

**Philanthropic Stage / Psycho-social / Illumination**

An unexpected purification came when the war between the Communist from the North and the Republic from the South ended on April 30, 1975. The Communist officially took control of the whole country. John's father who was a politician for the Republic in the South went in hiding and avoided concentration camp. When his parents recognized the danger, they decided to leave everything behind, packed the essentials, and took the children to a rice farm in the Southern part of Vietnam near the *Mekong River*. There they changed their names and lived on God's providence.

A senior couple who had an empty dilapidated home on their farm allowed the family to temporarily use it. They started a new life all over again. In the desolation of not able to keep their identities, to go to school, to go to Church, they began to doubt the love of God. John's family lived in fear of the communists, fear of how they could find food for the next day, fear of being arrested, fear of losing their love ones, fear of losing their own lives.

Everyday John's task was to go with his brothers to catch fish or to go into the forest to trap birds for food. His sister would walk along the river to find vegetation. His mother and father scattered through fields to collect unwanted rice stocks. It was a time where they were in hunger and thirst; in cold and nakedness; in labour and weariness; in persecutions and many reproaches. However, it was in these circumstances that John learned the meaning of detachment. That life was more than just what he could gain and accumulate. He discovered happiness was not only to fulfill his wants, but instead it was what he can do for others.

It was when they were "strip naked" of their lives that they realized the needs of others and how others also needed them. The activities became actions and behaviour toward others. "The motivation force behind these behaviours is the awareness of our own limitations and our insufficiency as persons, which makes us aware of our need for others."

What was important to John of his *actual-self: manifest self, latent self, and social self* were stripped away. What he was considered to be his values, needs, motivations, affections were all robbed by the communist. But through this purging John grew through a *Moral Conversion* that "changes the criterion of [his] decisions and choices from satisfactions to values, even for value against satisfaction when value and satisfaction conflict."

During the difficult time hiding from the communist, John had different responsibilities with his family to support his parents to keep the family together. He began to shift his values toward *Institutional ideal*. Here it was "the demands of the role of what the institution proposes to [him]; so it is the total of the expectations, demands and requests others make on [him]." At this period, what become important to John were family bond, education, freedom, and faith. His *Ideal-self* or more particular his *personal ideal* was to become a good self-giving person with an education to help and free those who are suffering in his country. Obviously the dialectic between these personal *ideal-self* and his actual circumstances self-made it hard to come to realization because of the limitation created by the Communists. John was not free.

5. A. CENCINI – A. MANENTI, A, *Psychology and formation: Structures and Dynamic*, 21.  
6. B. LONERGAN, *Method in Theology*, 240.  
7. A. CENCINI – A. MANENTI, *Psychology and formation: Structures and Dynamic*, 175.

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**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**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: **Tuesday, January 23rd at 7:45 p.m.** in St. Monica's lounge.

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

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

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

MASS will be celebrated at the Menno Hospital Chapel on **Friday, Jan. 26th at 10:00 a.m.** (May be cancelled due to flu outbreak)

There will be a 2ND COLLECTION next weekend, **January 27th & 28th** towards the **Syrian Family Fund**.

**Refugee Family is Due to Arrive early February.** We are looking for a 2 or 3 bedroom suite to house the family of 3 boys aged 8, 13 and 14 and their two parents. It would be ideal if they could move in around February 15th or March 1st. Also, if anyone knows of employment opportunities we would love to hear about them.

If you are able to help with either housing or employment please contact either Fr. Hien or Ken at 604-614-0087.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**  
"Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power"

**Tuesday, January 23rd, 12:15 pm**  
St. Ann's Catholic  
33333 Mayfair Avenue  
"Let us look to the interest of others."

**Wednesday, Jan. 24, 12:15 pm**  
Trinity Christian Reformed  
3215 Trethewey Street  
"Hope and Healing"

**Thursday, Jan 25, 12:15 pm**  
Trinity Memorial United  
33737 George Ferguson Way  
"He will gather the dispersed...from the four corners of the earth."

All services will be followed by a light lunch.  
**Donations at all events are designated for the Abbotsford Food Bank and Puerto Rican Hurricane Relief.**



His relationship with God at this time was not consistent. God to him was more of an *Intuition ideal* because for John He was more of a set of "do-s and don't-s". He was the God that John met when he was able to go to Church with his family or the God that he talked to when it came to family prayer time. John manipulated his God and loves Him when what he asked was being answered and hated Him when things were not going well. It was dialectic between the subjective "me" and the objective God that John wanted to be in control and not God. The *actual self* was still dominating in John.  
To be continue next week

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JAN. 22ND TO JAN. 28TH, 2018

- Monday**  
8:00am Portia Cabalum, int.
  - Tuesday**  
7:00pm Mary Lena van Stellingwerff, rip.
  - Wednesday**  
8:00am Jose Tan, rip.
  - Thursday**  
8:00am John & Jenny Newell, int.
  - Friday**  
8:00am Denis MacInnis, rip.
  - Saturday**  
9:00am Edith Czerwinski, int.  
5:00pm Peter Booth, rip.
  - Sunday**  
8:00am Navarro Family int.  
10:00am Miriam Binding, int.  
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FEAST DAYS & READINGS JAN. 22ND TO JAN. 28TH, 2018

- Monday**  
2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30
- Tuesday**  
2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35
- Wednesday-St. Francis de Sales**  
2 Samuel 7:1-17+; Mark 4:1-20
- Thursday-Conversion of St. Paul**  
Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18
- Friday-St. Timothy & St. Titus**  
2 Timothy 1:1-8; Luke 10:1-9
- Saturday**  
2 Sam. 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41
- Sunday-4th Sunday in Ordinary Time:**  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

**WHO AM I? Workshop** with Fr. John McCarthy: **Feb 10, 11, 12, 13** at the Spirit of Formation House in Langley. If you are interested for the BC Family Long Weekend then let Fr John know. For more info, email: [jmccarthy@rcav.org](mailto:jmccarthy@rcav.org)

**MEN'S SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT. March 16-18.** Total cost is \$230 Canadian. Retreat is Westminster Abbey, Mission, BC. This is a silent retreat designed for spiritual discernment and formation. Everyone will have the opportunity for confession and spiritual direction with the priests of Miles Christi from San Diego, CA. Email [adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca](mailto:adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca) for a registration form.

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**St. Ann's CWL** cordially invite all Ladies of the Parish to join them for the "Gifted by His Grace" RETREAT on **Saturday, March 3rd, beginning with Mass at 9am and retreat from 10am to 3pm.** Tickets are \$10 (includes morning coffee and lunch). Available at the Parish Office.

Guest speakers include: **Colleen Roy** who writes for the "Home Front" column in the B.C. Catholic. Topic: "Gifted by His Grace"; **Kathy Ross**, who has a Wholeness Practice (Body, Mind and Spirit) will speak on, "Discovering the peace within us, and the deeper peace that God gives us". **Fr. Ajin**, our Chaplin, will also be speaking to us on the day's retreat topic. Come and fill your hearts with us!

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**Knights of Columbus - Chief Dan George Assembly** invites you to their

**21ST ANNUAL WINTER GALA DINNER**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, ST. ANN'S PARISH CENTRE**

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets: \$20 pp (Parish Office)  
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Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **MARIE VAN PRATTENBURG** whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, January 24th at 11:00 a.m.** & **RUBENIA DIAZ** whose funeral was Thursday, January 18th.



Funeral Mass for **LOUISA CLOZZA** will be celebrated on **Wednesday, January 24th at 9:00 a.m.** at **St. Joseph's, Mission.**

**ALPHA:** Register now for the Alpha for Everyone!

**LAUNCH PARTY: January 27 – 6 pm** in the gym at St Ann's.

Be sure to reserve your seat for Alpha starting next weekend: Saturday January 27. It begins at 6 pm after the evening Mass with dinner and then conversation. If you enjoy meeting new people, making friends, and discussing new things, this is for you!

There are spots open for adults, teens, school age children, and the small children's babysitting – but you need to let us know you are coming. Cost is: FREE. Go online at [www.stannsabbotsford.ca](http://www.stannsabbotsford.ca) or find the forms at the back of the church – or email [alpha@stannsabbotsford.ca](mailto:alpha@stannsabbotsford.ca)

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**YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES**

**January 20th - Open Lounge (Gr. 5-7 & Gr. 8-12)**

Come join us in our awesome new Youth Lounge! Enjoy some snacks and the various activities we have around the room (including billiards, foosball, air hockey, cards and more).

**Starting January 27th – Youth Alpha (Gr. 5-7 & Gr. 8-12)**

Youth Alpha focuses on our personal relationship with God and our faith and is a wonderful program for anyone wishing to develop a deeper connection. The program will run weekly at our normal time on Saturdays from 6-8pm. Alpha (for 18+, Parents, grandparents, etc) will also run at the same time (Contact Jody Garneau regarding the adult program and babysitting). Dinner is provided and there no cost to attend! This would be a wonderful experience for the whole family and I highly encourage you to join us. **We will be dividing the youth into age groups for videos, discussions, games, and more.** Contact Kirsten at [youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca](mailto:youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca) for more information.

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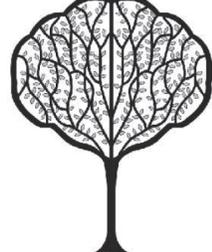
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