

# ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

May 27 - 28, 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 104: Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Dear friends,

The Ascension Feast Day Celebration was BEAUTIFUL. Thank you to all who came out last Sunday, and none of it would have been possible without help from so many of you! May God bless you all.

On June 3 is the Gala Dinner celebration: please consider purchasing a ticket and taking part.

This is Pentecost Sunday. The Church has given us 50 days to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection, which is our victory over sin and death. The days can pass by quickly, and we can be caught up in so many things. Maybe the question to ask ourselves is whether we have, personally, experienced the Risen Lord over the Easter Season?

Let's ask the Holy Spirit to come powerfully into our lives this year. He makes us Temples of God (cf. 1 Cor 3:16), He gives us strength, and He makes us confident friends of Jesus, even among our friends and coworkers.

May God continue to bless you. Happy Pentecost Sunday!

In Christ, Fr JP



## CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - Saturday:

8:15am - 8:45am

Saturdays: 4:00pm - 4:45pm

or by appointment

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Please call the office at 403.275.2240

When prompted

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## FEAST OF ASCENSION GALA DINNER

JUNE 3, 2023 @ 6PM

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 [ga-la@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:ga-la@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.

## 50/50 ASCENSION FEAST DAY DRAW

 to the lucky winner with ticket #0437166. You have won a total of \$3562.50. The total received in support of the Building Fund was \$7125.00.

Thank you so very much to everyone who bought tickets. A special thank you to those who sold tickets.

## ONLINE AUCTION

The Ascension Catholic Parish Online Auction is LIVE! Enjoy browsing and bidding on our 85+ exceptional items using the link below.

<https://can.givergy.com/ACP2023/>.

Feel free to share this link with your network of family, friends, and colleagues and invite them to participate. Online bidding will remain open until June 3 at 9:30pm. Thank you for your support. Have fun!

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

As we celebrate Pentecost this Sunday let us prepare to welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives. Parish Council would also like to thank all our Parishioners for coming out to celebrate our Feast Day last Sunday. It was a beautiful day with fellowship, good music, and food. Most importantly, thank you to our volunteers who made this event a success. Ascension Catholic Parish is truly blessed with so many helping hands.



## SACRAMENTS

## ONLINE SACRAMENT REGISTRATION

OPENS - JUNE 1, 2023

REGISTER at [ascensionparish.ca](https://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 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 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 the Parish office.

[office@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:office@ascensionparish.ca)



# A CALL TO SERVICE

## MISSIONARY DISCIPLE SPOTLIGHT



Hi, I'm Mary Grace Gueco. I'm currently the Assistant Coordinator for the Altar Server Ministry. I have been serving as an Usher since 2015 and I served as a Lector in 2016.

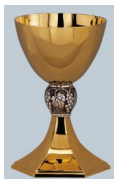
I started to volunteer in Ascension Catholic Parish right after my family immigrated to Canada. Mass at the Parish was my safe haven and respite from the pressures of adjusting to our new life as immigrants. Every week, I looked forward to being an Usher or Lector because it invigorated my sense of purpose as a Catholic, a mother, a wife and an individual. Being a volunteer humbled me and made me more understanding and accepting of others. It opened my heart and thoughts on how others would see and feel Christ through my actions. I wanted my fellow parishioners not just to feel welcomed in the Church. More importantly, I hope that through my service, they will be happy and motivated to take brave steps to learn more and embrace our Catholic faith.

Volunteering "connected" me to our Parish. I forged friendships with other volunteers and in fact, have developed a lifelong bond with a few of them. There was one time when I ushered parishioners into the Narthex for Holy Communion and a young child ran to me while his parents were in line. He held up his hand and allowed me to carry him. I was overwhelmed with happiness. There was also a time when an elderly person whispered to me that she prays for me and asks God to give me more strength, so I can always volunteer in the Mass. I am grateful to God that He allowed others to trust and care for me.

Do NOT be afraid to volunteer. Volunteering is easy. If you are willing to pitch in wherever is needed, then this is an excellent start. Great things always start small. Allow your compassion to move you and see how it makes your mind positive and your heart loving. Before you know it, you are having fun and finding fulfillment in your life.

**THANK YOU**  
**Volunteers!**  
 We couldn't do it without you

### 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).

## FINANCE NEWS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
 It is with great sadness that I inform you that I am leaving my position as Bookkeeper of this beautiful Parish. This is not a farewell note but a thank you to God for all the good times I have shared with you, trying to serve our Lord and you in the best way possible.

During the 5 years that I worked here, I have confirmed that our faith, "is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11,1) is the best gift that we can receive and give to our family and friends. Once again, thank you very much.

Nora Alzamora

Catholic Women's League

## Greeting Cards

Last Weekend of Each Month



The CWL will have cards for sale on the last weekend of each month in the Narthex.

Proceeds go to help persons in need in our Diocese.

The cost of these cards is \$1.00 - \$2.00.

These cards are beautifully done and made by volunteers.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

### MASS INTENTIONS MAY 27 - JUNE 3, 2023

May 27	5pm	For our Parishioners
May 27	7pm	For the Special Intentions of Rick Stewart
May 28	8am	For the soul of Maureen Linehan
May 28	10am	For the soul of Joe Lokanc
May 28	12pm	For the soul of Mary Ann Gonzales
May 28	4pm	For the soul of Fr. Andrew Coleman
May 29	9am	For the soul of Joe Kozole
May 30	9am	For the Special Intentions of Jennifer Conway
May 31	9am	For the soul of Geronima Raz
Jun 1	9am	For the soul of John Lovric
Jun 2	9am	For the soul of Maureen Linehan
Jun	9am	For the soul of Crispin Affonso

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### 40 HOURS FOR PRIESTLY & RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



**Friday, June 2 at 3 pm to Sunday June 4 at 7 am** | You are invited to take part in a 40 Hours Adoration at St. Anthony's Parish to ask the Lord for an increase of Priestly and Religious Vocations in our Diocese. Where: **St. Anthony's Adoration Chapel**, 5340 4th St. SW (entrance from the back of the church). To receive the security lock code to enter the chapel, [please register here](#).



### PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

Making an Informed, Moral Choice

The Catholic Bishops of Alberta wish to encourage all members of the Church to engage in the electoral process with a pastoral letter. With this letter, the Alberta Bishops offer to our Catholic faithful a reminder of important principles and concerns, which stem from the social doctrine of the Church, to guide the discernment of choices that accord with the Gospel's vision for the right ordering of society. For more information go to [Making an Informed, Moral Choice - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY \(catholicyc.ca\)](#)

THE DIOCESE OF CALGARY  
INVITES YOU TO THE  
ORDINATION TO THE  
PRIESTHOOD OF

**SANTIAGO TORRES**

by the  
MOST REVEREND WILLIAM T. McGRATTAN  
BISHOP OF CALGARY

FRIDAY **16** JUNE  
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# PENTECOST



Today is the second biggest feast in the Church year! Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and the Church was formed. The Apostles went out and began to preach the Gospel and baptize thousands of people, receiving them into the new Church.

The Holy Spirit is God. He is the third Person of the Holy Trinity, after the Father and the Son. Before Jesus came to earth, the Holy Spirit inspired the men who wrote the Old Testament part of the Bible. It was the Holy Spirit who brought baby Jesus to the world through Mary. Jesus told His followers the He would send the Holy Spirit to them after He went up into Heaven.



We all need the Holy Spirit. We can't do anything by ourselves. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength we need to do good. Did you know that we wouldn't even pray if the Holy Spirit didn't inspire us to?



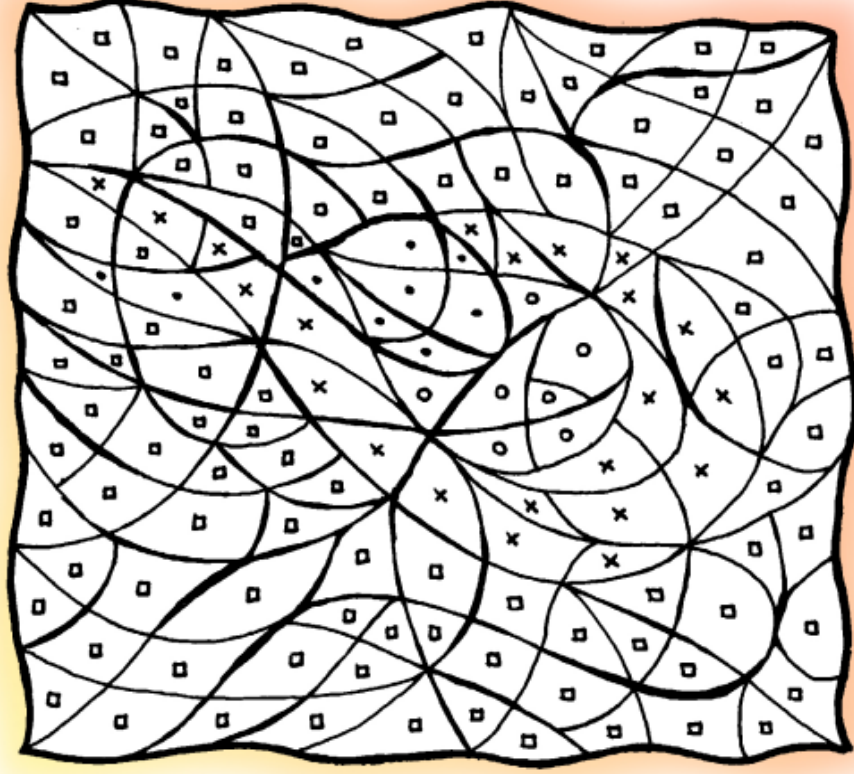
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever! Amen.*

Answers to Unscramble Puzzle: place, suddenly, wind, house, fire, filled, began, Spirit, BIRTHDAY.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday  
May 28th, 2023



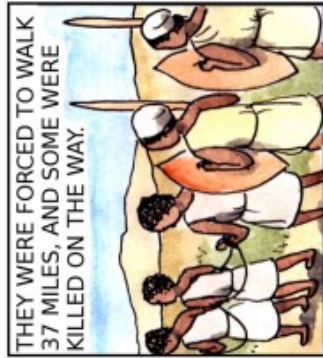
In what form did the Holy Spirit come to the Apostles on Pentecost?

Use this colour code to colour in the picture and find out!

o red • orange  
□ blue × yellow

# Saint Charles Lwanga And Companions

June 3



SAINT CHARLES AND HIS FELLOW PAGES DID NOT LET THE FEAR OF DEATH STOP THEM FROM FOLLOWING GOD AND DOING WHAT WAS RIGHT. IF EVER YOU ARE TEMPTED TO SIN OR TO MAKE AN EASY CHOICE THAT IS WRONG, PRAY TO SAINT CHARLES AND HIS FRIENDS FOR STRENGTH TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION.

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

# Unscramble: The Pentecost Story

Unscramble the words to finish the story and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one 7 [LCPAE] together. And 8 [ENYLUSSDD] there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving 6 [DWNII] and it filled the entire 5 [USHOE] in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of 3 [ERFI] which parted and came to rest on each of them. And they were all 2 [ILFLDE] with the Holy Spirit and 1 [GNEAB] to speak in different tongues, as the 4 [IPSTRI] enabled them to proclaim.

**Pentecost is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church!**

