

FOCUS ON VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD-BY FR. HIEN

2. Vocation Culture in the Family
2.2 Prayer

Ritual and tradition are also important to the education of faith and these can be long lasting memories that the member of families continue to treasure and celebrate for years to come and even from one generation to the next. As already mentioned, the family can get together to celebrate the Feast Day of the Patron Saint of the family members with Mass, a meal, a cake, etc. just to highlight the day. It is also important to participate in the liturgical celebration of the Church such as making the Advent Wreath together with the four candles and light them according to each week during prayer time in anticipating for the coming of the Lord, and follow by the putting up and decorating the Christmas tree and the Manger. To celebrate the saints on All Saints day and the day of the Faithful departed by taking the family to visit the cemetery and pray for the dead (loved ones). During Lent, the family can participate in the stations of the cross together and to emphasis on the self-denial element. All these are beautiful practices that help the family members to live the faith and to hand on the traditions of the Church and the family.

One of the common complaints from parents is that their children do not want to go to Church anymore. They find it "boring" and an obligation. They rather go shopping, or to a theatre, a concert, a hockey game, etc. It is crucial for parents to help them understand the meaning of the Eucharist, that when they go to Mass, they participate in the sacrificial love that Christ has done for us. Their going is an act of love and thanksgiving to all the blessings God has blessed them. When a family makes this a priority family activity on Sunday, to pick a time and go together, it will encourage the young to come for worship with the parish community and the universal Church. There are also events in the parish community where there is Eucharistic Adoration that the family can also participate and expose the children to acquire the taste of the bliss of heaven here on earth. The sacraments must be the key and backbone of the family life that accentuate by each of the member going through the process of receiving the sacraments such as Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony, Ordination, etc. The family members can cherish these highlighted celebrations for generations through pictures and stories that shared.

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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

MASS will be celebrated, **Sunday, February 25th at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital.

MOMS & TOTS GROUP meet every **Monday at 9:00 a.m.** in St. Monica's lounge. No registration needed just drop in for coffee/tea and some social time for you and your young children.

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION with a priest of Opus Dei: **Monday, February 26th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church. All ladies are welcome to attend.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: **Tuesday, February 27th at 7:45 p.m.** in St. Monica's lounge.

Hello everyone,

I would like to once again take this opportunity to thank all who have diligently and generously given their time to serve the community of St. Ann's through PPC: Anna/Ben Wauthy, Carl Gomes, Linda Harder, Jenn Pucek, Jody Garneau, Kirsten Ven der Buhs, Shirley Dickman and Monique Navarro.

I also would like to welcome the newly elected and appointed to the PPC: Gabrielle Hoffer, Iris Vlake, Peter Wither, Sr. Suzana and Chris McKinnon.

I am grateful to all of you for your input, involvement, and generosity. God bless,
Fr. Hien

MASS will be celebrated at MSA Manor on **Wednesday, Feb.28 at 2:30 p.m.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING: **Thursday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m.**

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

First Friday ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held on **Friday, March 2nd** 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.

KIDS FOR JESUS Program held on **Saturday, March 3rd from 10:00am-12:00 pm.** in St. Joachim room.

ST. ANN'S PRESCHOOL is now accepting registrations for September 2018-2019. Packages are available at the Parish Office.

4yr old classes
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For more info call Jo Ann Nixon at 604-852-5602 ext 237

MASS INTENTIONS FOR
FEB. 26TH TO MARCH 4TH, 2018

Monday
8:00am Gregoria Francisco, rip.

Tuesday
7:00pm Kay Sanderson, rip.

Wednesday
8:00am Dec. mem O'Reilly Family

Thursday
8:00am Concettina Di Palma, rip.

Friday
8:00am Dec. mem Oliferchuk Family
7:00pm Helga Stevenson, int.

Saturday
9:00am Dorothy O'Reilly, int.
5:00pm Dr. David Binding, rip.

Sunday
8:00am Intentions for the Parish
10:00am Hal & Audrey Hough, rip.
Noon Margaret Lansink & Family int.

FEAST DAYS & READINGS
FEB. 26TH TO MARCH 4TH, 2018

Monday
Daniel 9:3,4b-10++; Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday
Isaiah 1:10,16-20,27-28,31++; Matt 23:1-12

Wednesday
Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday
Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

Friday
Gen.37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28; Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday
Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Luke15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday-3rd Sunday of Lent: Exodus 20:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:18,22-25++; John 2:13-25

Syrian Family - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The family is settling in well, but we need help to make their transition to Canadian life even better. We need English tutors to help the parents learn English. English is very important for the parents to be able to find employment, in fact though they are both very motivated to work every time we speak to a potential employer we run into the language barrier. So if you have experience teaching or tutoring we could use your skills. We also need Arabic Interpreters to help them communicate until they their English becomes better. Finally, drivers are required to assist until they become more acquainted with the streets of Abbotsford and the bus system. If you can help let Fr. Hien know or phone Ken at 604-614-0087 or Mena at 604-556-9496. Thanks!

Our PARISH SPRING FAIR (garage sale, etc.) is **May 25th and 26th** this year. As you start putting aside quality re-sellable items for our parish fundraiser, we want to gently remind you that we **cannot** accept TVs or large furniture items. Happy collecting!

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When I think of what has helped me in my growing up years to know God better and to deepen my faith, I would say that they are the examples of my parents. I remember how every evening they gathered us together and led us into prayer. Every Sunday, I was looking forward to go to Mass together and on our way home having a treat at the bakery store. They were beautiful, peak moments of living out the faith. There is no better teaching method than examples from parents. As we have discussed on this issue in the first chapter by the survey done by the UNC, how parents' influence at home becomes crucial to the faith practice of their children. Another study in Switzerland reaffirmed this point: If both parents attended church regularly, 33 percent of their children would end up as regular churchgoers and 41 percent would attend irregularly. Only a quarter will not practice at all. Perhaps most important was the finding that if the mother practices and the father does not, only 2 percent of the children will become regular worshippers, while 37 percent will practice irregularly. But 60 percent will be lost to the church.

Advokate Life & Education Services, a registered charity with headquarters in Abbotsford, BC, is looking for a motivated individual to assist the **Manager of Administration** with bookkeeping, payroll, and general administrative tasks. This is a **part-time, permanent position** with potential to move to full time. The position pays \$20/hr at 20-24 hrs/week. Visit advokate.ca/get-involved/employment-opportunities for more information or email info@advokate.ca.

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of OWEN BELL whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, February 21st.



St. Ann's CWL "Gifted by His Grace" RETREAT on **Saturday, March 3rd, beginning with Mass at 9am and retreat from 10am to 3pm. LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS: \$10** available at the Parish Office.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, Vancouver Diocesan Council announces **2018 Diocesan Bursaries** for high school students graduating this year and attending their first year of post-secondary education. **Two bursaries of \$1000 each** will be awarded to *daughters or sons of CWL members in the Archdiocese of Vancouver*. Bursary application **deadlines are March 31st**. Other bursaries that are available for CWL members and their families thru the diocesan, provincial and national levels are as follows: The Molly Boucher Bursary, The BC and Yukon Life Members Art and Culture Bursary and The National Bursary. We have some application forms for this event on the CWL pamphlet holder on the shelf by the parish office or simply download the application from the website. For criteria, guidelines and application forms, please see the links below: Diocesan Bursary Information Chart: <https://vancouvercwl.ca/diocesan-bursary-information-chart/>

2018 Diocesan Bursary Application Form: <https://vancouvercwl.ca/bursary-application-vancouver-diocesan-council/>

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

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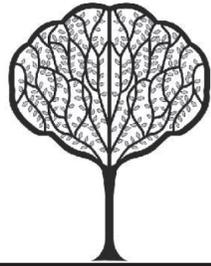
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