1. What is Vocation?

From the discernment perspective, Vocation derives from the Latin and means a calling “Vocare”. It is a summons from God to His creatures to respond to His plan for their lives. Vocation can be divided into two categories: primary and secondary vocation. Primary vocation is the most important and universal call from the Father, who, “by a free and hidden plan of His own wisdom and goodness, created the whole world and all that is in it. His plan was to raise men to a participation in the divine life. Fallen in Adam, God the Father did not leave men to themselves, but ceaselessly offered help to salvation, in view of Christ, the Redeemer who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature. All the elect, before time began, the Father foreknew and pre-destined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that he should be the firstborn among many brethren.”

We must understand that our purpose in life is not here on earth but an eternal life in the eternal union of the love of the Trinity. We, “all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the vocation of a priestly, prophetic, and royal dignity of which Jesus Christ the Head of the Church is the model. The Christian is one who is called to be–single or married, religious or faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the firstborn among many brethren.”

1.1 Primary Calling

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<td><strong>ALPHA Final Night: Thursday, Nov. 23.</strong> For our final evening of Alpha we will be having a potluck dinner. Bring your favourite dish to share with friends. We will start at 6:30 pm as usual. The next Alpha Course will begin Jan 2018 on Saturday evenings. Contact Jody if you are interested in helping with the next Alpha program.</td>
<td><strong>HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: Sunday, Nov. 26th @ 3pm</strong> Fr. Rodney Nootebos will be speaking at all the Masses before Holy Hour. Mass will be celebrated, Sunday, November 26th at 4:00 p.m. in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital.</td>
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**This Week at St. Ann’s**

Mass will be celebrated at ASA Manor on Wednesday, November 22nd at 2:30 p.m. Communion Service will be held at the Mayfair Seniors home on Thursday, November 23rd at 10:00 a.m.

**Morning of Reflection for Men: Saturday, November 25th after morning Mass, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in St. Monica’s lounge.** Light breakfast available. For more info call zolton 604-226-3457.

**Holy Hour for Vocations: Sunday, Nov. 26th @ 3pm** Fr. Rodney Nootebos will be speaking at all the Masses before Holy Hour. Mass will be celebrated, Sunday, November 26th at 4:00 p.m. in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital.

**CHOIR: Come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord at the 10am Masses through Advent and the Christmas Season.** Aimee and the choir will be practicing on Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm, just before the 7:00pm Mass. You are personally invited and encouraged to join us in song. There’s a place for you in the choir...and also a pew.

**RCIA for this year will begin regular classes on November 30th. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and considering becoming Catholic they should contact Jody Garneau in the RCIA office to arrange an interview (604-852-5602 ext. 227) or email adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca**

**Great Opportunity to Support the Work of Pro-Life**

Christmas cards with traditional Christmas themes to help keep Christ in Christmas will be available after all Masses November 19 & 26. These quality cards are at the great price of $0.80 for a pack of 10 cards. All proceeds will go toward the educational work of LIFE CANADA. For info, or to order, contact Anna Wauthy at 604-852-6198. Your support is much appreciated!

**Advent Candies are for sale in the bookstore! Sets of beewax Advent candles (3 purple, 1 rose) available for $18 a set. Advent starts December 3.**

**Junior Youth (Gr. 5-7)**

Nov 25 – Dig Up Your Gifts - 6:30p.m

**We are part of the greatest story of all time, the story of salvation. Christ’s victory through His Life, Death, and Resurrection, are what give our lives definitive meaning when understood altogether. When we read the Scripture, Jesus does not want us to stay at a distance, as a story in the past, but rather to come alive as a person in the present.**

**Wanted: Youth Choir Members**

Our youth choir which plays at the 5pm Saturday Youth Mass is looking for members, especially singers! If you or anyone you know would like to join and help us out please contact Kirsten at youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca. We meet for practice at 4pm on Saturday and will be starting to have weekday practices as we approach the Christmas season.

**Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Dinner and Awards: Saturday, December 2nd in the Parish Centre. Tickets for sale after all Masses and at the Parish Office.**

**St. Ann’s Meals for Moms**

Community building is at the heart of St. Ann’s parish and we are pleased to introduce a new initiative called, Meals for Moms. Meals for Moms is an outreach program designed to support new and existing mothers with a meal drop off schedule.

Those eligible are:

- **Mother: Who have just given birth mothers who have adopted an infant mothers who have experienced pregnancy loss (through miscarriage, still birth, etc.)**

Our hope is that through this initiative, we will be able to support mothers by providing them with a home cooked meal every second day for the first week postpartum.

In order for this outreach program to be a success, we need your help! We understand that some of you may not in a position to cook a meal, but we are also hoping to provide mothers with some new knitted baby clothes or baby blankets. These can be dropped off at parish office.

We need volunteers who can:

- **Pray for this new initiative**
- **Cook a meal**
- **Pick up/drop off meal**
- **Knit baby clothes**
- **Bake**

Write a “Congratulations” card

If you would like to volunteer by cooking a meal, or if you are an expecting mother, please contact Elisabeth Wauthy at mothersupport@stannsabbotsford.ca. Please join us in working together to become a Christ-centered community of missionary disciples!

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

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Last chance (Nov. 20th) to register for COPY PAINT. Date: November 30th from 7:30pm - 9:30pm. Snack provided. $45 per person.

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 Jesus Christ. We each strive to share our gifts within and beyond the parish for the glory of God.

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