

**BLESSED JOHN SCALABRINI AND DEVOTIONS TO THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT—Frequent and daily Communion**

*The extract speaks of frequent - indeed, daily - communion, with an openness that foreshadows Pius IX (to whom Scalabrini sent the acts of the Eucharistic synod). Communion is not a prize, but a necessity, and in order to have access to it, it is enough to be in the grace of God, without demanding an "extraordinary purity of mind."*

Eucharistic devotion requires that in each parish a considerable number of people should take communion several times a month; others several times a week; and others every day. Where this frequency is not found, even the most essential part of Christianity gradually languishes and fades because it lacks life.

Communion is the spring from which the soul draws the water that wells up to eternal life; it is the place where its wounds are healed; it is, in a word, the principle and end of that union with God raised to the highest power and brought to that highest degree of perfection that can be hoped for in the present order. If the Word of God was united personally with human nature in the incarnation, it is united even more so to our personality in communion. In this way, he divinizes our essence, Christianizing, so to speak, our individual being; and his union with us has as its emblem the same one that transforms food into the substance of the body that eats it. So those who take communion, as a holy doctor wrote, have Jesus in their minds, hearts, breasts, eyes and tongue. This Savior corrects, purifies and vivifies everything. He loves in the heart, understands in the mind, imparts strength in the breast, sees in the eyes, speaks by means of the tongue, and moves every other power. He works all things in all people, and they no longer live in themselves, but is the Word of God who lives in them, setting nobler and higher aims and purer and more perfect motives for their actions.

As you can see, my loved ones, there is nothing beyond this union but heaven. So when the divine substance is conjoined with ours, if God were to transform our understanding into his and our will into his love in the same proportion, then we would see him clearly and love him with the love of the blessed. Now, what else is this if not eternal life?

Take communion, I shall now say to all of you, my very dearest children, take communion often, and you will find all you need. If you lack help, Jesus is strength; if you fear death, he is life; if you desire heaven, he is the way that leads there; if you flee the shadows, he is light; if you seek your food, he is the living bread; so taste how sweet is the Lord. However, so far as you are able, let your life be such as to be worthy of receiving the holy Eucharist each day. Come to Jesus with purity of mind, heart and body, and with the firm intention of never offending him again. Urge yourselves to the liveliest acts of faith, humility, hope and love before receiving him in your breast, and, after receiving him, stay with him for a long time, thanking him for every good thing. Then I am sure that you will always leave the Eucharistic table better, and more disposed and ready to walk to the eternal pastures in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd.

**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** Monday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30am in St. Monica's lounge.

**ATTENTION all widows and single women of St. Anns community:** You are invited to join the Single Rose bus trip to HARRISON HOT SPRINGS on **Tuesday, October 23rd** leaving from church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Only \$15pp. Enjoy a soak in the hot pool, stroll along the beach, shop for end of season bargains or just enjoy the fall colours. **HURRY! ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT.** Sandra 778.808.7393

**MASS** will be celebrated at MSA Manor on **Wednesday, October 24th at 2:30 p.m.**

**COMMUNION SERVICE** will be held on **Thursday, October 25th, 10:00 a.m.** at The Mayfair Seniors Home.

**RCIA CLASSES: Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** in St. Monica's lounge.

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

**MASS** will be celebrated at the Menno Hospital Chapel on **Friday, October 26th at 10:00 a.m.**



**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**

- 1) **CALLING ALL CRAFTERS:** St. Ann's table is in need of some crafts to sell. We are looking for knitting, crocheting, sewing, beading items or whatever your Craft interest is.
- 2) Tourtiere meat pie making bee on **Tuesday, October 23rd, 9:00 a.m.** in the Parish Centre kitchen. Please bring your rolling pins.
- 3) Notice: **Hall set up time will be at 7:00 p.m.** rather than 7:45 pm.
- 4) For those people on **Facebook**, please share St. Ann's Christmas Market event's page with all your Facebook friends.
- 5) Looking for a volunteer(s) to put some signs up around town. Please contact the Office.
- 6) 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. Homemade **bread, cakes and pies** are also pleasers. **Muffins**  always tasty with a cup of coffee/tea. Containers are available at Parish Office.

\*\*\*

**2nd Collection for the TANZANIAN HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER** next weekend on **October 27th & 28th.** Envelopes are in the pews today.

**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO ST. ANN'S PARISH**



**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 21ST, 2018**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR OCT 22ND TO OCT 28TH, 2018**

<b>Monday</b>	8:00am	Barbara Dowding, int.
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00pm	Jose Carrao, rip.
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00am	Ed O'Reilly, rip.
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00am	Michael Sarau, int.
<b>Friday</b>	8:00am	Thomas McFaralane, rip.
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am	Alvin Lambrecht, rip.
	5:00pm	Henry Jelinski, rip.
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am	Intentions for the Parish
	10:00am	Angelina Domino, rip.
	Noon	Christopher Peat, rip.

**FEAST DAYS & READINGS OCT 22ND TO OCT 28TH, 2018**

<b>Monday-St. John Paul II</b>	Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ephesians 3:1-12++; Luke 12:39-48
<b>Thursday</b>	Ephesians 3:13-21++; Luke 12:49-53
<b>Friday</b>	Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59
<b>Saturday</b>	Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9
<b>Sunday—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time:</b>	Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

\*\*\*



Invites all parishioners and Knights to attend. Admittance \$5.00pp and will be refunded back to the Knights of Columbus at the end of the show. Just mention Knights of Columbus or St Ann's Parish at the ticket office.

\*\*\*

**St. Ann's Meals for Moms program:** If you are an expectant mother please contact: MothersatSt.Ann@gmail.com

\*\*\*

**St. James Parish— 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER** on **Saturday, November 17, 2018.** Its neighbouring parish in Abbotsford, St. Ann's, has kindly offered its Parish Centre as the venue for this Gala Dinner. His Grace, Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, will be in attendance. Tables for 8 people can be reserved but only if a FULL table is purchased – part tables cannot be reserved. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and will be available in early October from the St. James parish office – telephone 604-864-8800. For more information, please call Monica Roddis (Chair, Parish Pastoral Council). Telephone: 604-853-7985. Email: monicamary@shaw.ca

\*\*\*

**VISIT LEAVENWORTH, WA.** — a full day-trip on **Saturday, December 1st.** You can experience how Leavenworth becomes a magical Bavarian village at its Christmas best. Tickets are \$90 per person for roundtrip by motor coach. The bus will leave **St. James Parish parking lot at 6:30am** and return by **11:30pm.** Everyone must have a valid Passport or Nexus pass to cross the border. For more information, please contact Rosalina Cole at 604-859-8465. Book your seats before October 31st.

\*\*\*

**CALLING ALL TEENS:** Yes! It's true! LIFE TEEN is back at **St James.** Teens are invited to come and join us for an enjoyable evening of making friends and socializing with munchies and beverages aplenty. And, of course, Faith Enrichment! Come join the seminarians, the coordinator and the core team for an awesome evening! We start after the 6:30 Mass at 7:30.

**CWL SISTERS,** we are preparing for the Parish Christmas Market. If you have an item to donate for our Chocolate & Spa Basket, please bring it to the Parish Office during business hours before October 26th. The containers are there for you to take for your homemade baking donations as well. Thank you for what you can do!

\*\*\*

Archbishop Miller has designated the proceeds of the **7TH ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER** to help the Archdiocese meet the costs of its intensive and comprehensive formation program for our future permanent deacons, along with the continuing education of those already ordained. There are still **2 seats** available at the Parish Table on **Wednesday, October 30th** at the Hyatt Regency. Seats are paid for but a donation is expected towards this fundraiser. Please call Parish Office to reserve your seat.

\*\*\*

**St. James & St. Ann's School MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER:** Come and watch **Incredibles 2** on our big 16x9 Movie Screen on **Friday, October 26th** in the school gym. Doors & Concession Open at **5:30pm** and movie starts at **6:00pm.** \$5 per person or \$25 per family. For movie review: <https://www.pluggedin.ca/movie-reviews/incredibles-2-2018>



\*\*\*

Attention all seniors: You are cordially invited to **St. John Brebeuf SENIORS' TEA** on **Thursday, November 8th.** We will begin in the gym with a Remembrance Day Service at **10:30 a.m.** This will be followed by a light lunch in the library from approximately 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Please R.S.V.P.** to SJB at (604) 855-0571 by **November 6.** We look forward to seeing you all.

