

# ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

January 6 - 7, 2024



*Sharing the Spirit  
Together in Christ*



## 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 72: Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.**

This weekend we celebrate Epiphany. The wise men, after travelling from afar, laid their gifts at the foot of the manger. Joseph was certainly grateful; Mary was thoughtful; Jesus was pleased; and they, the wise men, were blessed.

"Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

We too have "travelled far" through Advent and have also laid our gifts and ourselves at the feet of Jesus. The glory of God shines through at Bethlehem, and it continues to shine in our hearts long after the Christmas aisles have been dismantled at the big box stores. In these weeks after Christmas, may your hearts be radiant still, and may the joy of Christmas endure and enlighten your whole life. We can pray: "Jesus, our Light shining in the darkness, I ask for your blessing upon me and my family!"

In Christ, Fr. JP

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## 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

**Pastor:** [Fr. John Gannon](#)

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**Vicar:** [Fr. Adrian Martens](#)  
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**Bookkeeper:** [Cindy Kreutzer](#)

**Resource:** [Connie Raz](#)

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Saturday

9:30am - 4:00pm

*Closed for Lunch 12pm—1pm*

## CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - Saturday:

8:15am - 8:45am

Saturdays: 4:00pm - 4:45pm

or by appointment

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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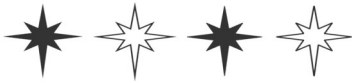
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dear Beloved Parishioners, as we unite within the radiant embrace of Epiphany, the Parish Pastoral Council extends profound gratitude to our exceptionally dynamic and faith-filled Parish family. Your presence, prayers, unwavering commitment, and hard work keep the gears of our Parish turning smoothly, reflecting the essence of the season. In the spirit of love and togetherness, we celebrate not only the birth of our Saviour but also the beautiful tapestry of diversity that defines our Parish family.

Your commitment to our shared objective of becoming missionary disciples of Jesus Christ is a guiding light that leads us to a more compassionate and harmonious world. May this journey of Epiphany fill our hearts with passion and may this year bear witness to the unbounded love we share as a Parish community. With appreciation, The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)



ALTAR SERVERS MINISTRY



We are thankful to all the volunteers who dedicated their time for the December Masses and for everyone who joined us on December 27<sup>th</sup> for the Altar Servers appreciation. A special thanks to Fr. John for his prayers for our Altar Servers, the families who generously contributed food or drinks, the committed parent volunteers and Mary Grace for coordinating the Altar Servers Ministry. We hope this signifies the start of our children building friendships and finding joy in serving the Lord. We hope more families will join us in our next gathering. Let's come together to serve the Lord and connect with our altar servers and their families.

SACRAMENTS

Our Sacrament Registration is closed for this year and will reopen **June 1, 2024**.

Thank you to all the families who have continued to enrich their children's faith with living the Sacraments. The power of God's love and His grace that is given to us in the Sacraments, will forever bring peace and hope into our lives.

A View Of	2023	2024
Baptism	250	240+
First Reconciliation	301	280
First Holy Communion	275	289
Confirmation	294	214

In 2023, we had a catch-up year with children receiving their Sacraments that were missed during Covid.

**May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13 -**

**Baptism for Infants:** Preparation for Infant Baptism involves registering your child, submitting required paperwork and a Baptism preparation class. These classes are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month. Your child's Baptism will be booked after submitting the required paperwork and your participation in the class. Baptisms are celebrated Saturday at 10am and Sunday at 2pm.

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

**Marriage:** By appointment, 6 months in advance. Please 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:** On the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 [sacraments@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:sacraments@ascensionparish.ca)

**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. For more information contact [office@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:office@ascensionparish.ca) the Parish office.



## A CALL TO SERVICE

### MISSIONARY DISCIPLE SPOTLIGHT



Hi, I'm Bernadette Ruanto. For the past 13 years, I have been serving as a choir member with the St. Cecilia choir during the 12pm Mass on Sundays at Ascension Catholic Parish.

I volunteered because I felt the need to belong and was looking forward to serving the way I used to do it back home and that is, to sing for the Lord. So, I ap-

proached one of the choir members and was warmly welcomed by her.

Serving the Parish with my family on a regular basis has bound us together even more. I was able to encourage my husband to serve in the choir as well. He is currently our choir leader. My children grew up in the Parish and they see what we do. Now, my eldest son has shown interest in singing with the children's choir and is currently serving as one of psalmists at the 12pm Mass on Sundays. It was my dream for my son to be singing in the choir, it has finally happened and became a reality. It is truly an honor and a great privilege to be serving God through the St. Cecilia choir at Ascension Catholic Parish as one family.

God has given us talents. I believe it is meant to be shared with our brethren especially during Holy Mass as we come together in union with Him. Singing is twice as powerful as praying. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may the gift of music lead the congregation deeper into His presence.



Don't forget to mark your calendar for That Man is You! This 12-week program starts on January 13<sup>th</sup> with breakfast at 7:15am. Please sign up on our website at [www.ascensionparish.ca](http://www.ascensionparish.ca)

### FINANCIAL NEWS

Thank you to all parishioners who participated in sacrificial giving this past year. We appreciate your engagement in supporting our Parish through giving so generously of your treasure or income. It is your regular weekly giving that supports the Parish's operational expenses of maintenance, salaries for staff and programs.

If you are considering being one of our lifelines in support of our operational costs this year by becoming a regular or weekly giver, please consider joining our **Pre-authorized donation (PAD)** program.



*"Begging for the Lord's powerful grace to flow into our child's life" (Taken from St. Monica's prayer)*

Ascension Catholic Church  
Starting Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
Room 4 & 5  
Bring your Bible

Contact:  
Maribel Rubin  
[m.maribelrubin@gmail.com](mailto:m.maribelrubin@gmail.com)

### MASS INTENTIONS JAN 6-13, 2024

Jan 06	5pm	For the special intention of Joseph Thanh Nguyen
Jan 06	7pm	For the soul of Jesus Jumawid
Jan 07	8am	For the soul of January Lumagbas
Jan 07	10am	Mass for Parishioners
Jan 07	12pm	For the special intention of Andrea Holowka
Jan 07	4pm	For the souls of Jose & Lucila Valerio
Jan 08	9am	For the soul of Manuel Felisilda
Jan 09	9am	For the soul of Angela D'Agostino
Jan 10	9am	For the souls of Tabak Vlade & Tabak Anja
Jan 10	6pm	For the soul of Marie Ndokaj
Jan 11	9am	For the soul of Visitacion Janiola
Jan 12	9am	For the soul of Silveria Vitor
Jan 13	9am	For the soul of Joselito Mapalo

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ASCENSION PARISH CWL  
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# LADIES CRAFT DAY



ARTS & CRAFTS

**JAN  
13TH** AT 1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM  
HERE AT THE PARISH - ROOMS 4 AND 5

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

*World Day of Prayer  
for Consecrated Life  
Friday, February 2, 2024*

—Feast of the Presentation of the Lord—

Dear Sisters and Brothers of  
Religious Communities in the Calgary Diocese,  
The Franciscan Friars at  
Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre  
invite you to join us in celebration.

Social at 10:30 am  
Eucharist at 11:30 am  
followed by a delicious home cooked meal.

Please RSVP by January 29, 2024 to:  
[mtfrancis@shaw.ca](mailto:mtfrancis@shaw.ca) 403-932-2012

The Franciscan Friars at Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre invite you to join us in celebration. Social starts at 10:30am and Eucharistic celebration is at 11:30am, followed by a delicious home cooked meal.

Please RSVP by January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to [mtfrancis@shaw.ca](mailto:mtfrancis@shaw.ca) or call 403-932-2012.



### Bishop Carroll High School Open House & Guided Tours

We offer Catholic education in a self-directed personalized learning environment, alongside a full range of Athletics, Fine Arts, Advanced Placement, French Language Arts and Hockey Skills Canada programs. BCHS diploma exam results far exceed those of the province average annually. Join us for an evening of exploration and how it may be a great fit for your child.

**Open House** Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm – 8:00pm  
**Guided Tours** February 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am or 1:00pm

For more information please visit our website <https://bishopcarroll.cssd.ab.ca/register>

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# The Magi Come to Worship Jesus

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, which is when the Magi, or wise men, of the East came to find and worship Baby Jesus. They travelled for many weeks across harsh country to find the new King, bringing their best treasures to give to Him.



Where did these men find the baby King? Not in Jerusalem in the palace, with riches and servants! They found Him in a little town, in a house with just His mother, Mary. But they still knew Who the Baby was, so they bowed down to Him and gave Him their treasures.

The wise men teach us that we can honour God in all sorts of places. Jesus is there when you help ordinary people and poor people. He is honoured when you pray at a little nativity scene. Like the wise men, we should give our very best to Jesus no matter where He is.



Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 4.myrrh 6.to 8.East 9.star 11.find 14.secretly 15.King 16.gold 18.Bethlehem Down: 1.frankincense 2.Jesus 3.at 4.Mary 5.Herod 7.overjoyed 10.they 12.as 13.Its 17.the

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# The Kids' Bulletin


## Epiphany Sunday January 7th, 2024

*Here is the story of the Wise Men, with pictures to make it fun to read!*

Long ago,  saw a special  in the



sky. They followed it to find the

newborn . But first they came to

Herod, and asked him if he knew where the  would be born. He asked the priests,

who told him the  would be born in Bethlehem. So the  went, and found the

 where the  and His mother,  were staying. They knelt before the

baby  and gave him their  of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

# Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

## January 12

MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS WAS BORN IN 1620 IN TROYES, FRANCE. SHE WAS THE SIXTH OF TWELVE CHILDREN IN A MIDDLE CLASS FAMILY.



Wow!

We have a new baby sister!

WHEN SHE WAS 20, SHE WAS IN A PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY WHEN SHE FELT CALLED TO THE SERVICE OF GOD.



I want to give my life to God like her...

SHE JOINED A GROUP OF WOMEN THAT TAUGHT THE POOR CHILDREN OF TROYES.



Time for catechism!

IT WILL BE A LONG TRIP.



I'll come!

SOON SHE WAS ASKED TO HELP AT A NEW SETTLEMENT, NOW MONTREAL.

THERE SHE HELPED WITH BUILDING A CHAPEL AND HAD THE CROSS ON MOUNT-ROYAL REBUILT.



SHE TAUGHT THE YOUNG WOMEN WHO CAME TO CANADA TO MARRY AND RAISE FAMILIES.



Very good!

MANY OTHER WOMEN JOINED HER WORK. AFTER MARGUERITE RETIRED, THE CONGREGATION OF NOTRE-DAME WAS GIVEN OFFICIAL APPROVAL.



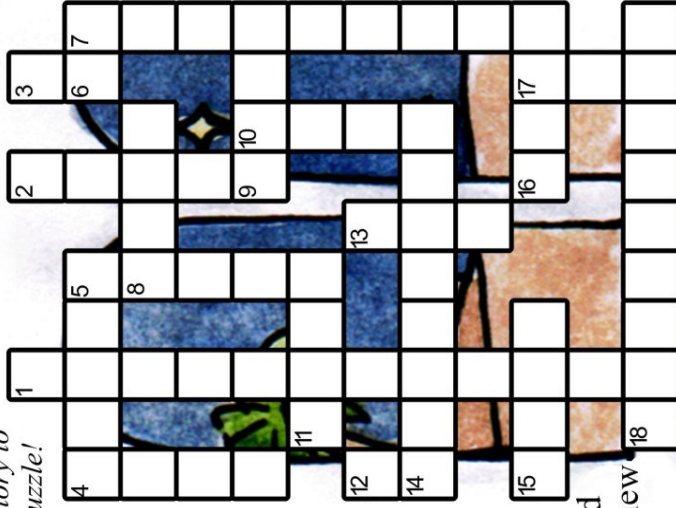
Mother, we've been approved!

SAINT MARGUERITE DIED AT THE AGE OF 80. SHE HAD HELPED THE PEOPLE OF THE NEW SETTLEMENT SO MUCH THAT THEY CALLED HER "THE MOTHER OF THE COLONY." SHE TAUGHT THE FAITH TO THE MOTHERS BECAUSE SHE KNEW THAT THEY WOULD BE THE FIRST ONES TO TEACH THE FAITH TO THEIR CHILDREN.

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# EPIPHANY CROSS-WORD

Fill in the blanks in the story to find the words for the puzzle!



Around the time that \_\_\_\_\_ (2d) was born, some wise men from the \_\_\_\_\_ (8a) saw in the sky a special \_\_\_\_\_ (9a) at \_\_\_\_\_ (13d) rising, and followed it to \_\_\_\_\_ (11a) the new-born Saviour. First they came to Jerusalem where \_\_\_\_\_ (10d) went to ask \_\_\_\_\_ (15a) Herod if he knew where the new \_\_\_\_\_ King would be born.

\_\_\_\_\_ (12d) Herod did not know, he called the priests and scribes, who told them that the Baby would be born in \_\_\_\_\_ (18a). Then Herod told a \_\_\_\_\_ (17d) and said that he wanted to go and honour the Baby King too, and told the men to return once they had found him and tell him where the Baby was. The men were \_\_\_\_\_ (7d) when they found Jesus with his mother \_\_\_\_\_ (4d), and they did him homage, giving their gifts of \_\_\_\_\_ (16a), \_\_\_\_\_ (1d) and \_\_\_\_\_ (4a). But \_\_\_\_\_ (3d) \_\_\_\_\_ night an angel appeared \_\_\_\_\_ (6a) them and told them to \_\_\_\_\_ (14a) go home by another road, since King \_\_\_\_\_ (5d) wanted to kill Baby Jesus.

