

There will be 2 MASSES ON ALL SOULS DAY, November 2nd—8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WHAT IS "THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS"?

The "communion of saints" that we profess in the Apostle's and Nicene creeds, is also known as "the Church" - that is, the Church in its whole entirety, which has three parts: 1) the faithful on earth; 2) those who have died and are now being purified in Purgatory; 3) the blessed in Heaven. We are one entity, or "body", and Jesus is the head. Therefore, the successes and the failures of each individual person affects the whole body, which is mystically connected. This is why our prayers for each other, our prayers for the suffering souls in Purgatory, and the saints in Heaven who pray for us - these prayers actually work! They really draw forth grace from God's merciful heart, to have an actual effect on souls.

WHAT IS HOLY SOULS?

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This season begins with the *Hallowtide Triduum*, which consists of All Hallows' Eve (Halloween), All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day. During the entire month we pray for the souls of those who have died, especially those whom we have known and loved. Remembering them, praying for them, and giving thanks for them, pleases God, who makes use of our prayers to help purify these souls in Purgatory that He loves.

WHO ARE THE "HOLY SOULS"?

In Catholic terms, the words *holy souls* refer to the souls in Purgatory. These are souls who have died in a state of God's grace and friendship. They are guaranteed eternal salvation in Heaven, and are therefore "holy", but because they are imperfect they need to undergo a period of purification before they are adequately prepared to enter the bliss of Heaven.

WHAT IS AN INDULGENCE?

Every sin, even little ones, and even ones that have been forgiven through confession, indicate an unhealthy attachment to something other than God, and this must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. The Church recognizes our need in this area, and so lovingly offers us pathways to speedily purify that spiritual consequence here on earth, called *indulgences*. We can obtain an indulgence for ourselves, or on behalf of the souls in Purgatory (which is made possible through the *communion of saints*).

During the season of Holy Souls, we can obtain a full indulgence (a.k.a., a *plenary* indulgence) on behalf of a soul in Purgatory, by devoutly visiting a cemetery during November 1st - 8th (it is a partial indulgence during other days of the year) to pray for the dead. In order to access this indulgence on behalf of a soul in Purgatory, your own soul must be adequately prepared by receiving the sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion (within several days of visiting the cemetery), and by spending a little time praying for the intentions of the Pope (one Our Father and Hail Mary is a good minimum), which expresses our unity with the Church. We can give no greater gift to a loved one who has passed away!



THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING: **Thursday, November 2nd, 7:00 p.m.** in St. Peter's room.

First Friday ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held on **Friday, November 3rd** after morning Mass, ending with Prayers for Vocations at 6:30 p.m., Benediction at 6:45 p.m. and then Mass at 7:00 p.m. Please come and spend some quiet time with our Lord in prayer and thanksgiving.



K4J WILL BEGIN AGAIN IN JANUARY 2018.

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**. **Limited space so reserve early.** Please bring a non perishable food item for St. Vincent de Paul Society. **Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus**



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.**

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 - 11:40 a.m.**) and "The Culture Project: On How to Be Human (& Saints)" (**1:30 to 3:15 p.m.**). For more information see "Latest News" on www.sck.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 Flolyn Catungal OSA. Celebrant Fr Joseph Hieu Nguyen. **Finding 'JOY' through God's Mercy.** Space is limited; **please register by Nov 20th 2017** for early rate, \$185.00. Standard rate \$200.00. Includes private room and 5 meals Contact Joanne McGowan 604 946 2932 - email mcgowan@dccnet.com or Linda Dixon 604 946 7268, email gldsd@eastlink.ca

PRAY WITH US THIS NOVEMBER: A Holy Souls 30-Day Prayer Guide is available online at rcav.org to assist you with prayers and devotions throughout the season. We also have the actual **prayer books available** on the white cupboard in church foyer.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR OCT 30TH TO NOV 5TH, 2017

Monday
8:00am Fe Ilomin, rip.

Tuesday
7:00pm Sylvia & Walter Podovinnikoff, rip.

Wednesday
8:00am Mark Toth, int.

Thursday
8:00am Souls of the Faithful Departed
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Friday
8:00am Henry van Stellingwerff, rip.
7:00pm Jack Walls, rip.

Saturday
9:00am Dec. members Legion of Mary
5:00pm Cynthia Brenner, rip.

Sunday
8:00am Sofia & Adam Tomaszewski, rip.
10:00am Anna Schurmann, rip.
Noon Intentions for the Parish

LIFE TEEN (Gr. 8-12)

November 4th - Cancelled due to Christmas Market and Spirit Day. The event "Catholic Double Dare" will be postponed to become part of the Christmas Party. Come see us in the Youth Lounge during the Christmas Market and enjoy the awesome games.



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 Saturday and will be starting to have weekday practices as we approach the Christmas season.

ALL SAINTS PARTY: SAVE THE DATE -(For Ages 12 and under)

St. Ann's will be hosting their annual All Saints Party on **Wednesday, November 1st from 6:30pm - 8:00pm**. Come dressed as a Saint and join us for some awesome themed games. Costume ideas will be available on the Youth Ministry Bulletin Board soon. It's **FREE** to join so come on out and have a great time!! There will be candy grab bags and some awesome Saint themed games! Of course this event would not be possible without the many volunteers it takes to run it! Anyone in Grade 7 and up is welcome to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Kirsten ven der Buhs by email: youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca

FEAST DAYS & READINGS OCT 30TH TO NOV 5TH, 2017

Monday
Romans 8:11-17+; Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday
Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday-All Saints
Rev. 7:2-4,9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12a

Thursday-All Souls

Friday
Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6

Saturday-St. Charles Borromeo
Romans 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29; Luke 14:1,7-11

Sunday-31st Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Malachi 1:14-1-2; 2,8-10; 1 Thess. 2:7-9, 13; Matt. 23:1-12



ST. ANN'S CHRISTMAS MARKET
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 4-9PM
SATURDAY, 4TH, 9AM-4PM

SIGN-UP BOARDS for Volunteers are set up in Church Foyer and Parish Centre. Please share some of your time for our parish fundraiser.

Time to start **baking ladies/gents. Christmas goodies** are the best sellers along with a variety of **cookies and tarts** to freeze for Christmas company. **BAKE SALE**



Homemade **bread, cakes and pies** are also pleasers. **Muffins** always tasty with a cup a coffee/tea. Containers are available at parish office.

For the really hungry, we are proud to present for this weekend's menu:

~Friday night dinner of Filipino favourites.

~Saturday breakfast of bacon/ham and egg served by our Knights of Columbus.

~Saturday lunch of International cuisine including mouth-watering Indian, American, Ukrainian, and Korean dishes.

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS, CLERGY AND CONSECRATED MEN AND WOMEN will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral on **Thursday, November 9th at 12:00 noon**. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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.