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## How to Help Our Children Find Their Vocations

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*The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is a great opportunity for parents to consider how to help children hear the call of God.*

God always calls on us, but He usually does so quietly. To hear this call our children must focus all of their attention on the sole question: What loving plan has God in store for me?

### Do not force a child to choose a path that is not destined for them

When a radio station is emitting a weak signal, we are only able to pick it up if the receptors are turned in the right direction and no other station is using the same wavelength. **If we raise a child based on our own ambitions, saying "I want you to be a doctor," we're like all these powerful radio stations blocking other signals.**

God's plan is always a loving one. So, His call must be answered with love. Family is a privileged environment where a child can discover the greatness of this love. It's by watching how faithfully our parents love one another and by daily experiencing the love of our siblings that we truly understand (not just with our intellect but with our whole being) that it is not a fleeting emotion. It's a long, difficult process mobilizing our willpower and all that we are. We love with our hearts, our minds, and our bodies.

### God is calling on our free will

One is not ordained as a priest or joins a religious order against their will – it's a personal decision freely taken. God wants children, not slaves, and there is no real love without freedom. **But we must be taught how to be free.**

"The person realizes himself by the exercise of freedom in truth. Freedom cannot be understood as a license to do *absolutely anything*: it means a *gift of self*. Even more: it means an *interior discipline of the gift*. The idea of gift contains not only the free initiative of the subject, but also the aspect of *duty*. All this, is made real in the 'communion of persons'. We find ourselves again at the very heart of each family," wrote John-Paul in his *Letter* to the families on February 2, 1994.

A good priest is mainly someone who was raised well. Of course, nothing is impossible for the Lord, and those who were not so fortunate can also be touched by His grace. They are like those amazing flowers that spring out from desert sands. But as any gardener will tell you, better soil gives better harvest. God plants his seeds but we prepare the soil. If it is rich and has been well worked, the fruit it provides will be hundredfold. A good priest is happy to be a man and a good religious woman is glad she is a woman. No one voluntarily takes a vow of celibacy out of fear or rejection of their sexuality. **On the contrary, the better we understand its beauty in God's plan, the more we perceive the grandeur of consecrated celibacy.** The role played by the family in this domain is of crucial importance.

"We are grateful to the Lord for having wished to make us his ministers. We are grateful also to people: most of all to those who helped us to reach the priesthood, and to those whom Divine Providence has placed on the path of our vocation. We thank them all, beginning with our parents, who in so many ways have been a gift of God for us: how many and how precious the teachings and the good examples they have given us!" wrote John-Paul II, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination in 1996.

Christine Ponsard

### Stewardship Bulletin Bit - April 21, 2024 - 4th Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."  
John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times, Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.



# St. Anne Parish



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**Parish Priest:**  
**FR. GUY AMÉDÉE AINEMON**

**Parish Office Coordinator:**  
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### OFFICE HOURS:

**Tuesday** 9 am-Noon & 1-3 pm  
**Wednesday** 9 am-Noon & 1-3 pm  
**Thursday** 9 am-Noon & 1-3 pm  
**Friday** 9 am-Noon & 1-3 pm

### PARISH SERVICES

**Reconciliation:** 30 min. before every Mass.  
**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the Parish office.  
**Baptism:** Please call the Parish office.  
**Marriage:** Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

### Mass Intentions

If you would like the Holy Mass to be offered for your intentions or the intentions of your loved ones, please call the Parish Office, or write it up and drop it in the donation box in the Church. Mass offering is \$10.

### MASSES' SCHEDULE

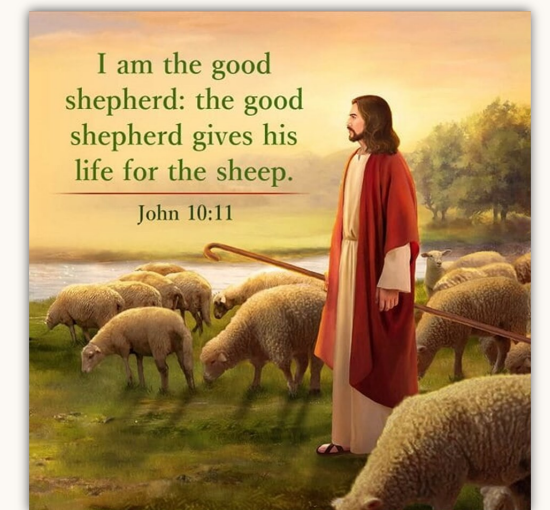
**Saturday Mass** – 5:30 pm  
**Sunday Mass** – 9:00 am  
**Tuesday Mass** – 7:00 pm  
**Wednesday Mass** – 8:30 am  
**Thursday Mass** – 7:00 pm  
**Friday Mass** – 8:30 am



April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**



John 10:11

### MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Parish of St. Anne, centred in Word and Eucharist, are called to be a caring faith community; coming together to celebrate God's love and truth through the sacraments, and make Christ present to others through loving service.

 **Mass Intentions**  
for the week 

**Saturday – April 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 pm **The Lord's Blessings** (Birthdays) for:  
**Carolina, Tomás & Felicia Heath**  
*requested by the Büttner-Stahl Family*

**Sunday – April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
MASS

9:00 am

**Tuesday – April 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
MASS

7:00 pm

**Wednesday – April 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am

MASS

**Thursday – April 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm † **Monserrat Jaldon**  
*requested by May Jaldon*

**Friday – April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
MASS

8:30 am

**ON APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>,  
2024**

**AFTER 9 AM  
MASS**

**IN THE HALL**

Join Us for  **Coffee Sunday**

**& welcome TASHIA TOUPIN,**

**Social Justice Coordinator  
for the Archdiocese of Regina.**

**Ms. Toupin will be  
speaking about  
“The Work of Christ  
& the Befriending Spirit”**



**Readings for Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>:  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 4.7-12  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 3.1-2  
Gospel: John 10.11-18

**Lectors:**

Saturday, April 20 – 5:30 pm – Rita Omodia  
Sunday, April 21 – 9:00 am – Denise & Kelly Nelson

**PARISH**

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL**



**COLLECTION SUMMARY FOR APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>,**

• Sunday Collection	\$1015.00
• Building Fund	\$0325.00
• Papal Charities	\$0030.00
• Good Friday- Church In Holy Land	\$0040.00
• Easter Offering	\$0050.00

**Total: \$1460.00**

**Potluck  
Brunch  
at  
St. Anne**



Please join us for Potluck Brunch, in the Hall, right after the 9 am Mass on **SUNDAY APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2024.**

Please bring a favourite food to share with your fellow parishioners. You may drop off any food items in the Hall before Mass.

We would appreciate it if you could e-mail the office ([office@stannesregina.com](mailto:office@stannesregina.com)) or phone Pat Kopriva (306-751-0198) letting us know what you might be bringing.

**THANK-YOU! SEE YOU ON APRIL 28!**



**During the month  
of May join us to  
Pray the Rosary**

**- 20 mins before weekend  
and weekday Masses.**

**Everyone is welcome!!**

**STEAK NIGHT RETURNS!!**

- ♦ At Bushwacker's on Dewdney
- ♦ Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>
- ♦ From 5 to 7 pm
- ♦ Tickets are \$35 per person (must be 19 years or over)
- ♦ Tickets available before and after Masses or contact the office
- ♦ Pay by Cheque, Cash or e-Transfer:



[office@stannesregina.com](mailto:office@stannesregina.com)

**Memo: Steak Night**

- ♦ Proceeds go to St. Anne's Good Neighbour Project

**We acknowledge that we are in Treaty Four Territory, Traditional lands of the Nehiyawak (Cree), Anishinaabe (Saulteaux), and Nakota people. Homeland to the Dakota, Lakota and Métis people.**

**COME  
LET'S  
ADORE  
THE  
LORD!!**

**ON APRIL  
25<sup>TH</sup>, AT 6  
PM, BEFORE  
7 PM MASS**



**WE ARE ALL INVITED TO AN HOUR OF  
ADORATION WITH JESUS IN THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT.**

**COME AND SPEND SOME TIME IN  
PRAYER WITH THE LORD AND YOU  
WILL BE BLESSED!**



**DO YOU KNOW  
WHAT'S  
HAPPENING IN THE  
ARCHDIOCESE  
OF REGINA?**

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**LAY FORMATION**

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Our weekend sessions at Campion College will deepen your understanding of Church and faith through solid teaching by experts in their respective fields. Strengthen your ability to assess your God-given gifts and talents and discern how best to offer them in service.

Register now for our fall intake and become an evangelizing disciple of Jesus Christ. For more information on how to register, please contact our Program Coordinator, Deacon Eric Gurash at 306.352.1651 ext. 6724 or email him at [egurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:egurash@archregina.sk.ca).