

A FOCUS ON VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Secondary Calling (continuation of Vocation's reflection by Fr. Hien)

Secondary vocation, although less important than the first, is also a call from God. In this secondary call, we are invited by God to live a single or married life here on earth to respond to the *primary call* which is the participation in the divine life. From the single state of life we have different types: consecrated, religious men and women, priest, and single. The other state of life is married.

It is important to note that no matter what states in life we cooperate with God - whether choosing to live a single or married life, we are responsible to partake in God's life and His salvation plan for us. For example, a priest – a secondary vocation – lives the priestly life to respond to the primary vocation, a call to live eternally with God.

A religious sister or brother – a secondary vocation – lives the consecrated life in responding to the primary call, to participate in the divine life. A married couple – a secondary vocation - lives as husband and wife and parent to respond to the first call, to share their lives in God's.

A vocation is totally different from an occupation. An occupation is a job that helps a person to make a living whereas a vocation is a life the person lives.

Let's take as an example our parents. Their vocation is to live out their married life, but their jobs – an essential part of their lives – are what they do to make money to support the family. Our parents, (mother or father) could be a pilot, a police officer, a doctor, etc. The job is part of the person, and it belongs to the mother or father as an adjective to a noun, an accident to a substance, or in this case an occupation to a vocation.

Parents, who live a *secondary vocation* of marriage, have many different jobs in their lives. Part of their vocation is to feed the children, to change diapers, to educate their kid in the faith and life, etc. The *secondary vocation* of a priest and part of the vocation is to celebrate Mass, anoint the sick, baptize, bring God's forgiveness and mercy to sinners, etc. However, as for a job, he can be working at the office at the chancery to recruit more men and women to enter the life of the priesthood or religious.

These explanations will give some clarity in the discerning and help to distinguish the priority of vocations and what predicates to them.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: *Tuesday, January 9th at 8:00 p.m.* in St. Joachim room.

PREP CLASSES BEGIN: *Wednesday, January 10th at 6:30 p.m.*

MASS will be celebrated at the Mayfair Seniors Home on *Thursday, January 11th at 10:00 a.m.*

RCIA begins again on *Thursday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m.* in St. Monica's lounge. Topic: Who is Jesus? Join us if you are interested.

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

MASS will be celebrated at Maplewood House on *Friday, January 12th at 4:00 p.m.*

HISPANIC MASS will be celebrated on *Saturday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m.* Reception to follow in the Parish Centre.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be prepared by the Knights of Columbus on *Sunday, January 14th* after the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Abbotsford, January 18 - 25, 2018

"Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power"

Thursday, Jan. 18, 12:15 pm

St. Matthew Anglican
2010 Guilford Drive

"You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

Friday, Jan. 19, 12:15 pm

Emmanuel Mennonite
3471 Clearbrook Road

"No longer as a slave but a beloved brother."

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.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR JAN. 8TH TO JAN. 14TH, 2018

Monday

8:00am Jean Pilla, rip.

Tuesday

7:00pm Joseph Deba, rip.

Wednesday

8:00am Maria Fitzgerald, int.

Thursday

8:00am Jerry Supeene, rip.

Friday

8:00am Annie O'Reilly, rip.

Saturday

9:00am Elizabeth Lim, int.
5:00pm Dec. mem. Larry Brenner Family

Sunday

8:00am Leo & Iris Vlaka, int.
10:00am Intentions for the Parish
Noon Anthony Turra, int.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND VESPERS on Sunday, January 14th 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.

JOURNEY DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

This is a comprehensive course that incorporates prayer, providing in-depth discipleship and spiritual care with the goal of helping individuals experience Jesus in their relationships, sexuality and identity. Each evening consists of worship, teaching, and prayer in small groups. These gender-specific groups are safe places for bringing our struggles to God and each other. There are weekly reading assignments for reflection, study, and prayer.

Location: **St. Ann's Parish Centre—St. Peter's room**

Date: **January 25th – May 17th, 2018**

Time: **Thursdays, 7:00 – 9:30pm**

Cost: \$600 (rate includes a non-refundable \$25 application fee)

Details: There are two day-long sessions (February 3rd & April 21st). Attendance is required at both in order to take the course. Email fraservalley@journeycanada.org to request an application for the Abbotsford Journey Discipleship Course.

Submit your application and fee:

- Online via PayPal or Credit Card: www.journeycanada.org/event-payment
- or by cheque made payable to "Journey Canada" and mailed to 300 – 291 E 2nd Ave, Vancouver, BC, V5T 1B8.

For more information, please contact JOURNEY CANADA at fraservalley@journeycanada.org or call 604-301-1470.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7TH, 2018

FEAST DAYS & READINGS JAN. 8TH TO JAN. 14TH, 2018

Monday-Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Mark 1:7-11

Tuesday
1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday
1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20; Mark 1:29-39

Thursday
1 Samuel 4:1c-11; Mark 1:40-45

Friday-St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22a; Mark 2:1-12

Saturday
1 Samuel 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1a; Mark 2:13-17

Sunday—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

ST. ANN'S MEALS FOR MOMS

This is an outreach program designed to support new and existing mothers with a meal drop off schedule (for mothers who have just given birth, have experienced pregnancy loss, or have adopted).

Our hope is that through this initiative, we will be able to support families by providing them with a home cooked meal (or take-out) ever second day for the first two weeks postpartum.

We need volunteers who can:

- Pray for this new initiative
- Cook a meal
- Pick up/drop off meals
- Knit baby clothes

If you would like to volunteer by cooking a meal, or if you are an expecting mother, please contact:

mothersatst.ann@gmail.com

New knitted baby clothes/blankets may be dropped off at the parish office.

MAKING SENSE OF ANXIETY IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH

***Course starts this Thursday. There are still spots available.**

St. Ann's Family Group invites all parents and caregivers to this video course, facilitated by Kevin Bredeman, MA, on Thursdays, Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish. Cost is \$30/person. Register to reserve your spot. Childcare is available upon request for children 3+. For more details, e-mail stannsfamilygroup@gmail.com or visit rcav.org/event/making-sense-of-anxiety.

ALPHA: Registration starts this week (**Saturdays Jan 27 to April 21**). The link for online registration can be found on the parish website: stannsabbotsford.ca or email alpha@stannsabbotsford.ca or find a paper form at the back of the church to turn in for registration.

HOPE FOR WOMEN PREGNANCY SERVICES, Abbotsford's only Crisis Pregnancy Centre, is looking for an experienced and passionate educator to give direction to SHIFT, our public school sexual health program. To apply or for more information please email info@advokate.ca.

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 information, Email: jmccarthy@rcav.org

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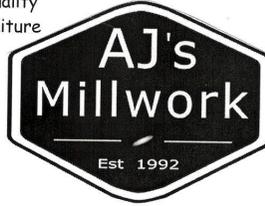
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