

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 12TH, 2017

WHY ARE WE CALLED TO PRAY FOR THE DEAD?

The souls in Purgatory are completely engaged with the beautiful yet difficult cleansing of themselves, to be made pure and whole for life in Heaven, and there are no "shortcuts" for them to access for themselves in this process (we have plenty on earth – the sacraments, spiritual devotions, indulgences, etc.). Also, each person's degree of purgation will match the degree to which they have sinned – just as in a legal system the severity of jail time is supposed to "match" the severity of the crime – and in this way justice is achieved. However, in God's infinite mercy, He allows the Church Militant (you and I) to "pay the debt" of each other's sins through our sacrifices of prayer, fasting, and especially the Mass. This grace extends to the suffering souls in Purgatory, and in this way we can lessen their suffering and speed their entry into Heaven.

WHAT IS PURGATORY?

Imagine you've skipped across a tar field to arrive on the other side, where Jesus in all His love and mercy and goodness is awaiting you with open arms. When you get there, however, you find that your clothes are filthy and you desire to be made clean before embracing Beauty himself. The condition in which you are purged of this filth (i.e., the stain of sin) is called Purgatory. It involves great suffering because burning shame and deep remorse are painful; when Peter betrayed Jesus, the Lord turned and met his gaze, and Peter "went out and began to weep bitterly" (Luke 23: 60-62). However, Purgatory should most of all be understood as a profound expression of God's love; it is His way of making it possible for us to be with Him "as the pure and unstained souls He had meant us to be from the beginning", allowing us to become truly ourselves. Therefore, for the souls in Purgatory, a deep-rooted joy pervades all of their suffering – it is the joy of knowing that they are securely destined for Heaven.

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@stannsabbotsford.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.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: **Sunday, Nov. 26th @ 3pm**

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH. Morning Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND VESPERS 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.

OUTREACH MEETING: **Wednesday, November 15th, 9:00 a.m.** in St. Joachim room.

MASS will be celebrated at the Cottage Pavilion on **Friday, November 17th at 4:00 p.m.**

MASS FOR DECEASED WIDOWS & SPOUSES of the **Single Rose Group** will be celebrated on **Saturday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m.** We will join the CWL members in St. Joachim room for refreshments following the Mass.

CWL – the regular monthly meeting of St. Ann's CWL will be held on **Saturday, November 18th, 2017** following the morning Mass. This is a very special meeting as elections will be held and we will have a fun fundraiser Auction. Please bring very gently used items to be auctioned and help our council replenish our coffers. All ladies of the Parish are welcome and a light breakfast will be served. Please note: there will not be any nominations accepted from the floor. Any questions? Call or email Bev Katchmer @604-557-0309/katchmer@telus.net

FAMILY BOWLING: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH
1:30 – 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**.

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.** 

A BIG THANK YOU to our coordinators Juana & Angela Veters for all their time and effort spent to make our Christmas Market an event that our parish and community enjoy coming to, to shop, eat and visit. A comment made by several visitors was that our Market is so homey and welcoming. We would like to acknowledge and thank the following: our ladies who visited many businesses and collected generous donations for our Silent Auction and gift baskets, the many donors to our event, our decorators who made it a Christmas wonderland, our ethnic groups & K of C who cooked up delicious entrees for our Cafe, to all our bakers for their delicious treats, to all our volunteers, our shoppers and everyone who contributed to this year's fundraiser.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOV 13TH TO NOV 19TH, 2017

Monday 9:00am Dec. mem. Of Schuck family
Tuesday 7:00pm Sabina Doll, rip.
Wednesday 8:00am Christopher Peat, rip.
Thursday 8:00am Rodney van Stellingwerff, rip.
Friday 8:00am Zachary & Annie Olinerchuk, rip.
Saturday 9:00am Dec. spouses and former widows of the Single Rose group
5:00pm Dec. mem. of Fran Fredette family
Sunday 8:00am Intentions for the Parish
10:00am Angelina Domino, rip.
Noon Deodata Arruda, rip.

LifeTeen (Gr. 8-12)

Nov 18 – Illumination – 6-8pm

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 realized. 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 – 6-8pm

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

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 Saturdays 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 today (next 2 weekends) and at the Parish Office. **\$20 pp.** Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Open to all parishioners. 

FEAST DAYS & READINGS NOV 13TH TO NOV 19TH, 2017

Monday Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday Wisdom 2:23—3:9; Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19
Thursday Wisdom 7:22—8:1; Luke 17:20-25
Friday-St. Elizabeth of Hungary Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37
Saturday Wisdom 18:14-16;19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8
Sunday—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Proverbs 31:10-13,16-18,20,26,28-31++; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

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's who have just given birth
- Families who have adopted an infant
- Mother's 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 ever second day for

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.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR: November 24th, 4-9pm & Nov. 25th, 9am-4, at Sts Joachim & Ann Parish Hall. Local crafters & artisans. Chili supper Friday (veggie & meat). Perogies, soup & sandwiches on Saturday. Free Face painting & Santa visit.

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.

