**ADVENT GIVING TREE:** Please return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached and put it in to the sleigh beside the Christmas Tree or bring to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday, December 12th.

**GROCERY GIFT CARDS:** There are also tags on the tree requesting Save On Foods $25 Gift Cards for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers. Please drop them off at the Parish Office before Dec. 19.

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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION**

As almost half of our PPC committee members are finishing up their term at the end of this 2017, we are looking for 3 elected positions and 2 appointed positions to be filled. Deadline is December 23rd.

**Requirements:**

In order to be considered for the ministry of PPC one must:

Be a baptized practicing Catholic of proven faith and sound morals

Have been a registered member of our parish for at least 2 years

Be a participant in the ongoing worship life of our parish, especially Sunday Eucharist

Be at least 18 years of age

The application and more information about the PPC are available for pickup at both entrances of the Church.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**2018 DONATION ENVELOPES** are available in the Church Foyer. Please pick up asap we need the space for the Christmas Nativity scene.

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**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES**

**CONFESSIONS ALL BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

- **Wednesday, Dec. 13th**
  St. Joachim & Ann, Aldergrove

- **Thursday, Dec. 14th**
  St. James, Abbotsford

- **Friday, Dec. 15th**
  St. Ann’s, Abbotsford

- **Saturday, Dec. 16th**
  Our Lady of Good Hope - 9:30 to 11:00am

- **Monday, Dec. 18th**
  St. Nicholas, Langley

- **Tuesday, Dec. 19th**
  St. Mary’s, Chilliwack

- **Tuesday, Dec. 19th**
  St. Anthony of Padua 6:00 pm

- **Wednesday, Dec. 20th**
  St. Joseph’s, Mission

- **Thursday, Dec. 21st**
  St. Joseph’s, Langley

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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.

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**This Week at St. Ann’s**

**Pancake Breakfast** will be prepared by our Knights of Columbus today, Sunday, December 10th after the 8 & 10am Masses.

**Chapel of Divine Mercy and Vespers** today, Sunday, December 10th 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.

**Mass Will Be Celebrated** at the Mayfair Seniors Home on Thursday, December 14th at 10:00 a.m.

**One Body in Christ Prayer Meeting:** Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joachim room.

**Review of the Basics If the Catholic Faith/Basic Christianity Initiation of Adults:** We will be using the SYMBOLON – THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED – a series used as the basis of small group discussions. To sign up contact adultfaith@stannabbotsford.ca for Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

**Mass Will Be Celebrated** at the Cottage Pavilion on Friday, December 15th at 4:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus’ Christmas Hampers: Please use the envelopes in your pews to donate next weekend December 16th & 17th. These donations help to defray expenses for purchasing the remaining gifts on the tree and buying food for the hampers.

Please make cheques payable to “St. Ann’s Parish” or put cash in the envelope with your name/address & envelope # for tax receipt purposes. Thank you.

St. Ann’s Catholic Community welcomes ANNELIESE NAVARRO who was received into the Catholic Faith in the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 19th, 2017.

St. Ann’s Preschool CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER PICK UP Day is Thursday, December 14th . THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

ENDOW Women’s Group Childcare Help Needed: We are looking for someone who can join our childcare team for their next study. If there are any women who enjoy working with young children, who might be able to volunteer their time for 2-4 hours a month (9:30-11:30 am every second Wednesday, February from the end of May, please contact Eileen (778 808-5748). Thank you

SWEENEY FAMILY SINGERS Present: “What Sweeter Music”

Monday, December 18th, 7:30 p.m. at St. James Church. Admission by Donation. Proceeds to benefit “Food for the Hungry” (fhcanada.org)

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of EDDA WAGNER whose funeral Mass was celebrated on December 1st.

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR DEC. 11TH TO DEC. 17TH, 2017**

**Monday 8:00am** Faye-Anne McCready, int.

**Tuesday 7:00pm** Beverley Lanigan, rip.

**Wednesday 8:00am** Lucy Kasonzny, int.

**Thursday 8:00am** Mari Noonan, int.

**Friday 8:00am** Valerie Gaudet, int.

**Saturday 9:00am** Edna Wagner, rip.

**5:00pm** Mark Toth, int.

**Sunday 8:00am** John Hanks, rip.

**10:00pm** Bernadette Robinson, rip.

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**JOURNEY DISCIPLESHIP COURSE**

This is a comprehensive course that incorporates prayer, providing in-depth discipleship and spiritual care with the goal of helping individuals experience Jesus in their relationships, sexuality and identity. Each evening consists of readings, prayer, teaching, and prayer in small groups. These gender-specific groups are safe places for bringing our struggles to God and each other. There are weekly reading assignments for reflection, study, and prayer.

Location: St. Ann’s Parish Centre

**Date:** January 11, 2018 – May 3, 2018

**Time:** Thursdays, 7:30 – 9:00pm

Cost: $550 early bird, $600 regular rate after December 11 (both rates include a non-refundable $25 application fee)

**Details:**

There are two day-long sessions (January 20 and April 7). Attendance is required at both in order to take the course.

**Early bird** Must receive your completed application and $25 application fee by December 11

**HOW CAN I APPLY?**

1. Email fraservale@journeycanada.org to request an application for the Abbotsford Journey Discipleship Course.

2. Submit your application and application fee, which can be paid:

- **Online via PayPal or Credit Card:** www.journeycanada.org/event-payment
- **By cheque made payable to “Journey Canada” and mailed to** 300 – 201 E 2nd Ave, Vancouver, BC, V5T 1B8

For more information, please contact JOURNEY CANADA at fraservale@journeycanada.org or 604-301-1470