Our Mission Statement:

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**Attention all Youth ages 9-14yr**: It’s time again for our annual Knights of Columbus Council 6767 BASKETBALL FREE THROW COMPETITION. This fun event takes place on Monday, February 19th at 9:00 am at St. Ann’s Elementary gymnasium. Starting time is 2:30 pm, but late comers will still be able to throw. Each competitor will get three warmup shots, followed by 15 throws from the free-throw line (12 ft for ages 9-11 and 15ft for 12-14). Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the top three of each age and gender. A great time, fueled by enthusiasm and sportsmanship, is had by all participants. This event usually lasts between 1 to 1.5hrs. For questions please call Gord Delong at 604-556-6243 or Sue Zanana. ***

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- **ST. ANN’S PRESCHUL** is now accepting registrations for September 2018-2019. Packages are available at the Parish Office.
- **Come to our OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION on Sunday, February 18th between 9am & 2pm**

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**Youth Alpha Schedule**

- **Monday evenings at 6:30pm**
- **Tuesday nights at 7:30pm**
- **Wednesday afternoons at 3:30pm**

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**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND VESPERS** today, February 11th 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.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting** Tuesday, February 13th at 8:00 p.m. in St. Joachim room.

**ASH WEDNESDAY Masses** celebrated at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

**One Body in Christ Prayer Meeting** Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joachim room.

**Mass** will be celebrated at the Cottage Pavilion on Friday, February 16th at 4:00 p.m.

**CWL General Meeting** Saturday, February 17th at 10:00 a.m. in the gym.

**Welcome All Kids** ages 3 to 5 and children from grades 1 to 4 to our Kids for Jesus Program held on Saturday, December 1st from 10:00am-12:00pm in St. Joachim room.

**K4I (Kids for Jesus) Program needs a MUSIC VOLUNTEER** for a minimum of 15 mins per session to teach the kids some interactive songs/hymns for their age group. K4I meets on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month, except July & August. We would love to add a musical dimension to our sessions. Please contact Roslyn at 604- 556-6243 or Sue Zanana. ***

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We witnessed the **RITE OF ACCEPTANCE** for our RCIA catechumens last week at 10:00 am Mass. Please pray for: Maury Farrington, Sam Riddell, Meyer, Steve Neilon, Jaehaeng Kim, and Hyunjung Youn. We welcomed candidates Ross McLeod and Shannon White who are coming into full communion with the Catholic Church. Next weekend they will attend the Rite of Election at Holy Rosary Cathedral.

**The Holy Season of Lent**:

As we begin this season of preparation on Wednesday, February 14th, Ash Wednesday, the Church reminds us of our need to intensify our spiritual lives with increased prayer, fasting and almsgiving so that we may better celebrate the fullness of our communal faith, namely the Easter message—Christ suffered, died, and rose for the salvation of every person. Therefore, in order to unify ourselves with what Christ did in the desert to spiritually prepare his redemptive mission for forty days and forty nights, it is important that we are all clear with what the Church asks of its members with regards to penance.

The forms of penance that are asked other than personal sacrifices are fasting and abstinence which are to be observed on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.

**Fasting** requires Catholics from 18 to 60 years old. The Church defines as a first as regular meal and two smaller meals that do not exceed the amount of a regular meal; and no snacks.

**Abstinence** requires Catholics from 14 years of age and up to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays in honour of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Two Masses will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday:

- **8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

**Stations of the Cross** will be held as follows:

1) **Monday mornings after 8:00 a.m.**

2) **Wednesday mornings after 8:00 a.m.**

3) **Every Friday evening at 6:30 p.m.- priest led**

4) **Every Friday during Lent there will be 2 Masses celebrated at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. –Confessions at 6:00 p.m.**

5) **First Fridays during Lent: Mass at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.—Confessions at 6:00 p.m., Benediction at 6:30 p.m.**

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