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

Sacraments

Baptism
Baptisms usually take place on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 1:35pm. A baptism course required for parents of their first child & Godparents are welcome to attend. Residents 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 rcvav.org/vocations

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

Saturday 4:00pm - 4:35pm

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

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

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

Satutorials & Holidays 8:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Fridays 8:00am - 12:00pm
Benediction to follow 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Important Contact Info

Altar Servers
Bob Kasorzy
604-846-9443

Altar Society
Linda Harder
604-556-3434

Bookstore
Larry Kasorzy
604-855-0571

Couples for Christ
Pat & Mariz Carlos
604-853-2474

Cwl - Catholic Women’s League
Bee Katcher
604-557-9909

Info Knights
Brian McNeil
604-557-9909

Knights of Columbus
Cheyenne Benson
604-744-8555

Mayfair Sunshine Club
Dalia Fyfe
604-853-9824

Migrant Workers
Mary Phillips
604-853-3437

One Body in Christ Praise & Worship
Karen/Mena Beach
604-855-9701

Outreach Bus
Parish Office
604-855-5002

Parish Education Committee
Claire Wilkie
728-216-4186

St. John Brebeuf High School
Monique Navarro
604-853-9028

Parish Outreach
Carl Gomes
604-859-6794

Parish Screening Coordinator
Jody Gareau
604-852-5002

Parish Vocation Committee
JoAnn Nixon
604-852-5002

Preschool
604-864-0745

Project Advance Fundraising
Pamela Fischer
778-305-8826

Pro-Life Reps.
Anna & Benoit Watthey
604-852-6198

Religious Education Office
Extension 227
604-852-5002

RCIA / Adult Faith Formation
Gordon Gareau
604-557-9909

PREP - Children’s Catechism
Jennifer Puck
604-852-5002

St. Vincent de Paul
George Sweeney
604-852-5002

Theresa
frvtheology@outlook.com

Widow’s Group
Matilde Carro
604-852-5002

Youth Ministry
Kirsten von der Bult
604-852-5002

Carmelite Missionary Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus
604-852-5002 / Fax: 604-852-3007 / Re: 604-852-5270
33335 Mayfair Avenue, Abbotsford, BC V2S 1P4

Office Rev. Mon-Fri, 9:00am-4:00pm, 2:30pm-3:30pm
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3. Asceticism and Sacrifice

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Psychologically, a person goes through three steps of development: psycho-physiological level, psycho-social level and rational-spiritual level.

The latter is the highest level of integration. In similar way human development also passes through different stages: the animal stage of maximizing pleasure and minimizing pain, the phase of ego centeredness, the next level of doing good beyond self, and finally to reach the highest goal of the Ultimate Good. We can see now that when our children are not having this value of self-giving, of reaching out, and of detachment, they will never develop and mature.

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ALTAR SERVERS AWARD Presented to William Veters and Alex Elia by Archbishop Michael Miller.
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