

ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

June 24 - 25, 2023



Sharing the Spirit
Together in Christ



SO DO NOT BE AFRAID

*You are of more value
than many sparrows*

MATTHEW 10:31



12th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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: Cindy Kreutzer

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 69: Lord, in your steadfast love, answer me.

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

This Sunday Jesus talks about not fearing those “who can kill the body” (Mt 10).

He says that we need to **value our souls**: doing what is right, following God’s guidance, even if that means paying a price. The martyrs give us an example. They accepted being put to death rather than doing anything that offended God.

It made me think of “Medical Assistance in Dying” (MAiD), legislation by which the government has made it legal to kill the elderly. That is wrong. We cannot step into God’s shoes and choose who lives and who dies. Next March, they want to expand euthanasia/assisted-suicide to those with mental-health challenges.

It is important to hear what **our Bishops have written**: *Consistent with our strong objection to euthanasia/assisted suicide, we implore the federal government to heed the concerns voiced by many mental health experts, mental health and disability advocacy groups, communities, families and individuals and to repeal entirely or permanently suspend the expansion of ‘MAiD’ (medical assistance in dying) to persons whose sole medical condition is a mental illness* (CCCB, May 9, 2023).

Life is a gift of God; let us value it and love it. Let us love our eternal souls. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, comforter of the afflicted, watch over us! Have a good summer.

In Christ, 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

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Press 3 for Associate

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CANADA DAY - JULY 1, 2023

Mass will be at 9am; then the office will close. The Church will reopen for Confession at 4pm and Mass at 5pm and 7pm.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Saturday 9:30am to 1:00pm

Also taking a break for July and August will be the bulletin and Sunday coffee and cookies.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**STAMPEDE BREAKFAST**

July 9th after the 8am & 10am Mass

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

The CWL will be selling handmade cards after all Masses June 24 - 25, 2023. The cost is \$1 - \$2 and all proceeds go to persons in need in the Diocese. Thank you for your support.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

As we wrap up another school year let's reflect on the amazing year we had in 2022 and 2023. We welcomed Fr John and Fr JP to our Parish. Secondly, as things began to "normalize" we were able to meet in person and celebrate Mass together. Some of our successful events this year included the missions for Advent and Lent; our Volunteer Retreat; Parish Feast Day; and the Gala.

Our Parish is blessed with an amazing group of volunteers; it is with your help we were able to have so many successful events. Thank you for all your time and effort. Have a safe and blessed summer. Stay tuned to our Parish website for upcoming events.

METANOIA—YOUTH GROUP

Metanoia Youth Group will be taking the summer off to look for more leaders and host a few fun events, so keep your eye out for updates! Regular sessions will restart in September 2023. To sign up for Metanoia, our youth group, please visit the Parish website or email youth@ascensionparish.ca. The Metanoia leaders wish you all a happy and blessed summer!

**SACRAMENTS****ONLINE SACRAMENT REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

REGISTER at 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. Classes will be held in the fall; please register online or call the office.

Baptism for Infants: Preparation for Infant Baptism involves registering your child, submitting required paperwork and a Baptism class. The Baptism classes are on the 1st 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.

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 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 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 using our traveling Chalice. In having the Chalice in your home you are encouraged to devote time to pray for an increase in vocations. To sign up [click here](#) or visit our website www.ascensionparish.ca.

A CALL TO SERVICE

MISSIONARY DISCIPLE SPOTLIGHT



Hi, I'm Mabel Dela Rosa. I am currently serving as an Usher and have been volunteering with our Parish since 2015.

I was deeply touched when a previous Pastor announced the need for volunteers who are willing to share their time and energy with the Church. I felt that going to Church every Sunday is not really enough. I wanted to serve and do more for our Lord. I am happy that I made the decision to volunteer and serve in our Church. Volunteering in our Church has become part of my life every Sunday. I feel each day that I am getting closer to our Lord.

I am constantly inspired by this scripture – John 3:16, “God so loved the world that He gave His only beloved; whoever believes in Him will have everlasting life.”

Pray that God may touch your heart and give you the courage to get involved in our Parish. It is a blessing to be able to serve our Lord through our Parish.

God bless us all!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to join our volunteer team, email resource@ascensionparish.ca, or visit our website <https://www.ascensionparish.ca/volunteer.html>

Congratulations to our newly ordained Priest, Fr. Santiago Torres!

Bishop McGrattan ordained Fr. Santiago Torres to the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ on Friday, June 16, on the Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Read about Fr. Santiago Torres at catholicyc.ca/blog



FINANCIAL NEWS

The Ascension Catholic Parish Finance Council would like to thank everyone who contributes to our operations and building fund. Please continue to support the Parish over the summer months.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Our Property Management Team has been working to beautify our Church grounds with flowers, keeping our lawns, trees and shrubs in a healthy condition.



On-going maintenance and repairs will continue over the summer. If you have any materials you think we could use, please call us. Any suggestions are welcome on maintenance concerns. Send pictures or notes to 403-457-0507. New volunteers are always needed.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We will continue to operate our store card program throughout the summer. Please prayerfully consider supporting us and the Parish by visiting the store card table after Mass and purchasing your store cards. A portion of the proceeds is given back to the Building Fund each year.



MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 24- JULY 1, 2023

Jun 24	5pm	For the soul of Midre Saducas
Jun 24	7pm	For the souls of Agustin and Candida
Jun 25	8am	Our Parishioners
Jun 25	10am	Thanksgiving Mass
Jun 25	12pm	For the Special Intentions of Ave Hoepfer
Jun 25	4pm	For the Special Intentions of Pam & John Carton 40th Wedding Anniversary
Jun 26	9am	For the soul of Colette Bruse
Jun 27	9am	For the Special Intentions of Vergate Domenico
Jun 28	9am	For the souls of Jonathan, Regina & Ronald Chia
Jun 29	9am	For the Special Intentions of Vienna Fortugno
Jun 30	9am	For the Special Intentions of Philip Pereira
Jul 1	9am	For the souls of Jonathan, Regina & Ronald Chia

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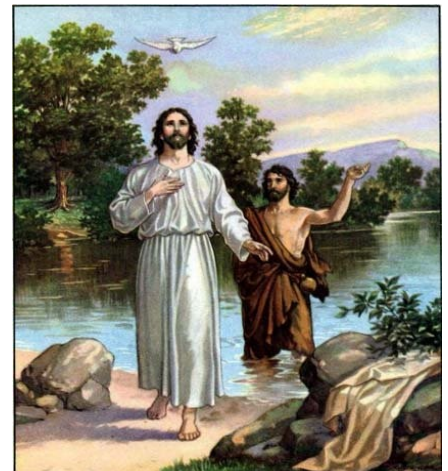
CEMETERY MASSES WITH BISHOP MCGRATTAN

Bishop McGrattan will celebrate Masses for the souls of the deceased buried at our Catholic cemeteries in Calgary and area. All are welcome!

Wednesday, August 23, 2023,
7pm at Mountain View Funeral Chapel (indoor)

Wednesday, August 30, 2023,
7pm at Queen's Park Cemetery (outdoor)

Thursday, August 31, 2023,
7pm at St. Mary's Cemetery (outdoor)



**St. John the Baptist
Pray for us!**

CLERGY PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS

Stay up-to-date with the latest clergy pastoral announcements from the Bishop's Office, and learn where our clergy are serving in parishes and ministries within the Diocese, effective August 1, 2023. Please join us in praying for them in their new assignments and chapters of life!

Read [Pastoral Announcement](#) (June 15, 2023)

Read [Pastoral Announcement](#) (June 20, 2023)



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PRAYER GROUP

We have started a weekly devotion in our Parish. Please join this prayer group every Tuesday at 6pm in the Chapel.

Stay up to date by visiting our Social Media

www.facebook.com/ascensionparishcalgary <https://twitter.com/RCAscensionYYC> <https://www.instagram.com/ascensioncatholic/>

Don't Worry! God Cares About You!

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us not to fear those who can kill us. He tells us that God pays attention to the sparrows, which are just little birds. How much more He cares about us, His people!



I feel all alone...
But God is still with me!

What Jesus says reminds us that we should always remember that God loves and cares for us. We don't need to live in fear, because God always wants what is best for us.

Sometimes bad things happen to us - we can become poor, we can lose friends, we can get hurt or sick. But God is still caring for us through those times. These things can help remind us of how much we need God. Just food and possessions and other people and even our health are not enough

Every time you see a picture of Jesus remember that God is caring about you right now! Thank Him for His love and try to share His love and care with those around you!



Answers to Fill-in-the-Blanks: LIGHT, PROCLAIM, BODY, CANNOT, FEAR, SPARROWS, PENNY, FATHERS, OF, NOT, MORE, EVERYONE, BEFORE, BUT, God cares for you!

The Kids' Bulletin

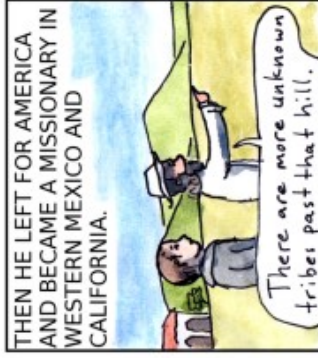
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25th, 2023



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that God sees even little things.
What little things did He mention?
Connect the dots to find out!

Saint Junípero Serra

July 1



SAINT JUNIPERO WORKED FOR MANY YEARS TO BRING THE NATIVE AMERICANS TO CHRIST, IN SPITE OF HIS BAD LEG AND THE DANGER OF BEING KILLED BY THE ENEMIES OF THE FAITH. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT GOD CAN DO GREAT THINGS THROUGH US WHEN WE DON'T GIVE UP EVEN WHEN IT HURTS.

Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill in the blank spaces with the words from the list. Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end!

What I tell you in the dark, _____ SPARROWS
 utter in the _____; _____ EVERYONE
 and what you hear whispered, _____ PROCLAIM
 _____ upon the _____ FATHER'S
 housetops. And do not fear those _____ CANNOT
 who kill the _____ BEFORE
 but _____ kill the soul; _____ PENNY
 rather _____ him who can kill _____ LIGHT
 both body and soul in Hell. _____ MORE
 Are not two _____ BODY
 sold for a _____? _____
 And not one of them will fall to the ground FEAR
 without your _____ will. NOT
 But even the hairs _____ your head BUT
 are numbered. _____ OF
 Fear _____, therefore;
 you are of _____ value than many sparrows.
 So _____
 who acknowledges me before men, _____
 I also will acknowledge _____ my Father who is in heaven;
 _____ whoever denies me before men, I also
 will deny before my Father who is in heaven.