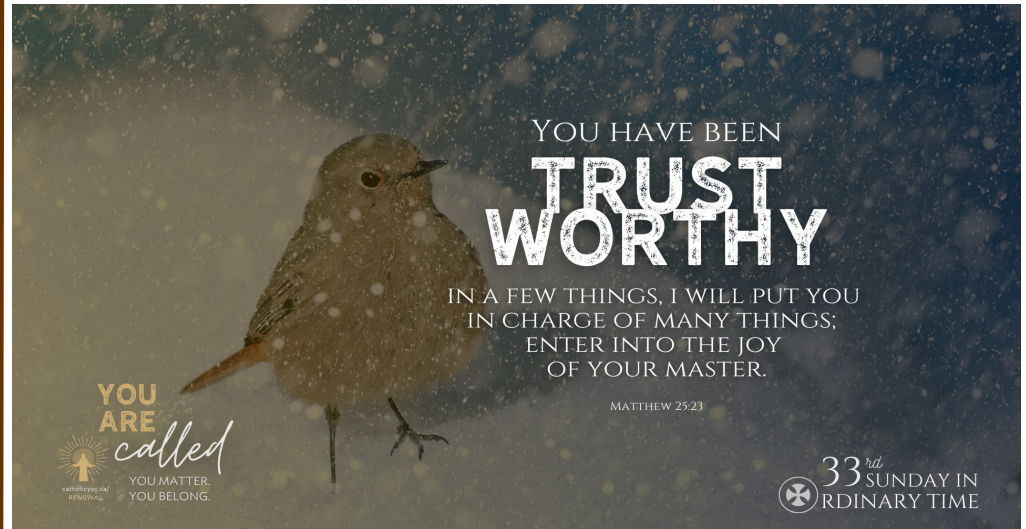


ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

November 18 - 19, 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 128. Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel presents us with the parable of the talents. The greatest treasure in our life is our friendship with God. He is the one who "loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal 2:20) so that I could become His adopted son or daughter. This freedom, redemption, and relationship are the foundation of my identity and action. I am loved. By God Almighty!!! I am defined by my dependence on God, not my independence.

How to invest this treasure to yield the greatest return is life's goal. Going to Mass on a weekly basis gives our life direction and purpose. How we use our time and talents for God and for others is a way of investing for eternity. May this week's parable cause us to reflect and go deeper into the meaning of life and not just live on the surface or in the midst of distractions.

One of my favorite prayers is by St. Teresa of Avila which puts everything in perspective

"Let nothing trouble you,
Let nothing frighten you,
Everything passes; God never changes.
Patience obtains all;
Whoever has God wants for nothing;
God alone is enough."

**USE YOUR GOD-GIVEN
GIFTS TO SERVE
OTHERS.**

Fr. John Gannon

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

Deacon: Patrick Woo

Admin Assist: Jenn Pashula

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Communication: Sophia Nelson

Bookkeeper: Cindy Kreutzer

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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 work on our Mission statement, the diocese reminds us that, for the "Pastoral Renewal" to take place, there are *Five Areas of Parish Life being Renewed*.

Word: Formation on Scripture, Tradition, Church Teachings.

Worship: Formation of liturgical and spiritual life

Community: Formation of a vibrant and supporting community of faith

Service: Formation of charity, justice and compassion

Leadership/Stewardship: Formation of financial, human, and temporal stewardship.

The word "formation" appears in all of those! And so, I suppose some questions naturally arise: *how can we help all our parishioners to be formed? Will our parishioners be willing to dedicate time in order to grow?*

Jesus, guide us on this pathway!

Fr. JP



40 Hours - Adoration for Vocations

Nov 30th 7pm - Dec 2nd 4pm

Sign-up on our website or in the Narthex

40 HOURS - ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

Spend an hour with the Lord. [Sign up here.](#)

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

December 6, 2023

A spiritual reflection for women; A chance to prepare your soul for Christmas with other women in an atmosphere of beauty. Mass will be at 6pm and the reflection and social begin at 6:30pm. Limited seating is available. We invite women to [sign up here.](#)



SACRAMENTS

Confirmation and Sacraments for Teens
Remains open



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 Rafael Dadvivas. I am currently serving as Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist and Lector. I am also involved with Pastoral Care and Society of St. Vincent de Paul. During the lockdowns I saw the dedication of the volunteers. Despite the uncertainty of the situation, they continued with

their calling to serve the Church and the parishioners. It was their example of courage and service that inspired me to volunteer. As Catholics, we are called to serve one another. As a parent, I am there to serve the needs of my family. From the family, it extends out to the community at large, at work, school and Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church # 786 encourages us to participate in service to others.

As a volunteer, I can help in creating a welcoming community for other parishioners. A simple smile when someone comes into the Church tells someone you are welcome here. I have a chance to reach out and make others feel they belong. This enables me to live my faith fully as a disciple of Christ by recognizing Christ in the people I meet and serve. The best part of volunteering is serving others; to offer relief to what concerns them. It is the little things that matter and are of most value; a smile, to point to where things are, a pen to write with or an ear that listens, or to pray for them when they ask for a prayer. There is also the community around the volunteers who offer support for one another. It is a great opportunity to be around people who live their faith with great joy. For someone who isn't sure if they're ready to volunteer, "Be not afraid; His grace His is sufficient for the work He is asking you to do." Pray and discern what God calls you to do, and take the first step. The passage in Mark 13: 28-30 is one of my favorites. It sums up the greatest commandments, to love God and your neighbor. Let us serve one another as Jesus serves us, with great love.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

SACRAMENTS



Congratulations to the 283 children who have completed their preparations for First Reconciliation. May the

mercy and forgiveness of Jesus continue to bless you as grow in your faith!!

FINANCIAL NEWS

Operating expenses were **\$59,311** for the month of October and our operating donations were **\$88,395**.

October Building Fund donations were **\$159,518**; \$100,000 was a single donation.

October TIA donations were **\$3,760** bringing our year to date total to **\$41,468**. Thank you for your weekly support of our Church and community.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

On behalf of the PPC, we thank all Parishioners who responded to our survey on our Mission and Vision Statement. We have reviewed all of the feedback and are working to prepare the final version.

In preparation for Advent, there are several events planned. Starting on Thursday, November 30 at 7pm up to Saturday, December 2, the Parish will be hosting a 40 hour - Adoration for Vocations. We invite all Parishioners to come spend some time with Jesus. Kindly sign up in the Narthex or on our website.

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. 18 - 25, 2023

Nov 18	5pm	For the soul of Michael Kostin
		For the special intentions of
Nov 18	7pm	Larry Shah
Nov 19	8am	For the soul of Giovanna Maria Sanna
Nov 19	10am	Mass for Parishioners
		For the special intentions of
Nov 19	12pm	Alphonsa Mathew
Nov 19	4pm	For the souls of John & Mary D'Vaz
Nov 20	9am	For the special intentions of Kyle Hedley
		For the special intentions of
Nov 21	9am	Joseph Thanh Nguyen
Nov 22	9am	For the soul of Jerry Reyes
		For the special intentions of
Nov 23	9am	Lena Fernandes.
Nov 24	9am	For the soul of Giuseppe Infusino
Nov 25	9am	For the soul of Luke Mackenzie

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BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE

We are holding a 50/50 fundraiser. Please click on the picture or use this link to sign up. <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/rcb-doc-ascension>

All proceed will go towards paying down our building debt.

ELIZABETH HOUSE FUND-RAISER

Join us for a fun-filled, family-friendly fundraiser at The Beach YYC, Calgary's exclusive indoor beach facility, in support of Elizabeth House. When: **Saturday, Nov. 25th from 2:30 pm to 5 pm at The Beach YYC, Calgary.** By purchasing a ticket, you're not just securing a day of beach games and fun, but also helping Elizabeth House raise \$10k for operational expenses. Please share this event with your family and friends! [Get tickets at elizabethhousecalgary.ca/beach](http://elizabethhousecalgary.ca/beach) [How to sponsor the Beach Carnival?](#)



As the winter chill sets in, let's warm hearts and hands together! We cordially invite you to participate in the "Feed the Hungry winter gifts drive".

Your contribution, be it **new mittens, gloves, socks, toques or \$10 gift cards** from fast food places, can make a significant difference to our guests. These tokens of care will be distributed to Feed the Hungry's guests closer to Christmas. The deadline to drop off Winter gifts for guests of the Feed the Hungry is **Wednesday, Dec. 6th** at St. Mary's Cathedral during business hours. If you have any questions, please email: feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca or call 403-218-5532.

Stay up to date by visiting our Social Media

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

Use Your Talents!

God has given each of us talents, or things that we're good at. In today's parable, Jesus tells about a master who gave three of his servants large amounts of money, which were also called talents. Two of the men used the talents and earned more, but one just hid his talent and didn't use it at all. When the master returned he rewarded the men who had used theirs, but punished the man who hadn't.



Some people have many talents and can do lots of good things. Other people can only do a few things well. But no matter what you can do, God wants you to do your best.



What are some things you're good at? What are some things you are not very good at? Rather than think about the things we can't do, we should be happy to do the things we can, and do them for God! Some people are good at drawing or writing. They can make people happy and teach people about God by drawing pictures or writing stories or letters. Some people are good at talking to people and making friends. They can show God's love and make people happy.



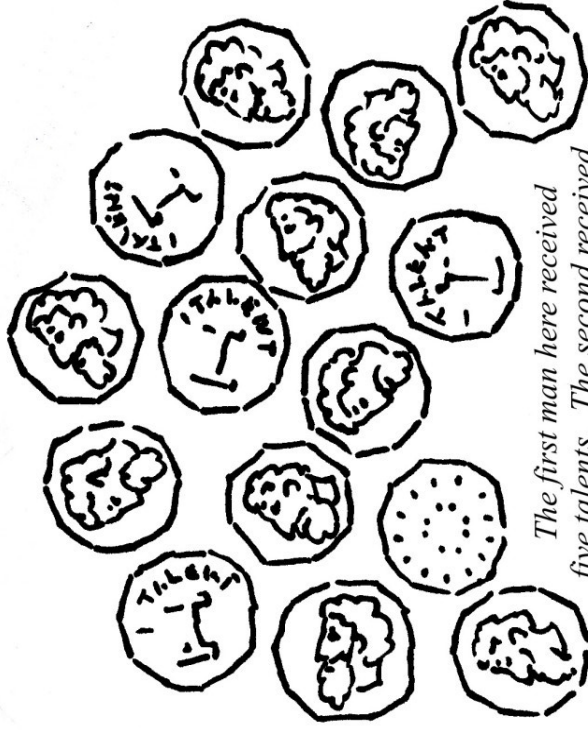
Some people have a talent of being patient with others, and show Jesus' love that way. What are your talents? How can you use them to bring people closer to God?

Answers to front page: The first man had ten, the second had four and the third man one.
Answer to picture puzzle: Top, left to right: 6, 2, Middle: 4, 1, Bottom: 3, 5.

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The Kids' Bulletin

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19th, 2023



The first man here received five talents. The second received two and the third man one. When the master returned, how many did each man have? Colour them this way to find out:



Colour the coins with faces gold.



Colour the coins with letters silver.



Colour the coin with dots bronze.

Saint Catherine of Alexandria

November 25

ACCORDING TO LEGEND, SAINT CATHERINE WAS BORN IN ALEXANDRIA IN EGYPT TO A WELL-TO-DO FAMILY. SHE WAS WELL EDUCATED, AND BECAME A CHRISTIAN.

WHEN SHE WAS 18 SHE SCOLDED THE ROMAN EMPEROR, WHO WAS PERSECUTING THE CHRISTIANS.

She's right!
What have your gods done?
WHEN HIS PHILOSOPHERS TRIED TO TELL HER THAT THE IDOLS WERE REAL GODS, SHE PROVED THEM WRONG.

WHEN SHE WOULDN'T AGREE WITH THE EMPEROR, HE THREW HER IN PRISON.

Tell me more!
WHEN HIS WIFE WAS CONVERTED, THE EMPEROR CONDEMNED CATHERINE TO DEATH.

SHE WAS TIED TO A WHEEL WITH SPIKES, BUT IT BROKE!

THE EMPEROR WAS SO ENRAGED THAT HE HAD HER BEHEADED AT ONCE.

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN THROUGH MANY STORIES, SO IT MAY BE A BIT DIFFERENT THAN WHAT REALLY HAPPENED. STILL, SHE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE TO US OF STANDING UP FOR THE TRUTH IN THE FACE OF DANGER. WE SHOULD ALL LEARN TO DEFEND THE TRUTH.

Using the Master's Talents

- sort out the pictures -

How well do you know the parable from today's Gospel?
Put the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes in the correct order of the story.

