relating to personal maturity and immaturity, we could think of those forms of immaturity deriving from an aggravated subjectivism, which are incapable of reaching any objective criterion apart from that of the immediate and partial perspective of self-interest. The same applies to immaturity deriving from objectivism which has an authoritarian or extrinsicist stamp, and which never succeeds in appreciating the value of personal appropriation and interiorization of the true and the good. (F. IMODA, *Human Development: Psychology and Mystery, Belgium 1998, 75*).

This is a continuation from June 18th bulletin.



## 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

**WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION** with a priest of Opus Dei: **Monday, August 28th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church. All ladies are welcome to attend.

**ONE BODY IN CHRIST PRAYER MEETING:** meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in St. Monica's lounge (until RCIA begins then will return to St. Joachim room)

**First Friday ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be



held on **Friday, September 1st** after morning Mass, ending with Prayers for Vocations at 6:30 p.m., 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, September 2nd** 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).



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**PARENTS!** St. Ann's **PREP** is accepting **Registrations** for the 2017-2018 school year. Grades K-7. Register before **September 1st** to beat the early bird deadline and save some money! **Classes begin September 13th.** Link for the Registration Form can be found online at [stannsabbotsford.ca](http://stannsabbotsford.ca) or on our Facebook page! If your child is in Grade 2 or 7 and receiving a sacrament, please be sure to include a copy of their Baptismal Certificate with registration. Forms can be emailed to [prep@stannsabbotsford.ca](mailto:prep@stannsabbotsford.ca) or dropped off at the Parish Office Monday-Friday from 9-5.

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**ALPHA: Thursday, September 14 @ 6 pm; begins with dinner.**



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For more information, contact Jody Garneau 604-852-5602 ext. 227.

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Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **EUGENE THIBEAULT** whose Funeral Mass was held on **Thursday, August 24th** at Gardens of Gethsemani.

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**Indeed they cannot die any more . . .** Lk 20:36

# 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## AUGUST 27TH, 2017

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUG 28TH TO SEPT 3RD, 2017

**Monday**  
8:00am Annie Oliferchuk, rip.

**Tuesday**  
7:00pm Maria Guertler, rip.

**Wednesday**  
8:00am Edith Parent, int.

**Thursday**  
8:00am Shirley Haid, rip.

**Friday**  
8:00am Ana Yutiamco, int.  
7:00pm Sr. Elizabeth Bellefontaine, rip.

**Saturday**  
9:00am Abrielle Achoba, int.  
5:00pm Norma Anderson, rip.

**Sunday**  
8:00am James Lam, rip.  
10:00am Stefania & Olek Baranowski, rip.  
Noon Intentions for the Parish

### FEAST DAYS & READINGS AUG 28TH TO SEPT 3RD, 2017

**Monday-St. Augustine**  
1 Thess. 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22

**Tuesday-Passion of St. John the Baptist**  
Jeremiah 1:17-19; Mark 6:17-29

**Wednesday**  
1 Thess. 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32

**Thursday**  
1 Thess. 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51

**Friday**  
1 Thess. 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13

**Saturday**  
1 Thess. 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30

**Sunday—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time:**  
Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2;  
Matthew 16:21-27

St. Ann's Catholic Community welcomes **ABRIELLE RAZO** who was received into the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism on August 12th.



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### YOUTH NEWS:

There have been exciting new changes made in the Youth Lounge this summer. You will be amazed!! So stay tuned for upcoming activities planned for Junior and Senior Youth in future bulletins.

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**Curious about the role of Permanent Deacons?** A unique and special vocation, Deacons are official teachers and preachers of the Gospel, and they may preside at baptisms, marriages, funerals, and other forms of community prayers. They also share in the pastoral responsibilities of outreach, such as visiting the sick, the homebound, those imprisoned and in need. Men interested in this ordained ministry, along with their wives, are invited to an introductory seminar covering the history, theology and practicalities of the Permanent Diaconate. **Sessions run on Saturdays on Sept. 23, Oct. 28 and Nov. 19.**

Register at [www.stmarkscollege.ca](http://www.stmarkscollege.ca)  
Questions? Contact [faculty@stmarkscollege.ca](mailto:faculty@stmarkscollege.ca)

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### A NEW PENTECOST FOR A NEW EVANGELIZATION CONFERENCE

An exciting Conference is coming up on **September 22/23** with Dr. Mary Healy, Professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and an international speaker on topics related to Scripture, evangelization, healing, and the spiritual life,... and Bishop Peter Smith, Auxiliary Bishop of Portland, Oregon who has spoken at Conferences on spiritual warfare and Life Issue. The Conference will be held at **BROADWAY CHURCH, 2700 E. BROADWAY, VANCOUVER.** Advance ticket sale is only \$15...before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. For tickets phone 605-597-8227 or email: [fireblade@telus.net](mailto:fireblade@telus.net). Visit [www.vccrs.ca](http://www.vccrs.ca) for details.

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### SYRIAN FAMILY FUNDRAISING

- 1) There will be a **second collection** next weekend **September 2nd & 3rd** to help with the financial support needed for our Syrian family coming soon.
- 2) **Gift Cards:** We ask that you bring in to the Parish Office or drop in the weekend collection basket the gift cards with the tags that were taken from the Giving Tree asap. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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**Fun Day spent at Cultus Lake Water Park—Altar Servers, Fr. Hien, Fr. Ajin and Bob Kaszonyi**

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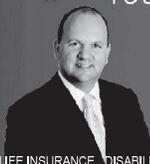
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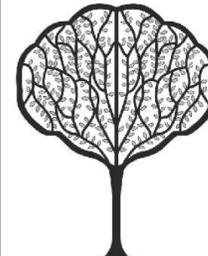


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