

For the next several weeks there will be information regarding the meaning of Halloween, Holy Souls, Triduum, Indulgences, Funerals and Scattering.

WHAT IS HALLOWEEN REALLY ALL ABOUT?

The term *Halloween* comes from *All Hallows' Eve*. A 'hallow' is a saint, and therefore this celebration is the anticipation of All Saints' Day (also known historically as *Hallowmas*), which is always celebrated on November 1st. The purpose of **All Hallows' Eve** is to prepare ourselves for All Saints' Day (much in the way that Christmas Eve is meant to help us, in a special way, prepare for Christmas). You can help prepare yourself in several ways: prayer, spiritual devotions, and attending a prayer vigil held at your local parish or Catholic cemetery (and celebrating with a bit of free candy doesn't hurt too). But what are we preparing for? What is All Saints' Day really all about?

All Saints' Day is a joyful celebration in honour of all the saints, known and unknown. We believe there is a prayerful spiritual bond between those in heaven and those living on earth. You can celebrate this beautiful day by attending Mass, reconnecting with one or two of your favorite saints in prayer, learning about a new saint, and also by the regular way we celebrate – with good food and loving relationships all around you!

All Saints' Day is always followed by **All Souls' Day**, also known as *The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed* (the third day of the Hallowtide Triduum), which is November 2nd. This is a day of prayer for those who have died. Catholics are encouraged to visit one of their Catholic cemeteries to pray for the faithful departed, to remember them, and to give thanks. An All Souls' Day Mass is often celebrated at your local parish or Catholic cemetery.

ARE GHOSTS REAL?

This is a difficult and mysterious question to answer, and the Catholic Church has not articulated a definitive position on it, but Fr. Gabriele Amorth, who was the full-time exorcist of the Diocese of Rome for over thirty years, wrote this: "There are no good spirits other than angels; there are no evil spirits other than demons. . . . God allows a [human] soul to return to earth only in very rare, exceptional cases, but we recognize that this subject is still full of unknowns."

Several of these exceptional cases have been documented, many of which appear in the lives of the saints. The life and works of St. Nicholas of Tolentino, for example, provides several examples, such as the following:

On a particular Saturday night as Nicholas lay down trying to sleep, he heard the voice of Fra Pellegrino of Osimo, a deceased friar whom he had known personally. The friar revealed to Nicholas that he was in purgatory and he begged Nicholas to offer Mass and pray for his soul and the many other Holy Souls to be set free. For a whole week Nicholas every day followed this request and was rewarded with a second vision of Fra Pellegrino who gave thanks and assured Nicholas that a great deal of souls were now enjoying the heavenly presence of God through his prayers.

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

TEA AND TOTS with Sr Suzana resumes on **Monday mornings from 9 - 10:30 am** in St. Monica's lounge.

UNDERSTANDING DOMESTIC ABUSE: St. Ann's CWL is hosting a presentation, by Domestic Abuse Services, on **Tuesday, October 17th** in St. Monica's lounge following the evening Mass. This presentation is directed to young people over 16 years of age and adults who are interested in learning more about domestic abuse. Risk factors that lead to domestic abuse and warning signs to be aware of will be covered. Ways to support the victim and options for getting help will be covered along with the work of the Domestic Abuse Society. This presentation will have important information that everyone should be aware of as well as being very valuable if you have concerns about the safety of someone you love. Refreshments will be served.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING **Tuesday, October 17th, 8:00 p.m.** in St. Joachim room.

PARISH OUTREACH MEETING: Wednesday, October 18th at 9:00 a.m. in St. Joachim room. Would you like to bring a smile to someone or be a friend to Shut-ins? Come join us for snacks, coffee, and some social time with our members.

MASS will be celebrated at the Cottage Pavilion on **Friday, October 20th at 4:00 p.m.**

CAREGIVER COFFEE HOUR on **Saturday, October 21, 10 am - 11 am.** We will meet in St Monica's Lounge. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

The regular **CWL MONTHLY MEETING** will be held on **Saturday, October 21st, 2017 at 10 a.m.** in the gym following the morning Mass. Sr. Suzana Tairo and Iris Vlaka will give a presentation on their recent trip to Tanzania. Please join us for this very special event. All ladies of the parish are invited.

The **CWL White Ribbon Campaign** will take place at all four Masses on October 21st and 22nd. Please join the CWL in our campaign against **pornography** by wearing a white ribbon and signing the large White Ribbon which will be sent to our Federal Government. Your voice needs to be heard.

The **SCREENING OF OVER 18** will take place on **Saturday, October 21st at 7pm** in the Parish Centre. Our hope in hosting this screening is to open up the conversation around pornography addiction in our community and families. We also want to equip people with tools and resources to both protect their kids from harmful sexual content online as well as help those struggling with pornography addiction themselves. You can view the trailer for the documentary at www.over18doc.com. This is suitable for parents, teachers, and other adults concerned about the future and our children. For more information contact Jody Garneau at adultfaith@stannabbotsford.ca.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR OCT 16TH TO OCT 22ND, 2017

Monday	8:00am	Dr. Catherine Walls, int.
Tuesday	7:00pm	Mr. Sukie Ghag, rip.
Wednesday	8:00am	Brian & Eilish Hagan, int.
Thursday	8:00am	Peter Kaszonyi, rip.
Friday	8:00am	Teresa Carrao, int.
Saturday	9:00am	Matija Humar, rip.
	5:00pm	Therese Brassard, rip.
Sunday	8:00am	Miranda Podovinnikoff, int.
	10:00am	Intentions for the Parish
	Noon	Kirthi Weeratunge, rip.

Junior Youth (Gr.5-7)

Oct 14 – Don't Be a Wild Grape - 6-8pm

How is your harvest? Are you a fruitful grape that gives much or a wild grape that does not? In this night we will look at how God has called us to use our gifts that He has given us, in order that we may lovingly care for the Kingdom of God.



LifeTeen (Gr. 8-12)

Oct 21 – Carry the Fire - 6-8pm

The Church has accurately passed down the unfolding story of salvation through Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture. This deposit of faith is guarded by the Church, through retaining all divinely inspired books and keeping out inaccurate books. We are called to continue this work and carry the fire of Christ through the Good News to those in our lives.

A **TRAINING SESSION** for **Lectors (at 10:00 a.m.) & Eucharistic Ministers (at 11:00 a.m.)** on **Saturday, October 28th** after the 9:00 Mass (starting at 10:00).

ALPHA will be held on **Friday, October 20th, next week**, as the Advokate Fundraising Dinner is on the Thursday evening and many of our members will be attending it.

FR. ROB GALEA CONCERT at St. James Church on **Sunday, November 12th, 2:30 to 4:30pm**. Tickets include combined event with Advent Reflections with Fr. Tony Ricard on **Friday, November 24th from 7-9pm**. Tickets \$20pp at St. Ann's Parish Office.

FEAST DAYS & READINGS OCT 16TH TO OCT 22ND, 2017

Monday-St. Marguerite D'Youville
Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday-St. Ignatius of Antioch
Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday-St. Luke
2 Timothy 4:9-17a; Luke 10:1-9

Thursday
Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54

Friday
Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7

Saturday
Romans 4:13,16-18; Luke 12:8-12

Sunday–29th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5-5ab; Matthew 22:15-21



Don't have a lot of extra time to share but still want to **contribute** to our **ST ANN'S CHRISTMAS MARKET?** The following items are **still needed**. Any item(s) that you can **bring to the parish office by October 17th** would be greatly appreciated!

*Lard – not shortening (15lbs), Flour (12kgs), Butter (4 lbs), monetary donations gratefully accepted to pay for 60 lbs. of pork

*Receiving blanket x 3, Small soft toy, Baby nail clippers. Baby bibs, Baby toy, Baby accessories

*Pasta Spoon, Pasta bowl, Coffee, Coffee mug, Box of Tea x 2, Tea cup, Biscuits (cookies), Bottles of water (24), Pop Cans x 20 Cases of Assorted Flavours

*Tickets for a movie, Bottle of wine, Fancy soap, Loofa, Pedicure tools, Body brush

*Hunting book or Magazine, Fishing line, Fishing items

*Colouring book (girl), Activity book (boy), Pack of markers x 2, Fancy gel pens, Art supplies, Sidewalk chalk

November 3rd and 4th - the place to be is at St Ann's Christmas Market. Our Youth Lounge will be open through the market! Inside you will find: A Wii Golf Tournament, billiards, foosball, darts, board/card games and an in-suite concession. The room is intended for those in Grades 5-12 but those young at heart probably won't get turned away :) Don't miss it!

On the weekend of **November 3 - 5**, there will be a **VOCATION LIVE-IN** for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.

MIGRANT WORKER DONATIONS: We ask you to please put your name on all boxes or bags of clothing etc. that you drop off at the Parish Centre so Mary Phillips knows who has donated these items. Thank you.

St. Ann's Catholic Community welcomes **THERESA VO & AUGUST ROSAL** who were received into the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, October 8th, 2017.

