22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2018

August 30th, 2018

Dear Parishioners

A new School Year is about to start, so joy, expectations, goals and excitement is on the air. Installation Mass is a beautiful ceremony that speaks about the Church's mission and vision. Archbishop Miller gets a chance to meet the Parish community and preside over it in faith, while the role of a Pastor is explained through words and ministry.

At the beginning of this mandate, a Biblical Passage from Luke's Gospel comes to mind: *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind and to set free those who are oppressed."* (Lk. 4:18)

I see it as a mission statement, as a reminder of the Pastor's role. First of all, Pastors are 'sent' on a mission; not a personal one, but the Church's. We bring the power of the Sacraments and a ministry of service, so that inspired by the Gospels the poor and abandoned are always the priority of her mission. The Church's message is one of joy and hope. It is a good news that proclaims liberty, grace and breaking of chains.

Let me, then, motivate you to embark as a community on this faith adventure. Catechesis Programs will soon start. May faith be molded in our children's minds and hearts. Parish groups will continue to meet: may they grow in number and in deeds of charity. Celebrating the Sacraments is a sure way of nurturing our souls, hearing God's Word in liturgical contexts and allowing it to brightly shine in our lives. Through Parish activities, may we build a sense of community, mutual trust and support so that God's image is always respected and honored.

With God's grace, I really wish to *be a loving father, a gentle shepherd and a wise teacher* to all.

United in prayer, I sign.

Fr. Eduardo

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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd. Mass will be celebrated that morning at 9:00 am.

This Week at St. Ann's

PREP REGISTRATIONS will be accepted from **10am to 2pm today**, and **Wednesday September 5th from 5-7pm** by the Parish Office. ***NEW*** Tap debit and credit cards accepted! Last chance to register and avoid Late Registration fees.
Looking for **Volunteers** to help in the classrooms, ages 14+ . Contact Jennifer via email: prep@stannsabbotsford.ca
Start date TBA.

MASS will be celebrated at Bevan Village on ***Tuesday, September 4th at 10:00 a.m.***

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING: ***Thursday, September 6th at 7:00 p.m.*** in St. Peter's room.

ONE BODY IN CHRIST PRAISE & WORSHIP MEETING: ***Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.*** in St. Monica's Lounge.

First Friday ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held on ***Friday, September 7th*** after morning Mass, ending with Prayers for Vocations at 6:30 p.m., Benediction at 6:45 p.m. and then Mass at 7:00 p.m. Please come and spend some quiet time with our Lord in prayer and thanksgiving.

HISPANIC MASS will be celebrated on ***Saturday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m.*** Reception to follow in the Parish Centre.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be prepared by our Knights of Columbus on ***Sunday, September 9th*** after the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses.

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THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CLASS **at St. Ann's Parish.**
Thursdays, 7-9:15 pm Sept 13- Nov 29 with Fr Alan Boisclair
Come and discover God's Plan for Life

- Discover human nature as the "Gift of Self" in our relationship with God and one another.
- Discover holiness intimately connected with human nature.
- Discover how the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist, redeems human nature.
- Discover what this tells us about life on earth and Eternal Life with God.

Before September 5: $80 **After September 5:** $90
Includes the textbook, "Man and Woman He Created Them — A Theology of the Body."
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Register: Ministry of Theology of the Body: 604.683.0281 ext. 50237 or tob@rcav.org

FALL FASHION SHOW & TEA
Saturday, October 6th, 2pm
St Ann's Parish Centre
Tickets: $10—Available at Parish Office
Hosted by St. Ann's CWL

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPT 3RD TO SEPT 9TH, 2018

Monday
9:00am Valerie Vergeer, rip.

Tuesday
7:00pm Tony Katchmer, int.

Wednesday
8:00am Mary Gordon, rip.

Thursday
8:00am Lucio Sammy Sarau, rip.

Friday
8:00am David Wozniak, rip.
7:00pm Chris & Jayme-Dawn McKinnon int.

Saturday
9:00am Sr. Elizabeth De Guzman, int.
5:00pm Jaime Nubla, rip.

Sunday
8:00am Sofia & Adam Tomaszewski, rip.
10:00am Intentions for the parish
Noon Irene Walls, int.

FEAST DAYS & READINGS SEPT 3RD TO SEPT 9TH, 2018

Monday-St. Gregory
1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday
1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44

Thursday
1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11

Friday
1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39

Saturday-Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rom. 8:28-30; Matt. 1:1-16,18-23

Sunday–23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

MINISTRY FAIR: ***September 8-9***
Next weekend St. Ann's will be holding a Ministry Fair. Come and see the variety of groups and ministries active in our parish! Learn more about them and find out how you can be involved! Join us in the Gym after all the Masses. For more info contact Kirsten ven der Buhs at youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca.

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St. James and St. Ann's School: Annual Carnival-Style Fundraiser "FUN NIGHT" ***Friday, September 14th...4:30-7:30pm.*** Enjoy midway games, climbing wall, inflatables, food, face painting, photo booth, raffles, prizes and much more! Buy a wristband for $30 ($15 for 5 & under) and play as much as you want. Come and have fun and help support our parish Catholic Elementary School.

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LIVING IN THE FATHER'S LOVE (WALKING WITH PURPOSE)
LADIES of St. Ann's Parish: Do you long for a Women's Bible Study? Would you like to meet other Catholic ladies in the Parish? Join us on ***Tuesdays starting Sept 18th from 10:30am -12:30pm***. We will start with fellowship and move right into growing in relationship with our Heavenly Father. This brief but powerful six-week Bible study is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself. Discover just how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love. For more information, please contact Kathy at kathysmail@shaw.ca.

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND VESPERS on ***Sunday, September 9th 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.

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REDUCE THE DEMAND FOR BUYING SEX : ***Thursday, September 20th, 7-9pm*** **Parish Centre** Hosted by St. Ann's CWL.

Join us for an informative video talk, featuring **Valiant Richey**, former Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for King County, Seattle, who will be sharing his experience of working on the demand side of this exploitation and educating the public on strategies for enforcement. Following the video talk there will be a Q&A session by the Anti-Human Trafficking Committee of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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BELOVED MARRIAGE COURSE
Come for "Wine and Cheese with your Beloved" this fall at St. Ann's Parish. We will be watching the Beloved: Living Marriage series. It will run for three Friday sessions: ***September 21st, October 19th and November 16th.*** Our final night will include dinner. Cost: $15/per person (includes all 3 sessions). Time: ***6:45 p.m.*** (doors open) ***7-9 p.m.*** (course). For more information and to register, email: stannsfamilygroup@gmail.com.

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CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE on ***Friday, Sept. 21st & Saturday, Sept. 22nd.*** Come and be renewed.
Dr. Mary Healey and Robert Canton are the speakers and will lead a Healing Service. Tickets are only $15 each until the end of August. Contact Anna or Ben Wauthy for tickets. Ph. 604-852-6198

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CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S CHOIR: for boys and girls ages 8-14. Rehearsals held at St. James Church, ***Tuesdays 6:30 to 7:45pm.*** The Director is Alexander McCune who has been teaching singing to children for more that a decade Registration fee for Sept-Dec is $105 per child. To register or for more info, please email: alexanderchurchmusic@gmail.com Please see poster on bulletin board.

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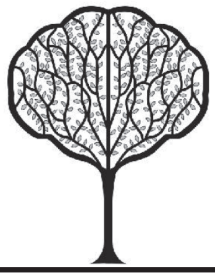

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