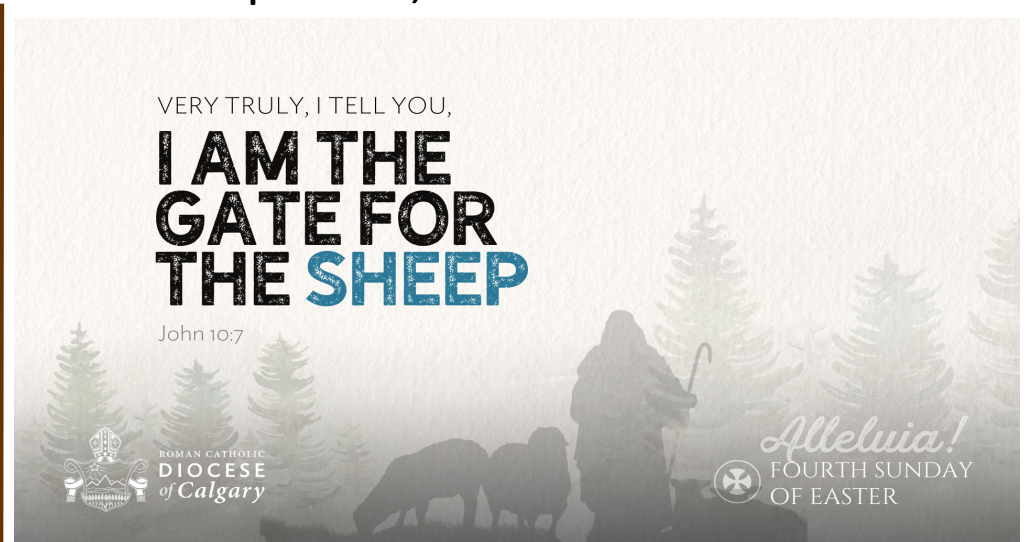


# ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

April 29 - 30, 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 23: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We are celebrating Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. "Though I should walk through the valley of darkness, no evil shall I fear...You are there; you prepare a banquet for us, Lord!" He is preparing special graces for those who will soon receive First Communion or Confirmation here!

This Sunday is also a good time to keep in our prayers the Pope and our local Shepherd, Bishop McGrattan, and Fr. John, our Pastor. He has been praying for all of you in the Holy Land.

May Jesus increase vocations to the Priesthood from our Parish, to help shepherd His people!

Please plan on coming to our Parish Feast Day celebration on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Fr. John and I also look forward to seeing you at the Gala on June 3<sup>rd</sup>!

In Christ, Fr. JP



**You are invited**

## CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - Saturday:

8:15am - 8:45am

Saturdays: 4:00pm - 4:45pm

or by appointment

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office at 403.275.2240

When prompted

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Press 3 for Associate

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## ASCENSION FEAST DAY - MAY 21, 2023



## 50/50 ASCENSION FEAST DAY DRAW

Ascension Catholic Parish Feast Day is May 21<sup>st</sup> and beginning April 29<sup>th</sup> we will be selling 50/50 tickets in support of our Building Fund every weekend until May 21<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are \$5.00 for one ticket and \$20.00 for five. The draw will be at our Feast Day Event. Please bring cash if possible. Let's have some fun and support our Parish and Good Luck to all!



## FEAST OF ASCENSION GALA DINNER

Tickets are now on sale for our Parish fundraising Gala on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The evening is an opportunity to celebrate with other parishioners, enjoy some great food and bid on amazing gifts as part of a silent auction in support of our Parish. Tickets are \$150 each and can be ordered by emailing your Ascension Gala Committee at [gala@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:gala@ascensionparish.ca). Once we receive your email, we will send you information about the tickets and how to pay for them.

Whether you attend the Gala or not, everyone is invited to check out our third online Auction. Bidding on the items will start on May 25<sup>th</sup> and end on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

For this fundraising effort to be successful, we need your help. Please promote this opportunity to your network of family, friends and colleagues for services or items to donate to the auction. We are hoping to get 80 new items and from past auctions, we know that electronics, gift cards, services such as landscaping, oil changes, cleaning, and Christmas light installations, staycations and wine baskets are very popular. If you can help, please contact Holly at [hollyd@telus.net](mailto:hollyd@telus.net). All money raised will go towards our Building Fund to reduce our mortgage debt.



## SACRAMENTS

Thank you to all our families who have participated in the preparation of the Sacraments over the last year! Your dedication is an inspiration, and we celebrate and welcome you to a life of loving Jesus and prayer.

*As one-year closes a new one begins ....*

**REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2023 – 2024**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 1, 2023**

REGISTER at [ascensionparish.ca](http://ascensionparish.ca)

**Grade 2 and above – Reconciliation / First Holy Communion**

**Grade 6 and above – Confirmation**

**Grade 7 and above – Sacraments For Teens** This is a program for teens who have missed one or more of the Sacraments.



**Baptism for School Aged Children:** In collaboration with our Catholic Schools, we offer Baptism for School Aged Children in grades 1-6. Our next session is in June; please register online or call the office.

**Baptism for Infants:** Congratulations! Your preparation for Baptism involves registration, required paperwork and a Baptism Class. The Baptism Classes are on the 1st Saturday of each month beginning with Mass at 9am. Your child's Baptism will be arranged after your participation in the class and all the paperwork is submitted. Baptisms are celebrated 10am on Saturdays and 2pm on Sundays.

To register please email [baptism@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:baptism@ascensionparish.ca)

**For Marriages - please contact the office**

- **Marriage:** For couples seeking to get Married, please make an appointment. We need 6 months in advance of your planned wedding date.
- **Marriage Convalidation** – This is a ceremony for Catholics who have had a civil marriage and want their marriage recognized as a Sacramental Covenant.

**Marriage Preparation:** 3rd Saturday of every month at the Parish [marriageprep.ascension@telus.net](mailto:marriageprep.ascension@telus.net) 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 [sacraments@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:sacraments@ascensionparish.ca)

**RCIA:** For adults who want more information about the Catholic faith, please contact the Parish office. [office@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:office@ascensionparish.ca)

## A CALL TO SERVICE

### MISSIONARY DISCIPLE SPOTLIGHT

Hello, our names are Michael (Mickey) and Ublina Colaco. We have served as volunteers at Ascension Catholic Parish since it was just a little chapel, and it has been an absolute honor to serve together for daily and weekend masses.



In the past, I have volunteered as a Server, Sacristan and in the collection-counting ministry. I currently assist at Baptisms, as a Sacristan and server for daily Mass and Adoration, and as Sacristan for weekend Masses.

Ublina volunteers as Rosary leader, Lector, and sings in the choir. Ublina has also had the great privilege of singing with other choirs at Corpus Christi, St. Joseph's, and St. John the Evangelist Churches.

Serving in the Church has brought both our lives great joy, purpose, and fulfillment. We have seen the fruit of serving the Lord as evident throughout our lives! The Lord has done so much for us that are humbled to serve Him and use our gifts for His glory. Participating in daily Holy Mass and the Sacraments has strengthened our faith and our intimate relationship with God. The Lord is our refuge and strength, a very present hope in times of trouble. In addition, we have met so many wonderful people and feel part of a big family that serves the Lord together in unity. One family under God. Serving the Lord is a wonderful, enriching experience and through faithful acts of obedience, we believe you will see the Glory of God in your lives!

***"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" – Joshua 24-15***

### VOCATION CHALICE



Our Parish continues to pray for Vocations using our traveling Chalice. In having the Chalice in your home you are encouraged to devote time during your busy day to pause and pray for this special Ministry. To sign up [click here](#)

### THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR MAY 2 - JUNE 20

Join the Life in the Spirit Seminar every **Tuesday from May 2 to June 20, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm** at St. Mary's Parish Hall. This eight-session seminar is an evangelistic tool and formation experience designed to introduce participants to a life in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. [Register here](#)

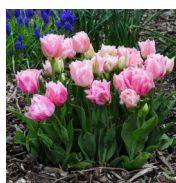
### FINANCE NEWS

Did you know?

- On a weekly average we have 3000 parishioners attend our six weekend Masses.
- The average weekly amounts donated are approximately **\$14,715.00**.
- That amounts to **\$4.90** per attendee.
- To operate our Parish including our mortgage we require **\$26,125.00** per week.
- That is approximately **\$8.70** per parishioner.

Thank you for your donations and support.

### SPRING IS COMING



Please stay on the sidewalks; we have planted some bulbs near the front entrance and want to see them bloom. Flowers will be added later.

The landscape team is planning a clean-up in late May. **We need your help** with cleaning up our lawns, shrubbery, and parking area as well as our Rectory yard. To help with this spring cleaning, please e-mail [property@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:property@ascensionparish.ca) or text 403 457-0507.

### MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 29 - MAY 6, 2023

April 29	5pm	For the soul of Carmine Giacchetta
April 29	7pm	For the Special Intentions of DeeDee
April 30	8am	For the Special Intentions of Jessica Jaramillo
April 30	10am	For the soul of Elina Montirola
April 30	12pm	For our Parishioners
April 30	4pm	For the soul of John Olayiwola Ajayi
May 1	9am	For the soul of Jonathan, Regina & Ronald Chia
May 2	9am	For the soul of Naciencino Raz
May 3	9am	For the soul of Elina Montirola
May 4	9am	For the Special Intentions of Monica Se-
May 5	9am	For the soul of Rosemary Gauthier
May 6	9am	For the soul of Dellano Fernandes

## MINISTRY CONTACTS

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## AN IMPORTANT REMINDER: BE AWARE OF EMAIL SCAMS



Have you received text messages or emails, from someone claiming to be your

Pastor, Associate Pastor, or a staff member asking for money or gift cards, indicating it is an emergency? Ignore the request! It's not your Pastor or staff. **It's a scam!**

Many parishioners in our Parish and in the Diocese of Calgary have been targeted by this fraudulent behavior. Here's what to know and do:

**Your Pastor or Associate Pastor will never contact a parishioner directly with an emergency request for cash or gift cards.** Messages asking parishioners to help fulfill a need would come through the Parish or the Diocese official communication channels. If you're not sure about a text or email you've received, do not engage or respond.

**Take a screen shot and call your Parish office right away to notify a staff member.** In addition, please note that neither your Parish nor the Diocese will ever sell or give away parishioners' personal information.

**Often with email messages, a scam can be identified by looking at the email address it was sent from.** If it is not an email address you recognize, it's likely a scam.

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



The Fourth Sunday of Easter, widely known as Good Shepherd Sunday, is the World Day of Vocations. There will be a special collection for the work of vocations, in support of the education and formation of seminarians and permanent diaconate programs in our Diocese.

**Stay up to date by visiting our Social Media**

[www.facebook.com/ascensionparishcalgary](https://www.facebook.com/ascensionparishcalgary) <https://twitter.com/RCAscensionYYC> <https://www.instagram.com/ascensioncatholic/>

# The Good Shepherd



The readings in today's Mass talk about Jesus the Good Shepherd.

In Jesus' time, and still in some parts of the world today, there would be flocks of sheep grazing in the pastures. The shepherds were the people who looked after the flocks and made sure none of the sheep got lost or hurt or attacked by wild animals.

The Church is the flock of Jesus, and He is the Good Shepherd. He guides the people in the Church so that their souls will not be hungry- He gives us grace, just like a shepherd makes sure his sheep have lots of grass to eat!

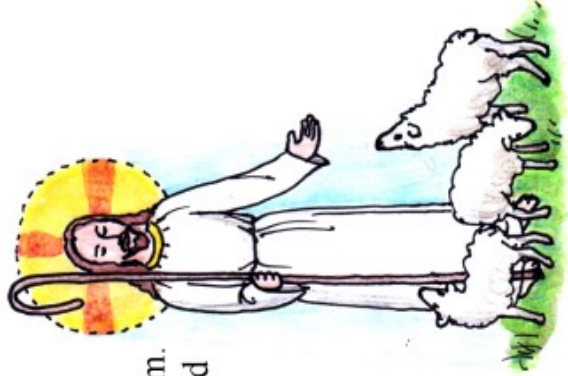
Like the shepherd protects the sheep from danger, Our Lord also protects us from harm. In the "Our Father" we ask God to deliver us from evil. When our souls are hurt by sin, the Good Shepherd heals us with forgiveness in Confession.

know his voice.

I am the gate.

Answer to Fill-in-the-blanks:

Answer to puzzle on front page:



# The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30th, 2023



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What did Jesus say about the sheepfold?

Figure out the math questions

and then fill in the blanks

with the letters the numbers represent.

# Saint Hilary of Arles

May 5

HILARY OF ARLES WAS BORN TO A WEALTHY FAMILY IN NORTHERN FRANCE IN 401. HE RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION.

ST. HONORIUS OF ARLES, A RELATIVE, WAS ARCHBISHOP. HE GOT HILARY TO JOIN THE MONASTERY AT LERINS.

WHEN THE ARCHBISHOP DIED THE PEOPLE CHOSE HILARY TO TAKE HIS PLACE.

HE WAS AN EXCELLENT PREACHER AND TEACHER.

EVEN THOUGH HE WAS MUCH YOUNGER, HILARY WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF MANY BISHOPS.

HE MADE SOME MISTAKES IN HIS DIRECTION OF THE BISHOPS, SO POPE ST. LEO TOOK AWAY SOME OF HIS POWER.

ST. HILARY ACCEPTED THE POPE'S DECISIONS AND KEPT WORKING TO HELP HIS PEOPLE. HE DIED WHEN HE WAS ONLY 48 YEARS OLD.

SAINT HILARY OF ARLES IS AN EXAMPLE TO US THAT GOD SOMETIMES WANTS YOUNGER PEOPLE TO HAVE IMPORTANT JOBS. SAINT HILARY WAS YOUNGER THAN THE BISHOPS HE WAS IN CHARGE OF BUT HE WAS HUMBLE ENOUGH TO RULE THEM WELL. ALSO, WHEN HE MADE MISTAKES HE ACCEPTED THE CONSEQUENCES.

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# Fill-in-the-Blanks

The letters in squares fit into the spaces at the bottom.



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 REALIZE    WILL    DRIVEN  
 SPEECH    YOU    CLIMBS  
 ENTERS    AMEN    VOICE

Jesus said: "Amen, <sup>12</sup> I say to <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ over elsewhere is a <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and a robber. But whoever <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. But they will not follow a stranger; they <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, the Pharisees did not <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ what he was trying to tell them.

The sheep    1 2 3 4    5 6 7    8 9 10 11 12