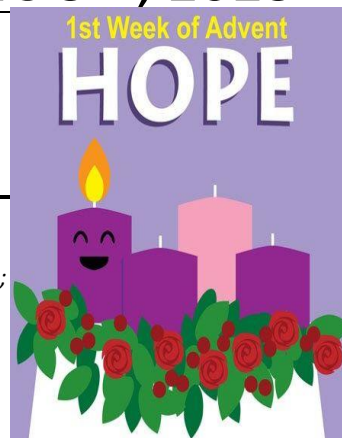


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC 3RD, 2023

<p>St. Ann's Catholic Church Parochial Admin: Rev Paul Simms 100 Sutherland Avenue Phone: 250-992-2422; Web: www.stannsquesnel.org Email stannsquesnel1@gmail.com</p> 	<p>St. Ann's Catholic School Principal: Tara Maurin Milley 150 Sutherland Avenue Phone: 250-992-6237 Web: www.stannsschool.ca Email principal@stannseagles.com</p>
<p>Sunday Mass: 10 AM Weekday Masses: Mon & Tues 9 AM Rosary: ½ hr before Mass. Adoration: Monday 9:30 AM to 4 PM Reconciliation: ½ hr before Mass. Baptism, Wedding & Funeral: by appt.</p>	<p>Parish Organizations: Planning Committee: <i>Dan Canuel</i>; Finance Committee: <i>Carole Holtzman</i>; Knights: <i>Gerald Schut</i>; CWL: <i>Carole Holtzman</i>; Prayer Shawls/CCFC: <i>Yvonne Lebrun</i>; Bible Study: <i>Pat Tresierra</i>; Legion of Mary: <i>Anna Daly</i></p>



SCHOOL NEWS:

Christmas Concert is on Wednesday, Dec 20th at 6 pm in the Hall and 1 pm Thursday Dec 21st.

Early dismissal Friday Dec 22nd.

The School Choir is visiting Dunrovin Dec 4th and Maeford Place on the 15th.

Shopping Spree Draw is Dec 8th. Tickets available at the school office.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

CHOIR PRACTICE: Mondays at 4:45 pm in the Choir Loft. Contact: Marta van den Elzen @ 250-983-9944

CWL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON- Sunday Dec. 3 after Mass at the Tower Inn. It is a no host luncheon and you order off the menu. *We will have a cake at the luncheon to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of our Council.* Come out and celebrate with us **bring a friend!**

CWL: Cookie Tray Fundraiser Work-Bee Dec 16th in the hall. A part of the proceeds will be donated to the Provincial Convention. (June 20-23, 2024 at OLPH)

LEGION OF MARY meetings are Thursdays at 9 am in the church. Please call the parish office if there is anyone in our community who would like the Legion of Mary to visit.

RCIA meetings Tuesday evenings. Contact Theresa Robertson 250-991-6135 There are 3 candidates this year. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

BIBLE STUDY "Reclaiming Friendship" - Thurs at 6:15 PM at 773 Rolph Street. Contact Pat 250-255-3866.

COMMUNITY:

NORTH CARIBOO SENIORS COUNCIL: coordinates meals for seniors once a month. St Ann's CWL has participated for the last two years, preparing approx. 200 meals. These meals are available to any senior at no cost to the seniors. To receive these meals, call the North Cariboo seniors society at 250-991-0510.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REMINDER: WINTER MITTS AND HATS, SCARVES AND SOCKS DRIVE BEGINNING SOON.



FAITH IN ACTION CAMPAIGN 33 "BE A DOER OF FAITH"

Our parish project is to continue paying down the roofing bill.

PLEDGES: **\$25,720.00**; RECEIVED: **\$25,220.00**;

OVERGOAL: \$1,768.00

Tax Receipt 2023 reminder for parishioners: Faith in Action donations must be received by Friday, December 29 (before the banks close/or parish office closes). This includes E-transfer donations as well. Donations may be mailed to the parish or the Chancery office post marked no later than December 29 to be eligible for 2023 tax receipt. All donations received after 12 noon on Friday, December 29, or are post marked later than December 29, will go towards the 2024 Tax Receipt.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

DATE		SUN DEC 10TH
2ND SUNDAY OF DEC	READER	L. LANGLEY
	EUCCHARISTIC	M. MCKENZIE
	MUSIC	M. VAN DEN ELZEN
	USHERS	H. LOURIERO

LAST SUNDAY'S DONATION: \$3,227.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Our parish now accepts donations through

Interac email transfer:

giving@stannsquesnel.org



"The reason why we cannot keep our good resolutions is that we count too much on ourselves. ~St John Vianney

Knights of Columbus - Free 1 Year On-Line Membership. You can enjoy the benefits of being a Knights of Columbus member including Accidental Death Benefit and the famous Columbia Magazine. Go to: www.kofc.org/joinus Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY After joining, please check your INBOX for confirmation.



DIOCESAN NEWS:



We should build the whole edifice of our spiritual life around Adoration. We should not hesitate to ask Him to work miracles, now, as He did in Palestine. (Fr. John Hardon)

The Month of December is dedicated to **Divine Mercy**.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of December 2023

For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS:



Mass Times, Readings, and Intentions

Mon 4	9 AM	Isaiah 2.1-5; Matt 8.5-11, 13	List of intentions about 2 weeks behind	OM: St. John Damascene
Tues 5	9 AM	Isaiah 11.1-10; Luke 10.21-24		
Wed 6	*NO MASS	Isaiah 25.6-10a; Matthew 15.29-37		OM: St. Nicholas
Thurs 7	*NO MASS	Isaiah 26.1-6; Matt 7.21, 24-27		ST. AMBROSE
Fri 8	*NO MASS	Gen 3.9-15, 20; Eph 1.3-6, 11-12; Luke 1.26-38		THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Sat 9	*NO MASS	Is 30.19-21, 13-26; Matt 9.35-10.1, 5a, 6-8		OM: St. Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin
Sun 10	10 AM	St. Ann's Parishioners		

*Mass Intentions said elsewhere

*Mass Intentions may not be said on this particular day

*OM =Optional Memorial

Please pray for **Tex New, Keith Holtzman, Dorothy Mack, and all those who are in need, sick and suffering in our families, parish, and community.**

Due to priest shortage: Mass Intentions for the months following October may not be said at St. Ann's Church nor on the date requested. The Mass intentions will be moved to such a time and place as a priest is able to say them. Thank you for your patience in this matter.



St. John of Damascus

Perhaps John is most famous for his opposition to the heresy of the Iconoclasts. The Iconoclasts claimed that is superstitious to have religious images. They wanted to destroy all religious icons, pictures, and statues. The Iconoclasts were supported by the Eastern Christian Emperor Leo III. John of Damascus defended the use of sacred images. He explained that the respect given to them is really given to the person they represent. If you look around an Orthodox Church today, you will see that John won the debate. For all of his efforts to defend the faith, John of Damascus was named a Doctor of the Church in 1890.

MORE HERE: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-john-of-damascus-late-600s-mid-700s/>




62nd ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL

[Click here](http://KofcCharity.ca) KofcCharity.ca

WIN \$100,000 in prizes including a
2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid Grand Prize

PRIZES

1st Prize **2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid**
 2nd Prize **\$30,000** 4th Prize **\$5,000**
 3rd Prize **\$10,000** 5th to 14th **\$1,000 each!** --> *Early Bird Draws*

TICKETS
 1 for \$5
 10 for \$25
 50 for \$50

Limited Tickets!
BUY TODAY KofcCharity.ca
Total Prizes \$100,000

Sales Oct 1, 2023 to Dec 16, 2023, 8pm
 Early Bird Draws

Oct 9 (2x\$1000), Oct 23 (2x\$1000), Nov 6 (2x\$1000)
 Nov 20 (2x\$1000), Dec 2 (2x\$1000)
 Main Draw Saturday December 16, 2023, 8:01pm

*An annual charity appeal of the Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation
 WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER
 Thank you for your Support!*

For general inquiries call: 604-216-7272 BC Gaming Event License #: 144568
 Chances are 1 in 410,000 (total tickets for sale) to win a grand prize. Actual odds depend on number of tickets sold. 19+ to play.
 Problem Gambling Help Line 1-888-795-6111 w.w.bcreponsiblegambling.ca Know your limit. Play within it.
Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery/claiming of prizes.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HAVE OBTAINED 3 CHRISTMAS TREES FOR OUR NATIVITY SCENE. THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED!



WANTED: DONATIONS New soap & old candle stubs.
 Contact: Parish Office. A box will be placed in the foyer for these items.

FREE! 2024 CALENDARS ARE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH
NOURISH FOOD BANK COLLECTION TODAY!
 SORRY WE MISSED HANDING OUT REMINDERS LAST WEEK.
 PLEASE JUST USE THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S REMINDERS,
THANK YOU!



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:
 Dec 24th is a Sunday.
 Sunday Mass: 10 AM
 Christmas Eve Mass at 5 PM
 Monday, Christmas Day 10 AM