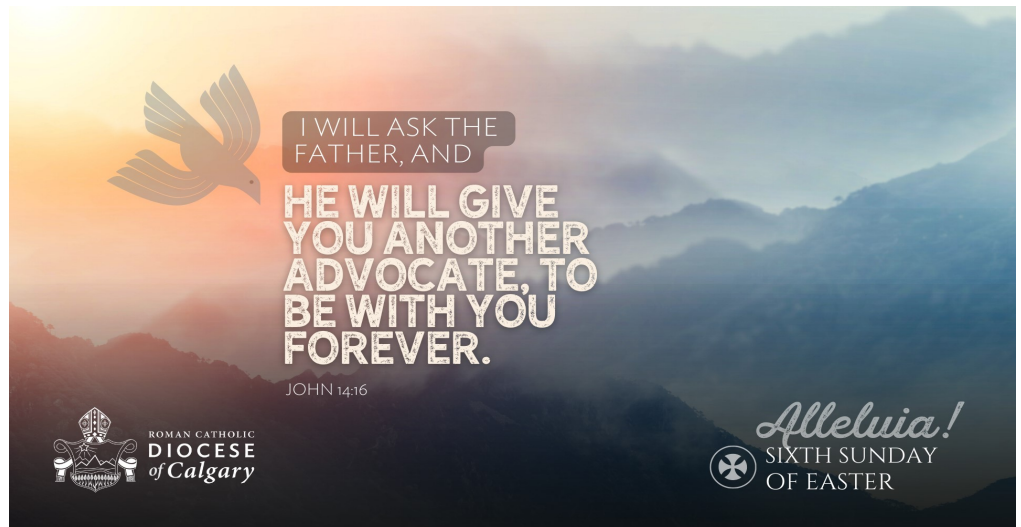


# ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

May 13 - 14, 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 66 : Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!**

## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear friends,

In the first reading, we read that Jesus Christ was preaching in Samaria. It says: "There was great joy in that city."

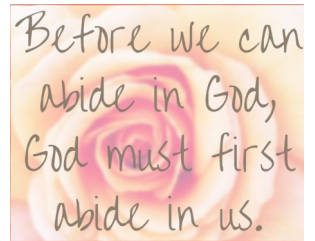
We will soon celebrate the Feast Day of the Ascension, next Sunday, on May 21. Come and celebrate after the 12-noon Mass. There will be great joy among us as well!

We know that, as Catholics, as followers of Christ, we are intimately united with God, who lives in our hearts ever since the moment we were Baptized. We abide in God; God abides in us. This is what Jesus tells us in the Gospel: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I in you." Sometimes, however, we may feel nervous about speaking about our Faith with others. Perhaps we feel as if we don't know enough, and that we are just not capable to do what St Peter encourages us to do: "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope. Do it with gentleness and reverence..."

It will be good to offer various opportunities to grow in our Faith as we continue to walk together as members of Ascension Catholic Parish.

May God continue to bless you this Easter Season.

In Christ, Fr. JP



### CONFESSIONS

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

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**ASCENSION FEAST DAY - MAY 21, 2023****Are you ready to have fun?**

Our Feast Day is just a week away and preparations are in full swing. We have lined up lots of activities and entertainment for all ages to enjoy. The Knights of Columbus are ready to grill the hotdogs and sausages. Kids will have fun with a bouncy castle, face painting and tattoos. Exciting prizes are up for grabs for our fun trivia and games. Enjoy sweating it out with Zumba! Plus, catch the winner of the 50/50 Raffle that will be drawn on that day. More and more surprises await everyone on our Feast day.



The organizing team led by the Parish Pastoral Council is working really hard to make our Feast Day celebration a fun-filled and enjoyable day for everyone. **Please don't forget to wear white and bring your lawn chairs.** Rain or shine we will celebrate our Feast Day right after the 12pm Mass. Don't miss out!

**50/50 ASCENSION FEAST DAY DRAW**

Thank you to all that are supporting the Building Fund by purchasing 50/50 tickets. As of May 7<sup>th</sup> we have a jackpot of **\$3,960.00**. Tickets will again be on sale this coming weekend and finally on our Ascension Feast Day May 21<sup>st</sup>. The winner will be announced in our bulletin and on our website.

**FEAST OF ASCENSION GALA DINNER**

The Building Fund Committee thanks all the parishioners that bought Gala Tickets or donated an auction item after Mass last weekend. We sold another 30 Gala tickets, but we need to sell another 60 to make the event viable and a success. Please help make this a success by purchasing tickets. We have great speakers, a catered dinner and fun dance planned. All funds will go toward our "Building Ascension for Tomorrow" campaign. Gala tickets can be purchased for \$150.00 at the office or by emailing [gala@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:gala@ascensionparish.ca) with the number of tickets you require. You will receive a return email that will outline the options for payment. Thank-you for your support.

**ONLINE AUCTION**

**Our 3rd Online Auction is a go!** Bidding on items will begin on May 25<sup>th</sup> and end on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Gala evening. We are looking for a few more items for the auction. If you can help, please contact Holly at [hollyd@telus.net](mailto:hollyd@telus.net).

**Aurora Borealis dancing over the Church - April 24th.****SACRAMENTS****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 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

Hi, I'm Maria San Miguel. I am currently serving at the Parish as the Art and Environment coordinator. I have been volunteering with the Parish since 2014. I started serving as Extra Ordinary Minister of the Holy Communion through the encouragement of a previous Pastor and then was assigned as coordinator for the Art and Environment ministry.



Helping others and the Church community is a very rewarding experience. You make new friends, learn new skills as well as, the chance to give something back. Volunteering has truly enhanced and impacted my life. Watching God's work in someone else's life increases my faith. It also sets a good example for others and my children by serving others and the community. I have met many people in the Church community that have become good friends.

Don't delay, say yes today!

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts and see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 135:24-25.

## FINANCE NEWS

Special fundraising of the online auction, 50/50 draw, donor wall and various other events all go toward our Building Fund and helps us reduce our debt. Thank you to everyone who participates in these. Remember our Online Auction opens on May 25th!



### Catholic Education Week - May 14 - 19

#### CALGARY CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Please join the [Calgary Catholic Education Foundation](#) in an

evening of celebrating and fundraising at *Ignite the Spark* on June 1, 2023, at Telus Spark.

Hosted by Michael Chiasson of Access52, you'll be dazzled all evening with live entertainment, inspiring stories, a decadent display of food & beverage, plus an online live auction & wine raffle. Tickets are on sale now and available at <https://bit.ly/ignitethespark> Proceeds support enhanced learning opportunities for students and schools in the Calgary Catholic School District.



**WED, MAY 31, 2023**

FEAST DAY OF THE **VISITATION OF MARY**

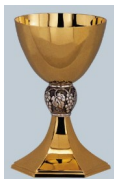
Theme: "With Mary towards the Synodal Assembly" - together let us entrust to Mary, Mother of the Church, the work of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.

Shrine Church of the Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore

11 am - Mass with Bishop McGrattan  
Outdoor Rosary with the Seeds of the Words Community  
GodSquad BBQ Lunch

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## 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](http://www.ascensionparish.ca).

### MASS INTENTIONS MAY 13 - MAY 20, 2023

May 13	5pm	For the soul of Winnie Splicer
May 13	7pm	For the Special Intentions of Marina Stewart
May 14	8am	For our Parishioners
May 14	10am	For the Special Intentions of Guimar de Jaramillo
May 14	12pm	For the soul of Ludivina de Jesus
May 14	4pm	For the soul of Tavernini-Ceschini Family
May 15	9am	For the Souls in Purgatory
May 16	9am	For the soul of Anthony Sequeira
May 17	9am	For the soul of Julita De Jesus
May 18	9am	For the soul of Koon Fung Lau
May 19	9am	For the Special Intentions of Yvonne Azichoba
May 20	9am	For the soul of Monica Affonso

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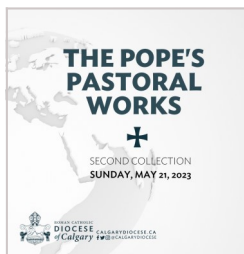
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### POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS - MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

There will be a second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. This National Collection was established by the Bishops of Canada in 1970. The funds collected help the Pope contribute to charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding victims of war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.



## VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT MANUAL

The Diocese of Calgary's Volunteer Engagement Manual has been updated and will now be implemented by all the Parishes in the Diocese. This is in line with the standards in 'Strengthening Our Parish Communities' protocols, including screening, training for abuse prevention and reporting.

All volunteers are required to take some training modules in compliance with the updated policies and procedures. The training modules can be done online. It will cover four or more modules depending on the Ministry's level of risk. The goal is to educate everyone who has any kind of leadership or who holds a position of responsibility in the Parish. This includes everyone who works with or around minors, vulnerable adults, and all Church ministries volunteers.

All volunteers will be sent out the link to register online and set up the course. For those who are not able to do the training online, a group session will be conducted in the summer. Everyone is expected to complete the training by the end of fall.



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# Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit Through the Sacraments



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples that He is going away, but the Father will send the Holy Spirit to help them.



We can't see Jesus on earth any more, because His body went into Heaven at the Ascension. We can't see the Holy Spirit either, because He doesn't have a body. The Holy Spirit really is in the world, though. He is working in the Church and in people who obey and love God.



The Holy Spirit comes to us mainly through the sacraments. We get grace, which is God's life in us, when we receive the sacraments. Jesus gave us the sacraments to help us on our way to Heaven. Do you know the seven sacraments? Here is a list to help you to remember:



- Baptism**
- Confession**
- Confirmation**
- Holy Communion**
- Marriage**
- Holy Orders**
- Sacrament of the Sick**



Answer to Word-Find: Holy Spirit

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# The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 14th, 2023



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What did Jesus say to the disciples to prepare them for His departure?

Look at this page in the mirror to find out!

# Saint Bernardine of Siena

May 20



ONE POPE SAID THAT ST. BERNARDINE WAS LIKE ANOTHER ST. PAUL BECAUSE OF HOW HE PREACHED. WHEREVER HE WENT PEOPLE CAME BACK TO THE FAITH AND MADE PEACE WITH THEIR NEIGHBOURS. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM TO USE OUR WORDS TO DO GOOD AND TO RESPECT THE NAMES OF JESUS AND MARY.

# An Acts of the Apostles Word Find

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N I E S P I R I T T

Today's first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. See if you can find all the words from the reading that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

PHILIP went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the

CHRIST to them. The people united in WELCOMING the MESSAGE Philip PREACHED, either because they had heard of the MIRACLES he worked or because they saw them for themselves. THERE was great REJOICING in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that SAMARIA had accepted the WORD of GOD, they sent PETER and JOHN to them, and they went DOWN there, and PRAYED for the Samaritans to receive the HOLY SPIRIT, for as yet he had not COME down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the NAME of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid HANDS on them, and they RECEIVED the