

1. WHAT IS VOCATION?

1.1 Primary Calling

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 them. Vocations 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. His plan was to raise men to a participation of the divine life. Fallen in Adam, God the Father did not leave men to themselves, but ceaselessly offered helps 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 unity of the love of the Trinity. We, "all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity" Therefore regardless of who we are – single or married, religious or lay faithful – all are called primarily to a participation of our lives in the Trinity. It is a calling of living our spiritual relationship in a person of man created. It is a supernatural journey to God.

Looking through the lenses of psychology and spirituality of human development, Christian spiritual experience is an encounter between God and man. It is a dialogue initiated by God through his grace as a gift and responded by man. It is a respond not to an unknown content but to a precise purpose of what God wants us to be. We, "all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity." This fullness of Christian spiritual life is the profound meeting of two persons: Christ and the individual. In the psychological language this meeting can be seen as the encounter of the Objective Values of Jesus Christ and the Subjective Values of the individual. To have a genuine respond to the Objective Values which is God, man needs to assimilate this objective pole by making his actual values, needs, affections, attitudes, and his motivation the same as the Values of Christ. This can also be called Self-transcendence. An individual fails to respond to God authentically when he embraces one pole and ignores the other. Fr. Imoda describes this situation as an immature Christian.

A Christian is called to live an authentic life that is being what he says he is. He comes to this authenticity through a process that will help him to integrate the two poles and lead him to self-transcendence. According to Lonergan, the transcendental method is the scheme that everyone puts into action in the Cognitive decisional process. It is an intentional and conscious development through four stages: experiencing, understanding, affirming, and deciding. Through these stages of development an individual will go through different types of transcendent: egocentric, philanthropic, and theocentric. The path of self-transcendence involves the whole person: his mind, will, heart, body, soul, etc. When this whole person reaches out to the others and assimilates toward the objective pole, he enters into a new horizon that makes him to accommodate and change. The term that Lonergan uses for this change is conversion: intellectual, moral, and religious.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MASS will be celebrated at MSA 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.**

ALPHA FINAL NIGHT: **Thursday, Nov 23.** 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.

MASS will be celebrated at the Menno Hospital Chapel on **Friday, November 24th 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.** Joanne 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 ex. 227) or email adultfaith@stannsabbotford.ca These classes would also be recommended for anyone who has not completed their sacraments (holy communion or confirmation) and wishes to do so. We also welcome those who want to be involved in Faith Formation through RCIA as sponsors, hosts, and helpers. We will meet on Thursday evenings for the remainder of the school year.

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 \$8.00 for a pack of 10 cards. All proceeds will go toward the educational work of LIFECANADA. For info, or to order, contact Anna Wauthy at 604-852-6198. Your support is much appreciated!

ADVENT CANDLES are for sale in the bookstore! Sets of beeswax Advent candles (3 purple, 1 rose) available for \$18 a set. Advent starts December 3.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOV 20TH TO NOV 26TH, 2017

Monday	8:00am	Tony Streiling, rip.
Tuesday	7:00pm	George Sinclair, rip.
Wednesday	8:00am	Dionisia Limbo, rip.
Thursday	8:00am	Dec. mem Bauer Family
Friday	8:00am	Tome Scott, rip.
Saturday	9:00am	Thomas McFarlane, rip.
	5:00pm	Dec. relatives & friends of Turra Fam
Sunday	8:00am	Sylvia & Walter Podovinnikoff, rip.
	10:00am	Angie & Mike Legal, int.
	Noon	Intentions for the Parish

Junior Youth (Gr. 5-7)

Nov 25 – Dig Up Your Gifts - 6-8pm

Through the parable of the 3 servants Jesus teaches us the importance of sharing our gifts with others. Jesus asks for an accounting of our talents and how they are used. What have we done with the gifts God has given us? Let us use them wisely rather than hiding them away.

LifeTeen (Gr. 8-12)

Dec 2 – Triumphant Light – 6-8pm

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@stannsabbotford.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. **\$20 pp.** Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Open to all parishioners.

FEAST DAYS & READINGS NOV 20TH TO NOV 26TH, 2017

Monday
1 Macc. 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-64; Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday-Presentation of the Virgin Mary
2 Macc. 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday-St. Cecilia
2 Macc. 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28

Thursday
1 Macc. 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44

Friday-St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
1 Macc. 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48

Saturday
1 Macc. 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40

Sunday—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17; 1 Cor. 15:20-26,28; Matthew 25:31-46



In order for this outreach program to be a success, we need your help! We understand that some of you may not be 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 "Congratulatory" card

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

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Last chance (Nov. 20th) to register for **YOU CAN PAINT.** Date: **November 30th from 7-9pm \$45pp**



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.