

ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

April 8 - 9, 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 118: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

EASTER SUNDAY

He is risen. He is truly risen!

Hopefully we can grasp the extraordinary news of the Resurrection for our lives today. It isn't just history. It is why in the present moment, God's love for us is real, living and impactful. It is why our faith is a living relationship of love and not just a belief in doctrines. It is why we have certainty in our hope, unending joy in the midst of difficulties and gives us the possibility to love God in the present moment because HE IS ALIVE!

He has conquered sin and death. He has fully redeemed us. He has begun a New Creation. He has entrusted to us this Good News: "Go and tell".



The joy of the Resurrection renews the whole world. Let us ask for the grace to experience the meaning of this today.

Blessings

Fr. John

CONFESSIONS

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

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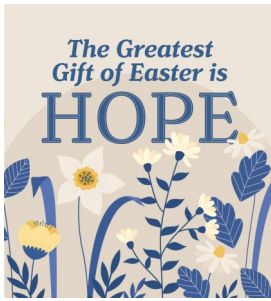
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners, as we enter into the Easter season, we would like to take this opportunity to share with you a message of hope and renewal. Easter is a time of joy and celebration, as we remember the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a time to reflect on the great sacrifice that was made for us, and the ultimate victory over sin and death. As we continue to navigate through these challenging times, we are reminded that even in the darkest of moments, there is always hope. We must hold on to this hope and trust in the Lord to guide us through. Let us also take this time to renew our commitment to living out our Catholic faith in our daily lives. Let us strive to be a source of light and love for those around us, especially those who may be struggling or in need. We encourage each and every one of you to take some time this Easter season to reflect on the blessings in your life and to give thanks for all that God has done for us. May the joy and hope of Easter fill your hearts and homes, now and always.

Sincerely, Parish Pastoral Council



MISSIONARY DISCIPLE SPOTLIGHT

Our Volunteers are Awesome! Be part of the Team!

Our Parish is blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers who graciously share their time and talents in helping build and strengthen our community. They are the framework of our Parish. The various Ministries that we have are carried out by our awesome volunteers. Their willingness to use their gifts and abilities has strengthened the mission and ministry of our Parish. Indeed, we are truly grateful to all our volunteers for their labor of love with the Church ministries. Every volunteer makes a difference. As our Parish continues to grow, we are always looking for more volunteers who are interested in our Ministries to help build our community. We invite you to share your time and talent with us. It is a wonderful way to practice good stewardship of the time and talent that God has entrusted to us as we work together to service our faith community. Volunteering is truly a rewarding experience. Please visit our Volunteer section on our website and register your name, or email resource@ascensionparish.ca for more information. Training will be provided.

Looking forward to having you part of the awesome team!

Thank you!

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul thanks you for your generous donations of non-perishable food items and gift cards for our Lenten Campaign.

A special thank you to St. Jerome School, Our Lady of Grace School, St. Josephine Bakhita and Monsignor Neville Anderson School for your support with donations and food drives. Your act of kindness and compassion cannot begin to express the gratitude of our families in need within our faith community.

If you wish to become a member of Saint Vincent de Paul please contact Davina Janssens at ssvp.ascension@gmail.com

FINANCIAL NEWS

We are grateful for everyone who contributes to our Parish. Each donation makes a difference. Have you seen the new tap machines that we have installed in the Narthex? Each time you make a donation through tap, online giving, sign up for preauthorized donations, make an e-transfer, use envelopes, or purchase a square on the donor wall, it helps us keep the lights on, pay down our mortgage, provide programs, help the community and so much more.



FEAST OF ASCENSION FUNDRAISING DINNER

The Ascension Gala committee is excited to announce that tickets are now on sale for our fundraising Gala on June 3rd. Tickets for this wonderful evening, in our very own Parish Hall, are \$150 each and can be ordered by emailing gala@ascensionparish.ca. Once your email has been received you will receive a reply with information on the tickets and the methods of payment.

As part of our fundraising event we will host our third online Auction, from May 25th to June 3rd. All funds raised from the auction and gala will be directed to the Building Fund to reduce our mortgage debt. For this initiative to be a success, we need help from our Parish community. We need you to reach out to your network of family, friends and colleagues to help us secure auction items. Do you know anyone who owns a business that might donate an item or a service? Maybe you know someone who would purchase an item and donate it to the auction. We are looking for 80 new items such as electronics, gift cards, services such as landscaping, oil changes, cleaning, and Christmas light installations, staycations and wine baskets. If you are able to help, please contact Holly at hollyd@telus.net.



Alleluia!

Today is the biggest feast of the year! Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. By rising from the dead, He showed that He was God and that everything He had said was true. It showed His followers that He wasn't gone forever- it gave them hope. Also, because He rose from the dead, now we can rise from the dead too after we die.



Imagine what it would be like to be one of Jesus' friends when He died on the cross. You were hoping that He would be the saviour that would overthrow the bad government and become the king, but now He was beaten and killed! How would you feel? What would you be doing after this horrible weekend was over? It would seem pretty hopeless, wouldn't it?

But then- some of the women come running and say that Jesus rose from the dead! Would you believe them? And then imagine that you are in the room with the other disciples with the doors locked and suddenly Jesus is standing in the room, saying, "Peace be with you!" Now what would you think?

*Today is the day
for rejoicing!*

JESUS IS ACTIVE!

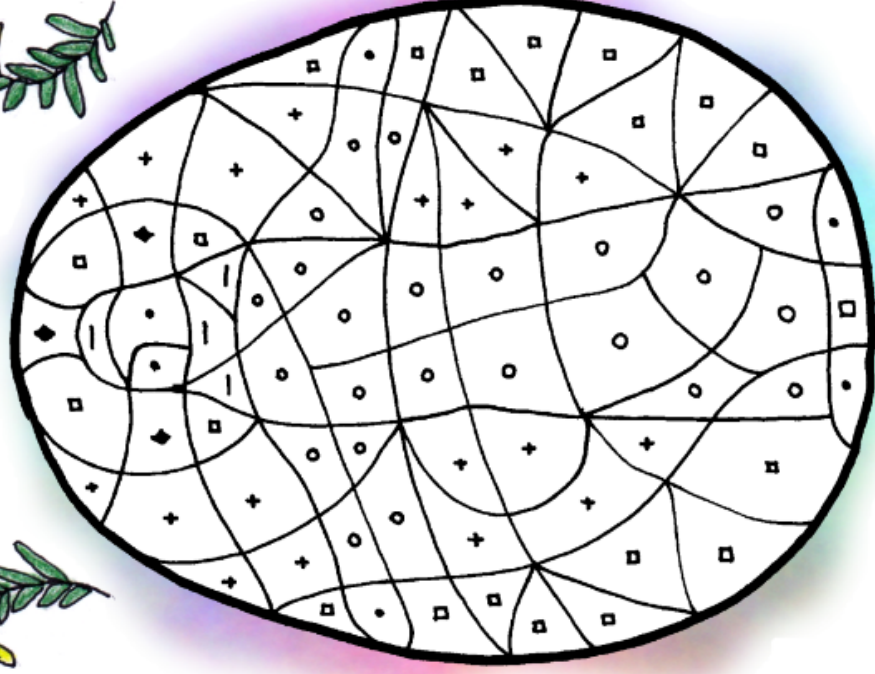


Answers to Easter True or False:
1. false 2. false 3. false 4. true 5. true
6. true 7. false

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The Kids' Bulletin

Easter Sunday
April 9th, 2023



The two men on the road to Emmaus didn't know the man who came and walked with them on Easter morning. Use the colour code below to see if you can figure out who it was!

- ◆ Red
- Yellow
- + Purple
- Brown
- Skin-colour
- White

Easter Sunday

AFTER JESUS DIED ON GOOD FRIDAY THE APOSTLES WERE AFRAID AND HID AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE. THEY STAYED IN THE ROOM WHERE THEY HAD THE LAST SUPPER.

(If they see us they'll kill us too!)

Let's go back to the upper room!

THEY STAYED THERE ON THE SABBATH DAY, WHICH WAS LIKE SUNDAY FOR THE JEWS.

EARLY ON THE SUNDAY MORNING SOME WOMEN WENT TO JESUS' TOMB...

Hail!

Do not be afraid! You seek Jesus who was crucified... He is risen!

Hail!

We have seen the Lord!

WHEN JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS HIS FOLLOWERS THOUGHT THE END HAD COME. BUT JESUS HAD DIED ON PURPOSE TO SAVE US FROM HELL! THEN HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD SO THAT WE COULD RISE FROM THE DEAD TOO. REJOICE WITH OUR LADY AND THE APOSTLES THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD!

Easter: True or False?

How well do you know the Easter Story? See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.

1. After Jesus died on the Cross He was buried in a tomb for four days. True or false?
2. The first time the women went to the tomb on Easter morning, they saw Jesus' dead body in it. True or false?
3. Nobody went to Jesus' tomb until the afternoon on Easter Sunday. True or false?
4. At first when she saw Him, Mary Magdalen didn't recognize Jesus. True or false?
5. When Jesus rose from the dead, He could never die again. True or false?
6. With His resurrected body, Jesus could go through locked doors. True or false?
7. The disciples were not surprised when Jesus came back after He died, since they knew all along that was going to happen. True or false?

