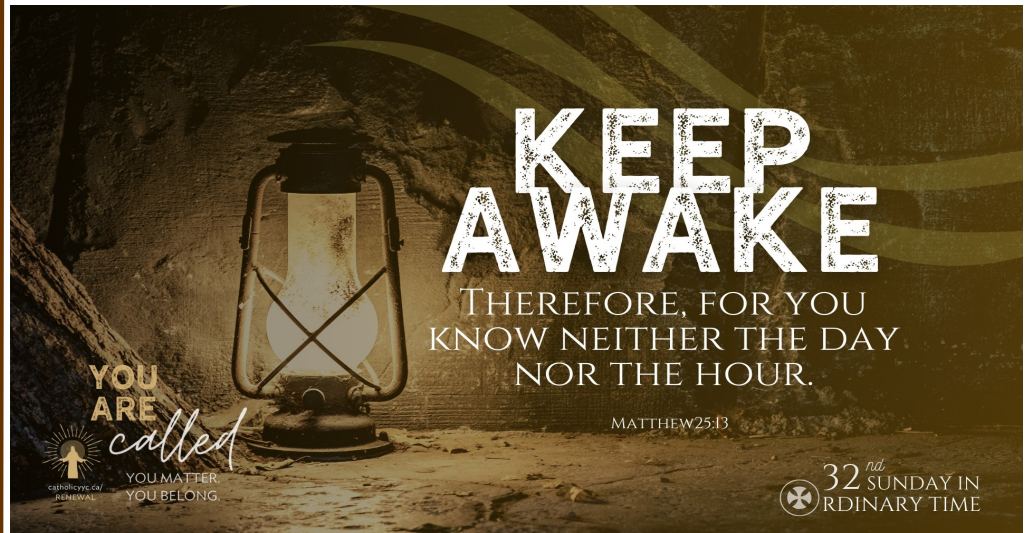


ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

November 11 - 12, 2023



*Sharing the Spirit
Together in Christ*



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 : 63. My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

I am not sure if any of you have seen the movie now in theatres called "After Death." I found it enthralling, as it presents a pretty objective look at the elements common to all those who have been resuscitated after their vital signs had ceased. One of the people said, "you sense that God loves YOU, overwhelmingly, as if you were the only person in the whole universe." Some of the people who appeared in the movie, seeing their own distance from God, exclaim, "But God, I am not yet ready for heaven!" They are dumbfounded as they experience his boundless love.

The Gospel of the ten bridesmaids urges us to "prepare" for Jesus' coming, or rather, to "be prepared." Let us habitually live, then, loving God and treasuring his Grace. It is a battle! By preparing our hearts, by avoiding evil, by striving to live in God's friendship, we can have a foretaste of the joy and peace of heaven.

We want this for ourselves; we want this for all of our loved ones, for everyone we meet.

Praying for all of your faithful departed relatives and friends,
Yours, Fr. JP



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

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Vicar: Fr. Adrian Martens (Sundays)

Deacon: Patrick Woo

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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

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Please call the office at 403.275.2240

When prompted

Press 2 for Pastor

Press 3 for Associate

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ASCENSION PATHWAY

What does Jesus desire of us as He looks at our Parish community?

As we continue to look at our Parish's vision and mission, we take to heart the Pastoral Renewal proposed for the whole Diocese of Calgary.

The third priority we embrace, is to *Strengthen Family Life*. That entails:

- Welcoming families to a Sacramental life
- Engaging families and youth meaningfully
- Accompanying people at all stages of life.

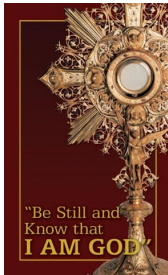
From the input you provided two weeks ago, I know that these realities are important to you.

Jesus, give us the Wisdom we read about in today's First Reading- Fr. JP

40 HOURS - ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS NOV. 30 - DEC. 2, 2023

WHAT IS "40 Hours Adoration"?

Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Adoration is the word we use when the priest places the Eucharist on the Altar for us to be able to come and adore. The host is placed in a special container called the "Monstrance". Jesus will be there for 40 hours straight, even all through the night.



HOW do I "adore"?

Adoration means coming to Church and sitting or kneeling in the presence of God. It usually takes place in silence. It is the chance to "adore" (to gaze upon our good God), to reflect, to thank God and praise Him, and to share with Him our concerns, joys, and sorrows... It is a beautiful moment.

WHAT will I do there?

We sign up for a 1-hour slot. The most important thing is to be there; to open your heart to God; to let Jesus touch your heart. You can also read a bit of the bible, or pray the Rosary, or write down what is on your heart.

WHY? This particular event, called the "40 Hours Devotion", will be dedicated to asking the Lord to bless our Church with *vocations*. Why? Because the Harvest is plenty but Labourers are few. "Ask the Lord to send Labourers into His Harvest!"

WHEN? November 30 @ 7pm - December 2 @ 4pm

You may sign-up in the Narthex or on our website at www.ascensionparish.ca or [click here](#)

SACRAMENTS

Online Sacrament registration for

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion **Is closed; for more information, contact the office.**

Confirmation and Sacraments for Teens **will remain open until November 17th**

To register please go to: ascensionparish.ca
(scroll down on the home page to the registrations)

Or

Call the office at 403-275-2240 X 6



First Reconciliation (grade 2 or higher),
First Holy Communion (grade 2 or higher),
Confirmation (grade 6 or higher) and Sacraments for Teens (having missed one or more of the Sacraments and in grade 7 or higher).

Baptism for Infants: Preparation for Infant Baptism involves registering your child, submitting required paperwork and a Baptism preparation class. These 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. office@ascensionparish.ca

YOUTH GROUP - METANOIA

Those in grade 5 to university are welcome to join our youth group called Metanoia. We meet every second Thursday in the Parish Hall. Our next event is Nov. 30th. Register on our website. For more information go to youth@ascensionparish.ca.

A CALL TO SERVICE

MISSIONARY DISCIPLE SPOTLIGHT



Hi, I'm Ondrea Lai-Terke. I am currently involved in serving with the Parish as Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. I also am a member of CWL. I had been privileged as well to serve as Bible study group leader and help with Altar server laundry for approximately 10 years.

Volunteering has been a part of my life since my early youth (12 yrs. old). I felt I was called because my mother encouraged me and I was curious as to why she loved Jesus so much. My perception of volunteering has evolved to loving the Lord and that this would make Him happy which ultimately makes me happy in return.

Volunteering has benefited me in many aspects of my life, from interactions with family and friends to social interactions in the world to interactions within the workplace. It has brought me a deep sense of accomplishment in the small roles I partake in. It has given me a sense of confidence and skills that I utilize throughout the various aspects of my life.

The best part of volunteering is that at Ascension you feel like you are a part of a big family; everyone always welcomes you; this helps me through the tough times when I get homesick for Saskatchewan. Volunteering has strengthened and deepened my relationship with Our Lord; it has matured from being curious to who Jesus was and why He captured my mother so much, to having a personal deep relationship with our Lord and knowing that He is present in my life and wants to be a part of it. He's always been there for me in the rough times and through the good times, He is constantly not like the world which is always inconsistent and changing. Jesus was and will always will be forever. The only thing that changes is us.

Indeed, volunteering has made me become brave and confident from an extremely shy girl to someone who can be a lector and knowing that God is with me when I read during Mass and that I am following His footsteps along the way when I am an EMHC.

Matthew 11:30 "My yolk is easy and my burden is light." - Volunteering routinely helps me leave the world behind with all its hassles to find rest in Him.

These are my chosen favorites Psalm 34:8 "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.", because I was curious about who Jesus was by my mother 's example of the Catholic life, instead, I gained so much more enrichment with my relationship with God and learned many new skills that I apply in my life and workplace.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A few weeks ago, our Priests introduced our new Mission and Vision statement. Thank you for sharing your ideas and comments. We have gone through each one and we will launch the official Mission statement on the 1st week of Advent.

The Parish Ministry Fair in October was a huge success with over 75 new volunteers signed up. Parish Council wants to give a big shout out to all Parishioners who signed up and all the volunteers who helped make this successful.

The Diocese had a Renewal Gathering at the Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church It was nice to see parishioners from our Church participate in the event. What's next after the renewal gathering? Outreach and pastoral renewal at the Parish level. Stay tuned...

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Angel Tree program for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is now underway. As we wish to provide Christmas hampers to our families in need, we are asking for donations of gifts or gift cards for the children, for a value of \$25 to \$30. Please choose an Angel from the Angel Tree in the Narthex. We kindly ask that any gifts be placed under the tree by December 11th and any cash donations or gift cards be put in the donation box in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.



MASS INTENTIONS NOV. 11 - 18, 2023

Nov11	5pm	Mass for Parishioners
		For the special intentions of Alyson Stewart
Nov 11	7pm	
Nov 12	8am	Mass for Parishioners
		For the special intentions of Victor Cobrego and Martha Linares
Nov 12	10am	
Nov 12	12pm	For the souls of Alejandro & Bernarda Tejano
Nov 12	4pm	For the souls of Lancelot & Cynthia Soff
Nov 13	9am	For the soul of Veronica Ezike
Nov 14	9am	For the soul of Pedro Robin
Nov 15	9am	For the soul of Tony Lawrence
		For the special intentions of Francis Okwuraiwe Jr.
Nov 16	9am	
Nov 17	9am	For the souls of Mr. and Mrs. John Aranha
		For the special intentions of Elbin and Juniya Mathew
Nov 18	9am	

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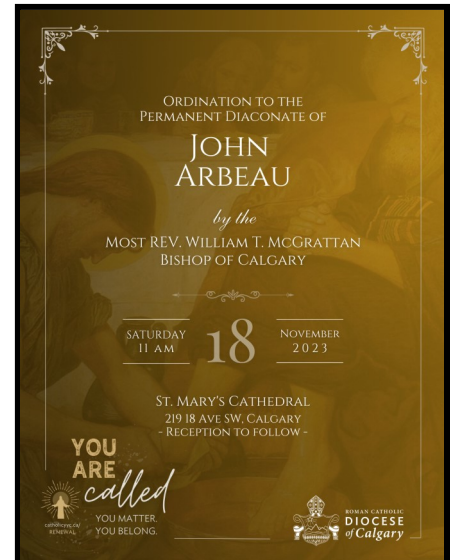
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Advent Twilight Retreat
Long Time Ago in Greccio

November 30 Thursday
6:00 pm
\$30/person

To Register:
mtfrancis@shaw.ca
403-932-2012



ORDINATION TO THE
PERMANENT DIACONATE OF
**JOHN
ARBEAU**

by the
MOST REV. WILLIAM T. MCGRATTAN
BISHOP OF CALGARY

SATURDAY 11 AM **18** NOVEMBER 2023

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL
219 18 AVE SW, CALGARY
- RECEPTION TO FOLLOW -

YOU ARE called
YOU MATTER YOU BELONG.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

The full financial report for October will be coming out next week. Thank you for your support and financial aid.

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Christmas at Greccio
Christmas at The Mount
St. Francis Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 10

2:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Sleigh Rides (weather permitting)
Hot Chocolate and Snacks

Pageant at 3:45 pm
This is an outdoor pageant, please dress for weather.

Accepting donations for
Cochrane Food Bank.

Mount St. Francis Retreat
41160 Retreat Rd.
Cochrane

Stay up to date by visiting our Social Media

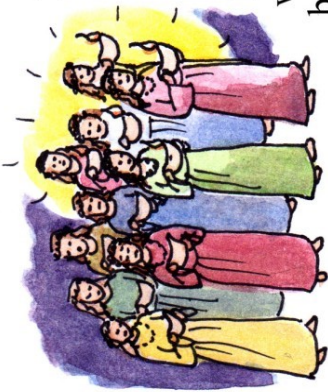
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Always be Ready

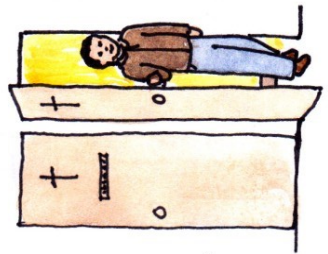
Have you ever thought to yourself that it would be better to have fun and be bad now, and then be good later? That's what some of the bridesmaids in today's parable were like. They only brought enough oil for their lamps, and didn't bother to bring any extra. But the other bridesmaids had been wise and took along extra flasks to refill their lamps when it got late. When the bridegroom came, those who hadn't brought extra oil were gone, getting more oil, and missed the feast!



Sometimes people say that they have lots of time to change from their evil ways, so they don't repent right away. This parable shows us that it is very foolish to leave important things until later. Nobody knows when they will die, so we should always be ready.



The oil of the bridesmaids is like the grace in our souls. We need to make sure that our soul always has sanctifying grace, which we need to get into Heaven. We lose that grace when we do a serious sin. That is why if we ever commit a serious sin, we should go to confession as soon as we can so that we will always have grace and be ready for when we die.

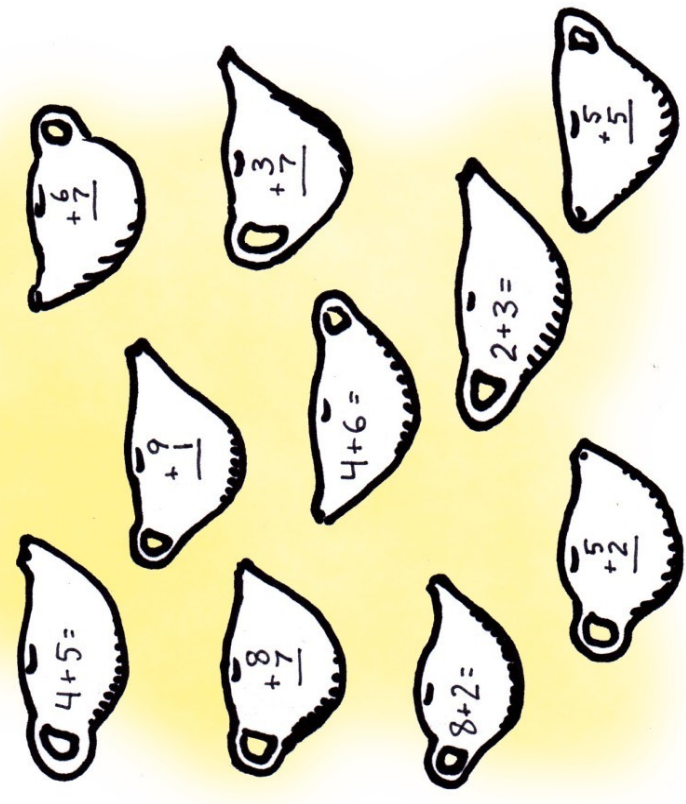


Answer to front puzzle: 5 had extra oil. Answer to Word-find: My soul thirsts for Thee.

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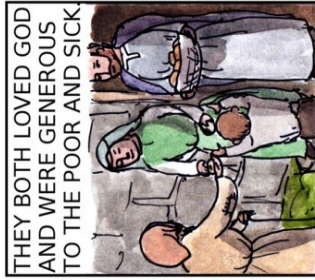
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12th, 2023



In today's parable, ten bridesmaids are waiting with their lamps. How many of them brought extra oil? Figure out the problems on each lamp. Colour in the ones that equal 10 to find out the answer!

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

November 17



SAINTE ELIZABETH DID NOT LET BEING RICH AND IMPORTANT IN THE WORLD GET IN THE WAY OF LOVING GOD AND OTHERS. SHE USED HER MONEY AND TIME TO CARE FOR THE POOR AND SICK, AND WHEN SHE HAD NO MONEY SHE STILL CARED FOR THEM. CAN YOU PRAY FOR THE POOR AND SICK PEOPLE TODAY?

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Psalm 63 Word-Find

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Psalm. The leftover letters will spell out a little prayer to God when you write them in the blanks at the end.

P A R C H E D P O W E R
M W Y S B A N Q U E T W
O I T H I S T O W A R D I
S A L T H E I G L O R Y I O
C A L Z E S E M O U S E R
T G A L E S S E M O U S E R
U B L I F E S H A N D S E R
A R I C H E S G O O D R S
Y H E E K I N D N E S S



O GOD, you are my God whom I SEEK;
for you my FLESH PINES and my soul THIRSTS
like the EARTH, PARCHED and WITHOUT WATER.

Thus have I GAZED TOWARD you in the SANCTUARY
to see your POWER and your GLORY,
for your KINDNESS is a greater GOOD than LIFE;
my lips shall glorify you.

Thus WILL I BLESS you while I LIVE;
lifting up my HANDS, I will CALL upon your NAME.
As with the RICHES of a BANQUET shall my SOUL be
satisfied,
and with exultant LIPS my MOUTH shall praise you.