

### FOCUS ON VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD-BY FR. HIEN

#### The Church and Vocations



#### 1.2 Human Formation-continued from last week

Human formation also includes the knowing that a human person is “a reality divided within itself and attracted to progressive and regressive opposites, (virtues and sin, love and selfishness, awareness and indifference, freedom and slavery, etc.).” In recognizing his own weaknesses, the priest grows in choosing the positives. In doing so, he presents himself with an abundance of human virtues which render him worthy of esteem by those around him. He must instill the virtues of fortitude, justice, prudence, and temperance. “This demands that the priest not be arrogant, or quarrelsome, but affable, hospitable, sincere in his words and heart, prudent and discreet, generous and ready to serve, capable of opening himself to clear and brotherly relationships and of encouraging the same in others, and quick to understand, forgive and console.”

A man who has received good human formation can relate to others: people, things and God. He is a man of affective maturity and works well with others. He treats people fairly and is a good steward of the material blessings. He is joyful and knows when to laugh and when to cry. He acquires appropriate boundaries in his friendships and relationships with both men and women. This boundary of affective maturity requires him to understand, expand, and strengthen the true meaning of freedom. This freedom “requires the person to be truly master of oneself, determined to fight and overcome the different forms of selfishness and individualism which threaten the life of each one, ready to open out to others, generous in dedication and service to one’s neighbour.” He is called to live interpersonally towards the fulfilment of self and others, and when being mature of heart, mind and will, he will be capable of transcending the self to the point of opening out to the divine, by whom he is loved and whom he loves.

JOHN PAUL II, *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, 84, n. 43.  
CENCINI, A., *Spiritual and Emotional Maturity*, 67.  
CONGREGATION FOR THE CLERGY, *Directory on the Ministry and Life of Priest*, 75.

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#### FOCUS ON LIFE- 20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER

MONDAY, MAY 28TH, 6:30 P.M. at Sheraton Wall Centre, The Parish has booked a table for 10 so if anyone is interested in attending ( no ticket payment required just a donation to Signal Hill suggested). Please email or call Parish Office to reserve your seat.

#### 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, May 8th, 8:00 p.m.** in St. Joachim room.

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

Join us for PRAYER & WORSHIP on **Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** in St. Joachim room.

MASS will be celebrated at Maplewood House on **Friday, May 11th at 4:00 p.m.**

HISPANIC MASS will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m.**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be prepared by our Knights of Columbus next **Sunday, May 13th** after the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses. Bring Mom for a delicious breakfast to celebrate her special day.



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND VESPERS on **Sunday, May 13th at 3:00 p.m.** in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital.

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Our SPRING FAIR & GARAGE SALE is coming up on **Friday May 25th and Saturday, May 26th.** Volunteer schedules are



now posted in the church entrance. Please sign up for the activity that interests you and the time that suits you best. First come, first serve!

We will start accepting donations on **Sat., May 19 –Thurs., May 24 from 2-4pm & 7-9pm daily.** But now is a good time to go through your items to prepare. Do you have extra towels? Linens? Books? Clothing? Kitchen items? Sports equipment? Electronics? Tools? We will take all items in “GOOD USABLE CONDITION” (No junk please! This costs the parish money to dispose of!)

CONTAINERS for all Parish Bakers who want to get started early are available at the Parish Office.



CWL: To volunteer at the CWL’s bake sale table at the Spring Fair, please call Doris at 604-852-5615. **Please note** our General Meeting will be held on **Monday, May 28th** this month. We look forward to seeing you there!

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#### St. James & St. Ann’s School – REGIONAL COMMITTEE (REC)

POSITIONS: There are currently **two positions** up to represent St. Ann’s Parish on the Education Committee for St. James & St. Ann’s School starting July 1, 2018.

Both of these positions are for one term (two years) with the potential to stay on for a maximum of four terms. If you are interested in putting your name forward, please pick up a Nomination Package from the school office.

REC Nominating Committee:

Claire Wilkie [ecchair@stjameselementary.ca](mailto:ecchair@stjameselementary.ca)

Daniel Anctil [vicechair@stjameselementary.ca](mailto:vicechair@stjameselementary.ca)

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, May 11 at 3pm**

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

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 7TH TO MAY 13TH, 2018

**Monday**  
8:00am Matilde Carrao, rip.

**Tuesday**  
7:00pm Dylan Peat, int.

**Wednesday**  
8:00am Karen Clark, int.

**Thursday**  
8:00am Lucille Caines, rip.

**Friday**  
8:00am Joseph Oh, rip.

**Saturday**  
9:00am Linda Nicdao, int.  
5:00pm Freda Lemieux, rip.

**Sunday**  
8:00am Intentions of the Parish  
10:00am Anne Thibeault, rip.  
Noon Antonio Turra, rip.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY:

##### Junior Youth Social (Gr. 5-7) - May 12th from 6pm – 8pm

Come with your friends to join our Core Team in our Youth Lounge for games, movies, and snacks as we unwind from the school week!

##### LifeTeen Retreat: May 18th – 21st

Our LifeTeen team is going on retreat in May to Kawaka Lake. This year will be again joining with St. Mary’s LifeTeen and I know it will be an incredible experience that will be hard to forget in the years to follow. We would like to invite all teens from grade 8-12 to our 2018 Lifeteen Retreat! Please fill in the application (available outside the Youth Ministry Office) and return it to us before May 4th!! **We only have spots for 21 teens so its first come first serve so make sure to register quickly!!!!**

The cost of the retreat is \$210 but if the cost of the retreat is a problem for you please let me know. I don’t want anyone to miss the retreat because of it. We want you there!! Please email [youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca](mailto:youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca) to save your spot or ask any questions!!

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**FAITH & FRIENDS NIGHT! Is Faith Irrational? Ratzinger, Knowing, & the Leap of Faith—Thursday, May 24th at 7 - 9 pm** at Ricky’s Restaurant (32080 Clearbrook Road)

**St Ann's Adult Faith Formation** is sponsoring an evening out with guest speaker Dr. Andrew Kaethler, Professor and Academic Dean at Catholic Pacific College, Langley. A recent convert to Catholicism, Andrew is an engaging and dynamic speaker. Enjoy Ricky’s famous appetizers, drinks, or desserts. Cost: Each person can order & pay as they wish from the menu (no cover) RSVP: 604-852-5602 Ex. 227 (we will be in the buffet room)



**Would the families using donation envelopes #367 & #421 please contact the Parish Office ASAP. Thank you! — 604-852-5602**

#### FEAST DAYS & READINGS MAY 7TH TO MAY 13TH, 2018

**Monday**  
Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday**  
Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

**Wednesday**  
Acts 17:15,22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday**  
Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20

**Friday**  
Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23a

**Saturday**  
Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

**Sunday—Ascension of the Lord**  
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-13;  
Mark 16:15-20

**2018 GRADUATES:** After perusing the Abbotsford Foundation website (which gives out +/- 148 awards) to all the graduating students in Abbotsford, I found 11 awards more than \$1000, but for those the criteria are very stringent. Even for the bulk of the awards (\$1000), you have a rigorous path to follow (eg. be a star athlete showing leadership skills, some are restricted to a particular school, etc.). For the CWL bursary, all you need is intent to go to a post-secondary institution and a letter from Fr. Hien. It is the easiest money you will ever find. **Deadline is May 18, 2018.**

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**What is the Baby Bottle Campaign?** It’s a simple fundraiser that directly benefits HOPE FOR WOMEN PREGNANCY SERVICES. Starting on **Mother's Day, May 13th**, please find baby bottles in Church foyer and take 1 home. Fill it with change, cash, cheque, or credit card. Return your bottle on or before **Father's Day, June 17th.**

**Tax receipts for donations of \$10 or more will be issued provided you fill out the donation slip included in the bottle.**

For more information about Hope for Women, or volunteer opportunities call (604)853-0303 or visit [HopeForWomen.ca](http://HopeForWomen.ca)

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The Knights of Columbus Council 11587 are putting on a **Family Spaghetti Dinner & Dance on May 26** at Saint John Brebeuf School. (gluten free option will be available). Life Teen will be providing children activities for the evening. Tickets are \$15 per person, children’s under 15 will be \$10, and anyone under five is free. Tickets available from the St James Parish office.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 1ST COMMUNION CANDIDATES who are receiving this precious sacrament today at 2:00 p.m.

PREP	Orville Anthony Poso
Galo Alvarez	Jonathan Rapada
Michael Aucoin	Jose Reinoso
Jacob Baranowski	Josh Matthew Quinto
Alexander Bowie	Mila Sawatsky
Daniel Carrao	Kya Susec
Amelia Carrao	<b>St. James and Ann’s School</b>
Thelma Dale-Davies	Emilia Arruda
Gabriel Dahiroc	Nieva Cresencio
Curt J. Dizon	Max Seok-hoon Kang
Keanan Janzen	Nathan Hedrick
Eriq Jeansonne	Giovanni Esposito
Alexander Kenny	Lunita Jada Modi
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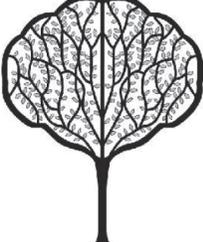
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