

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**



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.

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

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

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

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

CHAPLET 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 /RITE OF CHRISTIAN 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@stannsabbotsford.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 **ANNELISE NAVARRO** who was received into the Catholic Faith in the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 19th, 2017.

St. Ann's Preschool **CHRISTMAS POINSETTA 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 their 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), from February to 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 **EDNA WAGNER** whose funeral Mass was celebrated on December 1st.

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

Monday	8:00am	Faye-Anne McCreedy, int.
Tuesday	7:00pm	Beverley Lanigan, rip.
Wednesday	8:00am	Lucy Kaszonyi, 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.
	10:00am	Bernadette Robinson, rip.
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JUNIOR YOUTH (GR. 5-7)

LifeTeen (Gr. 8-12)

Dec 16 - LifeTeen Christmas Party – 6-8pm

Join us as we celebrate the coming of Jesus in the season of Christmas! There will be games, food, and lots of fun! We will be playing Catholic Double Dare which combines trivia questions with fun (and potentially messy) physical challenges in the style of popular 90's game shows, like "Uh Oh" or "Double Dare." It is going to be an exciting game and we know you will have an amazing time! Bring comfortable clothes to change into after the 5pm Mass.

Open Lounge – All Ages

Dec 23 – 6-8pm

Come with the whole family to relax in our Youth Lounge and play some games! This is a drop in event so you don't have to be there the whole time, come for as long as you like!!

Youth Christmas Choir

Our Youth/Young Adult Choir is looking for new members - both instruments and singers! We are having Christmas Mass practices on Thursday's and Saturday's. Please contact Kirsten ven der Buhs for more information at youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca

BROKEN OR UNWANTED ROSARIES: **Prison Ministry** would like your unwanted or broken rosaries for inmates to use. Incomplete rosaries will be taken apart and re-made with additional beads. There is a yellow box in the church foyer where they can be left. Thank-you for your support. If you would like more info regarding Prison Ministry, please call Gabrielle Hoffer at 604-864-0745.



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 10TH, 2017

FEAST DAYS & READINGS
DEC 11TH TO DEC. 17TH, 2017

Monday	Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday-Our Lady of Guadalupe	Zechariah 2:10-13; Luke 1:39-47
Wednesday-St. Lucy	Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday-St. John of the Cross	Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15
Friday	Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48:1-4,9-11; Matt. 17:10-13
Sunday-3rd Sunday of Advent:	Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28

Making Sense of Anxiety in Children and Youth: Dr. Gordon Neufeld sheds light on the problem of the escalating level of anxiety in our children, and paves the way for natural interventions to get to the root causes as opposed to just managing symptoms. Although the focus is on children, the material will benefit anyone suffering from anxiety.

St. Ann's Family Group invites all parents and caregivers to this video course, facilitated by Kevin Bredeman, MA, on **Thursdays, January 11, 18, 25 and February 1, from 7-9 p.m.** at St. Ann's Parish. Cost is \$30/person. Register to reserve your spot. Childcare is available upon request for children 3+. For more details, e-mail: stannsfamilygroup@gmail.com or visit rcav.org/event/making-sense-of-anxiety.

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 worship, 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, 7:00 – 9:30pm**
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 fraservalley@journeycanada.org to request an application for the Abbotsford Journey Discipleship Course. Apply early because space is limited.
 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 – 291 E 2nd Ave, Vancouver, BC, V5T 1B8.
- For more information, please contact JOURNEY CANADA at fraservalley@journeycanada.org | 604-301-1470