

ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

April 15 - 16, 2023



Sharing the Spirit
Together in Christ



MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Saturday: 9:00am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm & 7:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am;
12:00pm & 4:00pm

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. John Gannon

Associate: Fr. JP Luxbacher

Vicar: Fr. Adrian Martens (Sundays)

Deacon: Patrick Woo

Admin Assist: Jenn Pashula

Sacraments : Linda Hengen

Bookkeeper: Nora Alzamora

Resource: Connie Raz

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Saturday
9:30am - 4:00pm

Closed for Lunch 12pm - 1pm

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Ascension Catholic Parish is a community of disciples of Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord, guided on our journey by the Holy Spirit to further the Kingdom of God, through committed Worship, Catechesis, Fellowship and Service

Psalm 2: Happy are all who put their trust in the Lord.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Dear friends,

If I take this opportunity to wish you (again) a Happy Easter, it is not a mistake!

Easter is not just one day of the year. As Fr. John said at the end of the Easter Vigil, *Lent lasts 40 days, but Easter lasts 50!* We celebrate Jesus' triumph over sin and over death; we celebrate the new life His grace gives us.

In that light, wasn't it a joy to see so many of our adult brothers and sisters enter the Church through Baptism at the Vigil Mass? It reminds us that we, too, should consciously renew our love and enthusiasm for God, activate our trust, and rejoice at the great gift He gives us as Christians, as Catholics.

This Sunday is "Divine Mercy" Sunday. In its simplest form, Jesus invites us to look at Him, at His wounds, at His resurrection, and at His glory, and to say, with all our hearts: *Jesus, I trust in you!* It is good to trust in Him.

So, then, Happy Easter! Imploring God's Mercy upon us all,

I am yours, Fr JP



CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - Saturday:
8:15am - 8:45am
Saturdays: 4:00pm - 4:45pm
or by appointment

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Please call the office at 403.275.2240
When prompted
Press 2 for Pastor
Press 3 for Associate

1100 Berkshire Blvd NW Calgary, AB T3K 3M3

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A LOOK BACK AT HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is a special time in the Catholic year. We draw deeper into our faith and we experience the intense passion and love the Lord has for us. This year we thank the visiting Priests, all who took part in the celebrations and our volunteers who gave of their time to make Holy Week extraordinary.



HOLY WEEK FAMILY MISSIONS

This year we introduced the Family Holy week missions. We had families that prayed at four of our senior facilities and families that went door to door collecting food for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Both groups asked those they met if anyone would like us to pray for an intention. These intentions were added to our Holy Week mission cross. The families prayed for the intentions and now these will be passed to our Prayer Warrior Team. Next year we look forward to having more families take part in the missions.



SACRAMENTS

For more information about our Sacraments please check our website or email Linda at sacraments@ascensionparish.ca.

Reconciliation / First Holy Communion (Grade 2 and above) Registration for the school calendar year 2023/2024 will open on June 1st, 2023.

Confirmation (Grade 6 and above) Registration for the school calendar year 2023/2024 will open on June 1st, 2023.

Sacraments for Teens. This program is for those teens who have missed one or more of the Sacraments. Registration for the school calendar year 2023/2024 will open on June 1st, 2023.



Baptism for School Aged Children: In collaboration with our Catholic Schools, we offer Baptism for School Aged Children between the ages of seven and twelve. Our next session is in June; please register online.

Baptism for Infants are celebrated Saturday at 10am and Sunday at 2pm.

Baptism Preparation Class: are on the **1st Saturday** of each month beginning with Mass at 9am. The child's Baptism will be arranged after your attendance in the class.

Marriage: By appointment, 6 months in advance. Contact the office.

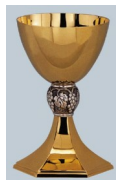
Marriage Convalidation –This is a ceremony for Catholics who have had a civil marriage and want their marriage recognized as a Sacramental covenant. Please call the office to begin this process.

Marriage Preparation: 3rd Saturday of every month at the Parish or through the Diocese at <https://www.catholicyc.ca/marriageprep.html>.

Adult Confirmation: If you are over 18 years old and have been Baptized, you can register for our Adult Confirmation sessions. For more information contact Linda at sacraments@ascensionparish.ca

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
For more information contact the Parish office.

VOCATION CHALICE



Our Parish continues to pray for Vocations with a traveling Chalice. By bringing the Chalice to your home you are able to devote time during your busy day to pause and pray for this special Ministry. To sign up [click here](#)

A CALL TO SERVICE

MISSIONARY DISCIPLE SPOTLIGHT



Hi, I'm Elma Anamali. I am currently involved as a lector as well as being one of the co-leaders of our Parish youth group Metanoia.

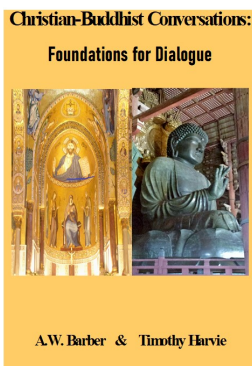
I have been volunteering at Ascension Catholic Parish as a lector since the start of 2017. In 2021 I became involved with Metanoia, first as a member during the summer of that year and then as a co-leader during September 2021. I have also volunteered at Parish events and Sacraments such as Baptism and Confirmation Masses. I really love talking and interacting with others which is why I think I feel called to volunteer in the Parish in these ministries. Through these volunteer opportunities, I feel that I am better equipping myself to serve the Parish community.

I volunteer because it simply makes me happy. For me, there is a certain joy that comes from proclaiming scripture during Mass and interacting with the children and youth of our community during Metanoia through games and faith studies. If you are someone who feels hesitant to volunteer, my advice to you is to just go for it. Explore the ministries you are interested in and find the one that God is calling you to; enjoy the experience and the amazing individuals that you will get to know along the way.

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Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Pope St. Paul VI spoke about the importance of dialogue as a Church and how this must be central to our Christian mission. In light of St. Paul VI's vision for the Church--- join us for an evening of discussion produced by the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Catholic Diocese of Calgary between Dr. Anthony Barber (University of Calgary, Head of Asian Studies), a Buddhist Monk, and Dr. Timothy Harvie (St. Mary's University Associate Professor of Philosophy and Ethics, and Program Coordinator of Social Justice and Catholic Studies), a Catholic writer and professor, at St. Gerard's Church (8944 Elbow Dr. SW, Calgary) April 20, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Click the link to learn more or to get free tickets: <https://www.catholicyc.ca/news.html#event=76208932;instance=20230420190000?popup=1>



FINANCIAL NEWS

In March our operating funds collected were \$73,430.41. Our operating cost monthly is \$56,408.

Our Building fund collection for the month of March was \$46,431.23 which was over our monthly mortgage payment of \$45,708 by \$723.00.

TIA goal for 2023 is \$50,348 and in March we had donations of \$8,450.00.

We have had an increase in our collections for March and for the first time in a number of months there was no shortfall of funds to pay our mortgage and operating costs.

Thank you again for providing the crucial support we need for our Parish.



MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 15 - APRIL 22, 2023

April 15	5pm	For the Special Intentions of our Parishioners
April 15	7pm	For the souls of Priscilo & Luz Abao
April 16	8am	For the Special Intentions of Dr Zamarino Jaramillo
April 16	10am	For the Special Intentions of Antonio Seoane
April 16	12pm	For the Special Intentions of Benardette Okodugha
April 16	4pm	For the Special Intentions of George and Christine Aranha
April 17	9am	For the soul of Joe Lokanc
April 18	9am	For the soul of Irma Krcmar
April 19	9am	For the Special Intentions of Mary Sequeira
April 20	9am	For the Special Intentions of Liliana Cardona
April 21	9am	For the soul of Tom McManus
April 22	9am	For the soul of Jerry Reyes

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AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM
Bishop McGrattan

OUR RESURRECTION
FAITH

Read Bishop McGrattan's Easter message "Our Resurrection Faith" as we enter the Easter season. The Bishop invites us to remember the pathway of experience that allowed Jesus' disciples to be strengthened in the faith of the resurrection and empowered by the Holy Spirit to share this witness with everyone.

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Journeying Together

Hope & Healing
FOR THOSE MOURNING
THE LOSS OF A CHILD
THROUGH MISCARRIAGE
OR STILLBIRTH



*Before I formed you in the womb
I knew you, before you were born
I set you apart.
JEREMIAH 1:5*

DATES
Day 1: Adoration and Healing Prayer Ministry
Friday, May 5
7 pm to 9 pm
All are welcome

LOCATION
ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH
1100 Berkshire Blvd NW,
Calgary, AB

FEE
\$10 Per Person
\$15 Per Couple

Day 2:
All Day Workshop
Saturday, May 6
9:30 am to 3:30

CHILDCARE
Available
Saturday only

MAIN SPEAKERS

- Keynote: Eunice Peterson, MA, RPsych
- Fr. Adrian Martens
- Dr. Ivan D'Souza
- Rikka Borras
- Mike Franco

REGISTER at
tinyurl.com/3wcvkf6

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Please complete your registration by May 1st

For more information, contact Anthony
403-218-5548






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inspires appreciation
for the sanctity of
all human life.

43rd Annual Hike for Life · Prince's Island Park

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Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, besides being the second Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy. It is the special day when we remember the mercy of God.



Mercy is when a person treats another better than they deserve. God does not owe us anything, since everything we have comes from Him. When we sin we offend God, but because He is merciful He forgives us when we are sorry.

Jesus' dying on the cross was the biggest act of mercy. He gave up His life so that we could be forgiven of our sins and go to Heaven! Thank God today for all He has given you, especially giving up His life so that you can go to Heaven!

Here are some easy prayers you can say to ask God to be merciful to us:

***Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Have mercy on us!***

Jesus, I trust in You!

Answer to Word-Find: My Lord and my God!
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The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter
April 16th, 2023



Saint Thomas wasn't there the first time Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. What did Thomas say he would have to see before he believed that Jesus was alive?

Connect the dots to find out!



Saint Mark

April 25

SAINT MARK WAS A FOLLOWER OF JESUS, ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT ONE OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES.



Jesus is preaching - let's go listen!

HE WAS LIKELY ONE OF THE SEVENTY DISCIPLES THAT JESUS SENT AHEAD TO PREPARE FOR HIM.



Go to the towns and villages...

AFTER JESUS WENT INTO HEAVEN MARK TRAVELED WITH SAINT PAUL.



Thanks for coming! How are the others?



HE VISITED PAUL IN PRISON BEFORE HE WAS MARTYRED.

MARK ALSO SPOKE A LOT WITH SAINT PETER.



Jesus took John, James and me...

MARK WROTE THE LIFE OF JESUS SO THAT PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE WOULD BE ABLE TO READ ABOUT HIM.



Tie him up and we'll drag him down the streets.



SAINT MARK WENT TO ALEXANDRIA WHERE HE BECAME THEIR FIRST BISHOP. HE DIED AS A MARTYR FOR JESUS IN THE YEAR 68.

SAINT MARK KNEW THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT JESUS, SO HE WROTE HIS STORY, OR GOSPEL. DO YOU EVER READ BIBLE STORIES? DO YOU PAY ATTENTION TO THE GOSPEL READING AT CHURCH? TRY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS SO YOU CAN BE MORE LIKE HIM!

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Doubting Thomas Word-Find



Find the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle, and when you're done use the left over letters to fill in the blanks near the end.

T W E L V E S I N S R M
 H R Y W U D J E W S E L
 O E V E N I N G O R J F
 M C D E L S A S F O O
 A E F K E C I P E A I R
 S I E N S I L E N T C G
 H V A D S P S A D H E I
 A E R M Y L O C K E D V
 N B E L I E V E D R G E
 D J E S U S P I R I T N
 S I D E B L E S S E D O
 U N B E L I E V I N G D

In the EVENING when the doors were locked where the DISCIPLES were for FEAR of the JEWS, Jesus came and said, "PEACE be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples REJOICED. JESUS said again, "Peace be with you. As the FATHER has sent me, so I SEND you." He breathed on them and said, "RECEIVE the Holy SPIRIT. Whose SINS you forgive are FORGIVEN them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

THOMAS, one of the TWELVE, wasn't there when Jesus came so they told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said, "UNLESS I see the mark of the NAILS in his hands and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A WEEK later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, though the doors were LOCKED, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my HANDS, and bring your hand and put it into my SIDE, and do not be UNBELIEVING, but believe." Thomas said to him,

"_____!"
 Jesus said, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? BLESSED are those who have not seen and have BELIEVED."