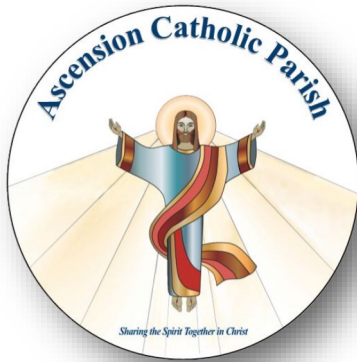


ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

April 13 - 14, 2024



*Sharing the Spirit
Together in Christ*



MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Saturday: 9:00am

Wednesday: 6:00pm

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm & 7:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am;

12:00pm & 4:00pm

PARISH STAFF

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Saturday

9:30am - 4:00pm

Closed for Lunch 12pm—1pm

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“To be Missionary Disciples”

We invite you to encounter Christ deeply in the Eucharist within a vibrant Catholic Community where you can use your gifts and talents to spread the Gospel message with joy.

Psalm 4: Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear friends,

Just like all Priests do, Fr. Daniel and I received a whole course dedicated to the Eucharist during our theology studies. And so, it is beautiful now to have a chance to preach on this reality. It brings to mind so many things. The Church teaches that the Eucharist is the “Source and Summit” of our Christian living. Why? Because Jesus Himself is the source of our Life and its goal. Jesus Himself becomes present on the Altar, Jesus Himself gives us His Body and Blood as food, and Jesus Himself awaits us at the heavenly Banquet at the end of time.

Jesus is present in the Eucharist “Sacramentally”: He is really there, but He comes to us in the form of bread and wine. The Risen Jesus remains among us.

That reminds me of one of my favourite stories about the Eucharist. I think it was St. Philip Neri, who observed that a man left Mass right after receiving communion. “Quick,” he said to the servers, “take your candles, and follow him!” The altar servers hurried off, and after a few blocks, they caught up with the man. “Fr. Philip sent us...” The man returned to the Church, asking the Saint why the servers had followed him, to which St. Philip answered: “We have to pay proper respect to our Lord, who you carried away with you. Since you neglect to adore Him, I sent the two acolytes to do so in your place.”

Let us be sure to pray, devoutly, after receiving our Lord at Mass!

United with you in love for the Risen Lord, present in the Eucharist,
Fr. JP

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

Press 2 for FR. JP, Administrator

FACTS OF FAITH

Over the next five weeks our Priests will be preaching on the Eucharist. In their homilies we will hear how Jesus instituted the Eucharist and that to “receive in faith the gift of His Eucharist is to receive the Lord Himself.” (CCC 1336). There have been many Eucharistic miracles throughout history that have confirmed the true presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Be sure to join us for an exposition on these Eucharistic Miracles from May 8-17! It will be in our Parish Hall.

Lanciano, Italy (8th Century, circa 750)

The Miracle of Lanciano involved a Priest who experienced doubts concerning Jesus’ actual presence in the Eucharist. As he was leading Mass, he began to recite the words of consecration found in 1 Corinthians 11:23-25. As he said, **“This is my Body”** and **“This is my Blood”**, he witnessed the wine and bread turn into real human blood and flesh. The blood then coagulated into five globules, which represented the five wounds of Christ. Word spread rapidly of this miracle, and the flesh and blood remain preserved to this day. You can visit them in Lanciano’s Church of San Francesco.

Bolsena-Orvieto, Italy (1236)

The Miracle of Bolsena-Orvieto appeared to a Priest who doubted the doctrine of transubstantiation — that the bread and wine turn into the literal Body and Blood of Christ during Communion. After he had consecrated the Eucharist, the Host began bleeding onto the Altar’s liturgical cloth. At that exact moment, the Priest ran and confessed his sin of doubt to the Pope who was visiting the town at the time. The liturgical cloth remains on display in the Cathedral of Orvieto where people visit to venerate and honor this sign of one of the earliest Catholic Eucharistic miracles.

Church of Saint Hyacinth in Legnica Poland (2013)

On Christmas Day 2013, at the Church of Saint Hyacinth in Legnica, Poland, a consecrated Host fell on the floor. The Host was put into a container with water so that it would dissolve. Instead, it formed red stains. In Feb. 2014, the Host was examined by various research institutes, including the Department of Forensic Medicine in Szczecin, which stated: **“In the histopathological image, the fragments were found containing the fragmented parts of the cross-striated muscle. It is most similar to the heart muscle.”** Additionally, and similar to the findings of the Eucharistic miracle of Lanciano, Italy, the research found that the tissue had alterations that would appear during great distress. The bleeding Host in Poland was approved for veneration in April 2016, by Bishop Zbigniew Kiernikowski of Legnica, who said that it **“has the hallmarks of a Eucharistic miracle.”**

(CC Magis Center April 13, 2023 / Catholic World Mission Eucharist Miracles)

SACRAMENTS

Our programs for the school year 2023–2024 are in progress. We will open for registration for the school year 2024–2025 on **June 1st, 2024**. For all other Sacraments information, please check our [website](#).

FINANCE COUNCIL

In March our operating expenses were **\$78,199.70** and our operating receipts were **\$96,603.99**.

The Parish had a single donation of **\$100,000** to our donor wall and other building fund donations of **\$51,421.85**.

Our mortgage payment and expenses were **\$45,708**.

Together in Action (TIA) donations were **\$11,353**.

Thank you to those who donate consistently to our Parish operations and building fund.

BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SAINTS



Presentation by: Eileen Wieck

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Start Time: 7:00pm MST

Zoom Cost: \$10.00 per person

Have you ever felt drawn to the stories of saints, curious about the profound connections they share with individuals across generations? If so, this event is tailor-made for you!!!

Tickets can be purchased online at [Eventbrite.ca](#)

Many Blessings,

The Forming Whole Hearts Team



ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH PRESENTS:

Monthly Retreats

Embrace this opportunity to nourish your soul and deepen your connection with God's eternal promise. Join us on this sacred journey of renewal and restoration, where every moment is imbued with the grace of the Eucharistic feast.

To learn more and to download the retreat questionnaire please visit our [website](#).

**THE RETREAT WILL BEGIN AFTER THE 6PM MASS,
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th, 2024.**

MISSIONARY DISCIPLE - SPOTLIGHT



My name is Chukwuebuka Daniel Ogbonna. I have been dedicated to serving the Ascension Catholic Parish community for the past five years through my involvement in Altar Serving. My journey into volunteering began with a deep sense of calling rooted in my passion for helping others draw closer to God. Inspired by a close friend who shared my enthusiasm, I found myself drawn to the sacred duty of serving at the Altar. Each time I participate in Mass, I find myself more deeply immersed in it, allowing me to connect more intimately with my faith and discern the messages that God has for me. Through my volunteer experience, I have discovered a profound sense of fulfillment and purpose, finding joy in the simple pleasures of communal prayer and fellowship, often accompanied by post-service treats like cookies. My greatest bible verse is **“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”** (Philippians 4:13) My advice for those hesitant to volunteer is to encourage them to seek guidance from current volunteers. By reaching out to those already engaged in the ministries one is interested in, individuals can gain valuable insights into the challenges and rewards of volunteering. My journey is a testament to the transformative power of service, demonstrating how answering the call to volunteer can deepen one’s faith and enrich both personal and communal spiritual growth.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the Ascension Catholic Parish Community, ministries, and schools for their generous support for both the Lenten Share and Holy Week Mission campaigns. These were our most successful Lenten campaigns to date.

The financial and food donations received will help to sustain our work in the community for the next couple of months. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated by the families we serve.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Ascension Conference

MASS INTENTIONS APR 13 - 20, 2024

Apr 13	5pm	Mass for Parishioners
Apr 13	7pm	For the souls of Augustin & Candida Jumawid
Apr 14	8am	For the soul of Rita Casas Guerra
Apr 14	10am	For the soul of Amelia Malayao
Apr 14	12pm	For the soul of Erna Plesche
Apr 14	4pm	For the special intention of Veronica Azichoba
Apr 15	9am	For the special intention of Nafiseh Razavi
Apr 16	9am	For the special intention of Benardette Okodugha
Apr 17	9am	For the soul of Gordon McManus
Apr 17	6pm	For the special intention of Dr. Zamarino Jaramillo
Apr 18	9am	For the special intentions of Mary Lovric & Children
Apr 19	9am	For the soul of Lillian Lai
Apr 20	9am	For the special intentions of the Colaco Family

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**MOUNT ST. FRANCIS
RETREAT**

Couples Weekend
April 19th - 21st, 2024

To register please contact
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changrover@shaw.ca
or
Tess and Renato Abanto
403-615-6126
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN OUR USHER MINISTRY SPECIFICALLY FOR THE 12PM MASS ON SUNDAY. IF YOU HAVE A HEART FOR SERVICE AND A DESIRE TO CREATE A WARM AND INVITING ATMOSPHERE, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU ON BOARD.

WHY VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME FOR THE LORD? BECAUSE EVERY MOMENT SPENT SERVING HIM IS A MOMENT OF GRACE AND BLESSING. BY OFFERING YOUR TIME AND TALENTS, YOU NOT ONLY SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE CHURCH BUT ALSO DEEPEN YOUR OWN SPIRITUAL JOURNEY. SERVING AS AN USHER IS A BEAUTIFUL OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.

PLEASE CONTACT
RESOURCE@ASCENSIONPARISH.CA
OR VISIT OUR [WEBSITE](http://www.ascensionparish.ca) TO VOLUNTEER.



**SAVE
THE DATE**

MAY 12, 2024
(After the 12pm Mass)
**“Ascension Feast Day &
Mother’s Day
Special Celebration”**

Jesus' Body Came Back to Life!



When Jesus rose from the dead, was He just a spirit or did He have a real living body?

Some of the disciples thought He was just a spirit or ghost at first and were afraid. But Jesus showed them He was really alive again, with a real body, by eating some fish. Of course, a ghost can't eat anything because it doesn't have a real body.

When we die, our body will be buried in the ground and turn back into earth. But our soul will not die. At the end of time we will get our body back, but not an old worn out body. This body will really be our own body, but it will be new and fresh, with no problems in it! Jesus showed us what it would be like when He came back to life after His death.



Did you know that we will get our bodies back one day in Heaven? God made people to have a soul and a body, so when we are perfectly happy with Him in Heaven we will be able to rejoice with our bodies and our souls!

Alleluia!



Answers to Easter Word Puzzle: written, rise, third, sins, name, nations, Jerusalem, WITNESS.

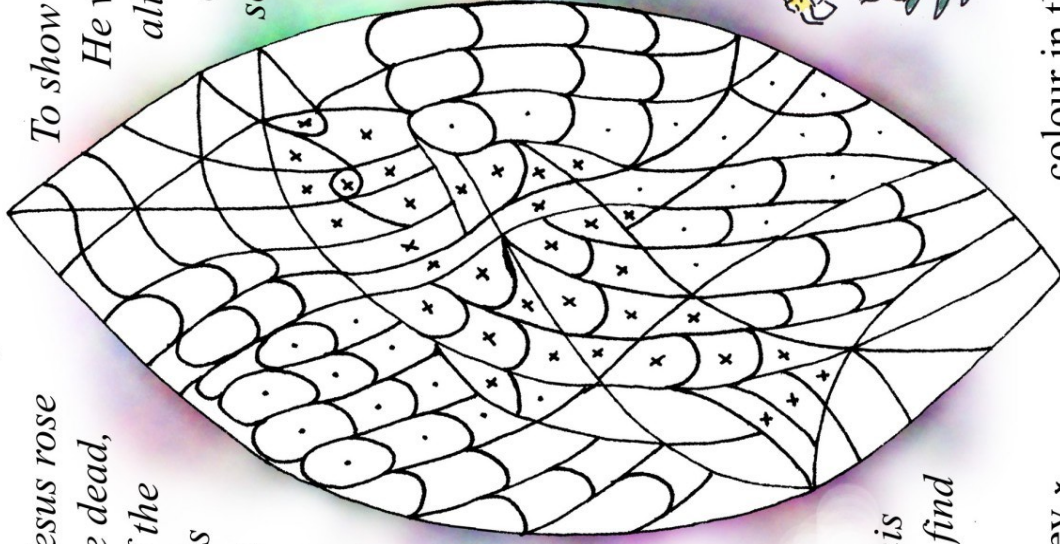
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The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Easter
April 14th, 2024

When Jesus rose from the dead, some of the disciples thought He was a ghost.

To show them that He was really alive, Jesus asked for something to eat. What did they give Him?



Colour the spaces using this code to find out!

grey ×
skin colour ·

colour in the blank spaces any colour!



Saint Benedict Joseph Labre

April 16

BENEDICT JOSEPH WAS THE OLDEST OF A LARGE FAMILY IN FRANCE IN THE 1700'S. HE WAS EXPECTED TO STUDY AND BECOME A PRIEST.



Benedict, I think you'd be a great priest!

BUT BENEDICT WANTED TO BECOME A MONK INSTEAD, AND LIVE IN SILENT PRAYER.



Lord, You aren't calling me to the priesthood are you?

HE TRIED TO ENTER MONASTERIES, BUT HE WAS SENT AWAY.

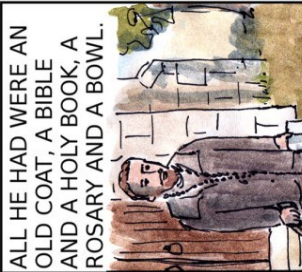


I'm sorry, Benedict. It just doesn't seem to be your vocation!

AT AGE 25 HE BECAME A PILGRIM, WALKING TO MANY SHRINES IN EUROPE.



ALL HE HAD WERE AN OLD COAT, A BIBLE AND A HOLY BOOK, A ROSARY AND A BOWL.



BENEDICT SLEPT OUTSIDE AND ATE ONLY WHAT WAS GIVEN TO HIM. HE DIED AT AGE 35.



FEW PEOPLE HAD REALLY KNOWN HIM, BUT AS SOON AS HE DIED THE STREETS OF ROME WERE FILLED WITH THE SHOUT, "THE SAINT HAS DIED!"



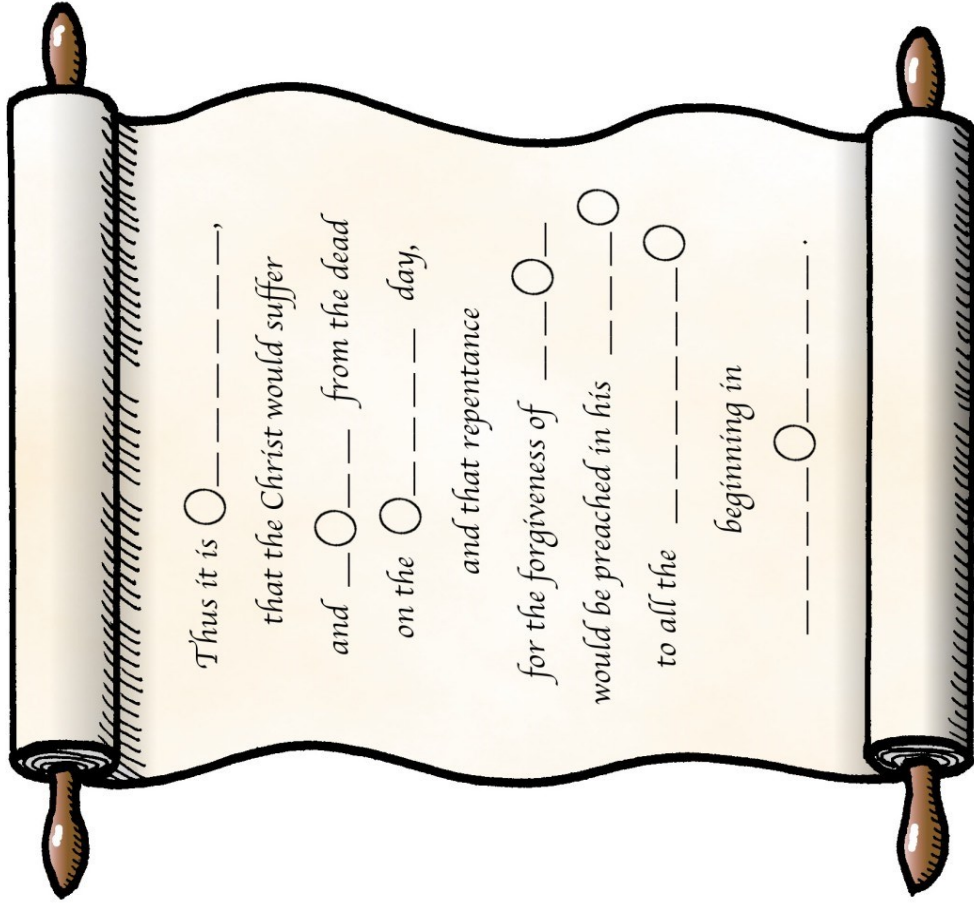
Who was he?
The saint has died!
The holy beggar.

SAINT BENEDICT SEEMED LIKE A VERY STRANGE MAN- HE WAS RAGGED AND DIRTY AND SMELLED BAD, BUT ALL HE WANTED TO DO WAS TO BE WITH GOD. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A PERSON WHO LOOKED LIKE ST. BENEDICT? GOD LOVES THAT PERSON VERY MUCH. YOU CAN PRAY THAT THEY BECOME A SAINT TOO!

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An Easter Word Puzzle

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks.
Then use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the end.



Jesus wants you to be His
--- to the world!

JERUSALEM THIRD NAME
WRITTEN NATIONS SINS RISE