

**The Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini
Bishop and Founder—A PORTRAIT**

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I. Lovable Dignity

"He who lives from faith not only loves God, but feels impelled to make others love him.... Hence the fever of saints to sacrifice their whole selves for the salvation of souls. And hence those wonders of charity and zeal that we read about in their lives and that call forth the admiration of every age. The zeal of God's glory consumed them, never letting them rest for a single instant" (Pastoral Letter of 1877).

Fr. Francesconi's very complete biography of Bishop John Baptist Scalabrini may leave us with two apparently contradictory reactions. On the one hand, we are left with the impression of being almost overwhelmed by the sheer magnitude of a figure who left such a strong mark on the history of Italy as well as the Church; who traveled the length and breadth of his far-flung and almost inaccessible diocese in five pastoral visits, like some member of the land commission; who sifted like a gold digger through the boundless regions entrusted to his missionaries in North America and Brazil; who held three synods, founded two missionary congregations, licensed the publication of reviews, held congresses, and had a decisive influence on Italian legislation on migration; and who succeeded in the titanic task of restoring his city's cathedral. On the other hand, we are somewhat surprised by the style of this great man who would often come out onto a walkway overlooking the cathedral, to be able to gaze from the Bishop's house at the Most Blessed Sacrament through a small window in the apse; who left a will asking to be buried with the elements for the celebration of Mass; who helped himself in the recitation of the psalms with pieces of paper marked "to be kept in the breviary"; and who died murmuring short prayers like the humblest of Christians.

However, if we reflect a little, we can see that his special quality lies precisely in this mingling of greatness and littleness, and that this is what uplifts our spirit as we contemplate him.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MOM'S & TOTS is now underway on **Monday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30am** at St. Monica's lounge.

MASS will be celebrated today, **Sunday, September 23rd at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will be held on **Tuesday, September 25th at 7:45 p.m., St. Monica's Room.** Those members who were elected, appointed or representing a group (school or otherwise) are requested to please attend the meeting.

MASS will be celebrated at MSA Manor on **Wednesday, September 26th at 2:30 p.m.**

COMMUNION SERVICE will be celebrated at Mayfair on **Thursday, September 27th at 10:00 a.m.**

MASS will be celebrated at the Menno Hospital Chapel on **Friday, September 28th at 10:00 a.m.**

PREP CLASSES is now going on **Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.** Registration is still acceptable. Print the registration form from the parish web site.

RCIA CLASSES are on **Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m.** in St. Monica's lounge. This is for people interested in learning more about the Faith, adults who want to complete their sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation or joining the Catholic church. No registration fee. More parishioners are also needed to be hosts and hostesses and possible sponsors. Contact Jody through the Office or e-mail: adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY: It isn't too late to register for the Theology of the Body class (**Thursdays at 7 pm**). Read the actual text and understand what Pope St. John Paul II gave to the church in this teaching. Fr. Alan Boisclair will be with us for 11 weeks to help guide you through the reading of the text. Register: call: 604.683.0281 ext. 50237 or tob@rcav.org

ONE BODY IN CHRIST PRAISE & WORSHIP MEETING: **Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** in St. Joachim room.

BELOVED MARRIAGE COURSE

Come join the Family Group for this worthwhile date night opportunity - "Wine and Cheese with your Beloved." We are watching the Beloved: Living Marriage series. Late registrations are welcome for the final two sessions: **October 19th and November 16th.** Cost: \$15 per person. Time: 7-9 p.m. (doors open at 6:45 p.m.) Our final night will include dinner. Childcare is available for those who may need it.

For more information and to register please email us at stannsfamilygroup@gmail.com.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

SVdP will have a table to collect non-perishable food and other items suited for the Christmas Hampers at the Christmas Market. Collected items will be packaged and will be distributed around Christmas time to people in need.

**Mass Intentions for
Sept 24th to Sept 30, 2018**

Monday	8:00am	Gladys Redmond, rip.
Tuesday	7:00pm	Lina Co, rip.
Wednesday	8:00am	Antonio Turra, rip.
Thursday	8:00am	Dec. Mem. St Ann's St. Vincent de Paul Society, rip.
Friday	8:00am	Peter Duggan, rip.
Saturday	9:00am	Jaime Nubla, rit.
	5:00pm	Gavin Toth, int.
Sunday	8:00am	Helmut Glawischnig, rip.
	10:00am	Intentions of the parish
	Noon	Patricia & Osvaldo Manetti, rip

**Feast Days & Readings
Sept 24th to Sept 30th, 2018**

Monday	Prov. 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday	Prov. 21:1-6,10-13; Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday St. John de Brebeauf & St. Isaac Jogues	Rev. 7:9-17; 2 Cor. 4:7-15 Luke 9:23-26
Thursday— St. Vincent de Paul	Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
Friday	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke. 9:18-22
Saturday-Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and Archangels	Rev. 12:17-12a; John 1:47-51
Sunday—26th Sunday in O. T.:	Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

DO YOU NEED A HAIRCUT?

Jima Aldiban, the mother of our refugee family, has just started a new job as a hairstylist, and she is in need of clients. Please join us in supporting her on this new and exciting adventure.

Book your haircut with her at **HairMasters** (walk-ins are welcome) **604-855-3553; 1201 Sumas Way, Unit 104 (near Winners)**

**ST. ANN'S
CHRISTMAS MARKET
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND 4-9PM & SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 3RD 9AM-4PM**

Tables available \$45 each

Registration forms available at Parish Office window

So far we have a wonderful assortment of creations & small businesses to attract your attention: Colouring calendars, bead work, knitted items, Christmas ornaments, jewelry, Watkins, Scentsy, baby items, Epicure, homemade chocolates, baked goods, jellies, jams, antipasto, syrups, St. Florine Soaps, handsewn items, handbags, Pampered Chef, Lipsense, Nativity pieces in wood and glass, Pink Zebra scented sprinkles, arrowheads & Sweetlegs soft leggings.

Calling all YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS & ARTISTS (ages 16 & under): We have a few tables especially for you to sell your handmade goods at our **Christmas Market**. Cost is \$5 for half a round table. Registration forms available at the Parish Office window ledge.

PRE-SCHOOL— The great little coupon books are back. Please buy one or more to support St. Ann's pre-school. Sister Vicky will be

**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2018**

Life Chain 2018 is happening Sunday, Sept. 30, 1:30-2:30pm. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life. It is an opportunity for the Christian Churches of all denominations in Abbotsford to join together for one hour to quietly, prayerfully, and lovingly proclaim to our community that God and His Church support the sanctity of human life and care about women and children affected by abortion. If your church plans to attend and where to get signs, please contact Emily at arpafraservalleyeast@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry Open Lounge (All Ages)

September 29th 6pm-8pm

Come check out the youth lounge, play some awesome games and find out what Youth Ministry at St. Ann's has to offer.

Youth Alpha (Grades 5-12)

Starting October 6th at 6pm

Looking for volunteers. Contact Kirsten ven der Buhs at youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca for details.

Registration opening next week. More information to come.

**FALL FASHION SHOW & TEA
Saturday, October 6th, 2pm
St Ann's Parish Centre**

**Tickets: \$10—Available at Parish Office
Hosted by St. Ann's CWL**



CHALICE is honoured to be one of three Canadian charities invited to participate in Grant Thornton's Campus Charity Contest. The Grant Thornton contest web page permits and encourages every person to vote once per day until **the deadline of October 12**. The charity who receives the most votes will receive a generous **\$10,000 donation!**

<https://www.grantthornton.ca/en/careers/students-and-recent-graduates/make-a-difference/>

If you or a family member would like a **VISIT or to RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS while in the hospital or at home**, please contact the Parish Office at 604-852-5602. We have 3 lay people and a deacon who visit the hospital on Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. each week. If anointing is required please phone the office for a visit from one of our priests. Thank you.