**Why are we Called to Pray for the Dead?**

The souls in Purgatory are completely engaged with the beautiful life in Heaven, yet difficult cleansing of themselves, to be made pure and whole for their eternal destiny. 

**What do we Light Candles?**

Candles have been used in Christian worship since the beginning, through the community turns for spiritual nourishment at the table of the Most Holy Sacrament. Candles have been burning since ancient times, as a way of extending our prayer and showing solidarity with the soul for whom the prayer is offered. For these reasons, Christians all over the world and throughout history have been placing candles on family graves. It is especially appropriate to do this during the Season of All Saints and during the month of November to pray for the deceased.

**Is a Funeral Mass Really Necessary?**

Yes! The Catholic Church is constantly reminding us of the dignity of the human person’s body becomes a tabernacle carrying our Lord; and even in death we believe that someday the body will be reunited with the soul and become a glorified body for all eternity. The human body is therefore a vessel destined for unimaginable glory and eternal happiness, and as such is worthy of noble treatment here on earth, even after death. For these reasons, a Catholic funeral service has a beautiful form and set of guidelines to uphold and celebrate this dignity.

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Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Alfred Buhr, father of Carol Ellis who passed away last week.

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**This Week at St. Ann’s**

**MSS**

will be celebrated at Bevan Village on Tuesday, November 7th at 10:00 a.m.

**Mass**

will be celebrated at the Mayfair Seniors Home on Thursday, November 9th at 10:00 a.m.

**Hispanic Mass**

will be celebrated on Saturday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m. Reception to follow in Parish Centre.

**Pancake Breakfast**

will be prepared by our Knights of Columbus on Sunday, November 12th after the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses.

**Chapel of Divine Mercy and Vispers**

on Sunday, November 12th 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.

**Holy Hour for Vocations**

Sunday, November 26th @ 3pm

St. Ann’s will be hosting an Archdiocesan Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. All are welcome to join Fr. Rodney Nootens, Director of Vocations and Seminarians, in an hour of prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, asking Him, with one voice as a parish, to “send forth your servants into the harvest.”

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**Family Bowling**:

Sunday, November 26th @ 130–3:30 PM

At Galaxy Bowl on Simon Avenue; Bowling & shoe rental is free. RSVP to John Galay at 604-853-0746 by November 20th. Limited space so reserve early. Please bring a non perishable food item for St. Vincent de Paul Society. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

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**You Can Paint This!**

**November 30th, 7-9PM**

$45PP/Price includes a glass of wine, 1 12 x 16 canvas and supplies. Come join us for a fun evening with friends, wine, and painting of a Nativity scene perfect for the Christmas Season. Register at the Parish Office by November 20th. This is a fundraiser for St. Ann’s Preschool.

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**MSS Intentions for November**

**NOV 6TH TO NOV 12TH, 2017**

**Monday**

8:00am Dec. relatives & friends of Sartor fam.

7:00pm Martin Lanigan, rip.

10:00am Dennis Loepky, rip.

8:00pm Shirley Bourque, rip.

**Friday**

8:00am Fr. John McCarthy, Int.

9:00am Johanna Arts, rip.

5:00pm Francesco Bottiglione, rip.

10:00am Intentions for the Parish

**Saturday**

9:00am Nicholas Goodman, rip.

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**New Adult Catechumens (R.C.I.A.)**

Our youth choir which plays at the 5pm Saturday Youth Mass is looking for new Adult Catechumens (R.C.I.A.) for the 2017-18 Mass Intention for the Parish

Shirley Bourque, rip.

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**Feast Days & Readings**

**Nov 6th to Nov 12th, 2017**

**Monday**

Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14

**Tuesday**

Romans 12:5-16a; Luke 14:15-24

**Wednesday**

Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33

**Thursday**

Dedication of Lateran Basilica Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12; John 2:13-22

**Friday**

St. Leo

Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8

**Saturday**

St. Martin of Tours


**Sunday**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

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**LifeTeen (Gr. 8-12)**

**Nov 18 – Illumination – 6PM**

In the Old Testament, God makes promises to humanity. God keeps these promises even when humanity fails to be faithful to Him. This points us to God’s covenant with us fulfilled in Jesus. When we doubt God’s promise we can look to Sacred Scripture to the stories of those who believed and their promise was realised. We can always return to the Eucharist to be present to God’s promise fulfilled to us today.

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

**Nov 11 – Leaders Who Serve – 6PM**

Jesus tells us to forget about titles and status and rather focus on serving others. We are challenged to be leaders who serve rather than leaders who are served.

Wanted: Youth Choir Members

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**2 Events Coming Up at Westminster Abbey**

1) On Saturday, November 18th, Westminster Abbey and the Seminary of Christ the King will host Cristina Barba and the Culture Project team for two free talks. These recent college grads bring a youthful and vibrant message: life is beautiful and fully human when it integrates chastity and virtuous choices! The talks at the Abbey are entitled “Culture & Virtue: Challenging the Status Quo” (10:15 – 11:45 a.m.) and “The Culture Project: On How to Be Beautiful & Saints” (1:30 to 3:15 p.m.). For more information see “Latest News” on www.wcb.ca or call 604-826-8975.

2) “Come Away with me” WOMEN’S RETREAT, Westminster Abbey Mission, Friday Feb 9th 7pm – Sunday Feb 11th 4pm 2018. Speaker: Sr Floyhn Catgalina OSA. Celebrant Fr Joseph Hguanan. Focus “Finding JOY through God’s Mercy.” Space is limited; please register by Nov 20th for early rate, $185. Standard rate $200 includes private room and 5 meals. Contact Joanne Moore at 604 946 2922 – email mcgowan@dccnet.com or Linda Dixon 604 946 7268, email gfdtd@eastlink.ca

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**Annual Mass for Deceased Bishops, Clergy and Consecrated Men and Women**

Will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Thursday, November 9th at 12 noon. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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**Today** The Catholic Women’s League of Canada (CWL) is holding a membership drive for new members. Look for members at the back of the church who will answer your questions, or call Bev Katchmer (Council President ) at 604-557-0399 for more information about the CWL and its activities in this parish.

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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.