

# ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

November 25 - 26, 2023



Sharing the Spirit  
Together in Christ



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**"To be Missionary Disciples"**

**We invite you to encounter Christ deeply in the Eucharist within a vibrant Catholic Community where you can use your gifts and talents to spread the Gospel message with joy.**

**Psalm 23. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

## CHRIST THE KING

Dear friends,

Just about 100 years ago, in 1925, the Pope instituted the celebration of **Christ the King** in order to respond to a world that was ever more influenced by secularism and atheism, to serve as a reminder that **Jesus reigns** above all earthly rulers. Secularism says that *this* world is everything, with no real place for God or religion.

I remember last year Fr. Kenneth preached, talking about the notable thrones of famous rulers throughout history. One of the thrones he mentioned was the **Peacock Throne**; the seat of the emperors of the Mughal Empire in India. Raised on a dais with silver steps, and covered in gold and jewels and pearls, it was perhaps the most splendid throne ever. It is now nowhere to be found. Jesus, he added, had a very different throne. It was **the Cross**. It is still present among us. Sometimes we have to carry it. From it, Jesus reigns with humility and strength, mercy and healing, trusting in God His Father. He does not leave us alone when we are heavily burdened.

In this light, I encourage you to take advantage of our 40 hours of Adoration, from Nov 30<sup>th</sup> to Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is a chance to spend **one hour with God**: to listen for His voice, to share with Him your concerns, to thank Him for His gifts, to plead for strength, so as to be able to carry the crosses that appear in our lives...

**Happy Feast of "Christ the King"! - 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  
Press 2 for Pastor  
Press 3 for Associate

## 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

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ASCENSION PATHWAY

[What does Jesus desire of us as He looks at our Parish community?](#)

On this day of Christ the King, we remember that, upon going up into heaven at the Ascension, Jesus commanded His apostles to “Make Disciples of all nations”. Isn’t it true that we are called to be “Missionary Disciples?”

It seems that our mission as Parishioners of Ascension Catholic Parish, consists in encountering Christ deeply in the Eucharist, within a vibrant Catholic community, where we can use our gifts and talents to spread the Gospel message with joy.

*Jesus, guide us on this pathway!-*

Fr. JP

SACRAMENTS

Registrations for Sacraments at Ascension Catholic Parish 2024 / 2025 will be open on June 1, 2024.

Thank you to the families who are in our current classes, we welcome you!!!

**Baptism for Infants:** Preparation for Infant Baptism involves registering your child, submitting required paperwork and a Baptism preparation class. These 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)

YOUTH GROUP - METANOIA

Those in grade 5 to university are welcome to join our youth group called Metanoia. Our next event is Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.



**Date:** 10th Dec 2023  
**Time:** 5PM to 8PM  
**FREE-EVENT**

**Hosts:** Blessed Iwene Tansi, Nigerian Igbo Catholic community, Calgary Diocese (BITNICC)  
 (Most Rev. William McGrattan, Catholic Bishop of Calgary Diocese)

**Presenting:** Festival of Songs and Christmas Carol

**HOST CHOIR:** Vatican Choir  
**GUEST CONDUCTOR:** Jude Nwankwo  
**CHAPLAIN:** Fr. Gabriel Arihi

**FEATURING:** All Saints Choir, CFC North B Choir, Canadian Martyrs Choir, Kathy Berko and Family, Sisters of Divine Mercy Choir, Our Savior Anglican Church Choir

**Info/Enquiry:** Dr. Joe Osuji: (403) 969-6811, Onyeka Orjuoku: (587) 435-5554, Ms. Uzoamaka Awagu: (587) 432-1236

**Venue:** Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church Calgary, 835 Northmount Dr NW, Calgary, AB T2L 0A3, Canada

**Note:** Nigeria Igbo Mass is every 1st Sunday of the month at 2pm at St. Thomas More Catholic Church.



40 HOURS - ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

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



BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE

Our Building Fund committee is hosting an Online 50/50 Raffle from Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Join in the fun and excitement of an online 50/50 raffle.

We are 2 weekends away to achieving our goal and to sell-out the raffle.

Just scan the QR Code to purchase tickets, or if you want to access the website go to:

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/rcb-doc-ascension>.

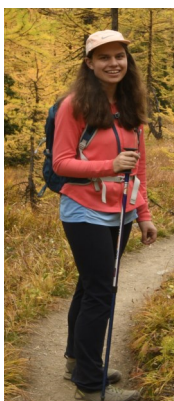
Once again, thanks to all our parishioners for their ongoing support of our Parish initiatives.





# A CALL TO SERVICE

## MISSIONARY DISCIPLE SPOTLIGHT



Hi, I'm Anika Kehrig. I am a leader for the Metanoia youth group at our Parish, and I am also involved with the music ministry. I volunteered because I want to make a contribution to our Parish in some way, and I believe that God has given me gifts so that I can contribute. In addition, we have many wonderful people here at the Parish who make volunteering a joy.

The music ministry in particular is always looking for people. It is a great group of people, and there is no need to have any sort of exceptional musical talent! I feel like many people are held back from volunteering by the sense that others with greater abilities should take on such roles, but in truth, we all have gifts that we can give, no matter how small.

One of my favorites is Matthew 7:24-27: "Everyone who hears these words of mine and acts in accordance with them will be like a wise man who constructed his house on a rock foundation. The rain came down, the flood waters rose, and fierce winds battered that house. However, it did not collapse, because it had its foundations on rock." I like this passage because it reminds me that even when I feel like I have gone astray, I know that I have a firm foundation upon which I can build.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We are approaching the Advent season and we take this opportunity to inform you of some important upcoming news and events in our Parish:

- We will begin Wednesday Evening Masses on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and every Wednesday going forward.
- 40 Hours - Adoration for Vocations will start on November 30<sup>th</sup> until December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please register on our website or at the Narthex sign-up table.
- Advent by Candlelight will be on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. This is a Spiritual Reflection for Women.
- Our Parish will hold the "Simbang Gabi" or "Night Mass" on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Carolling will start at 6:30pm and Mass will be at 7pm.

Let's extend our warm congratulations to Rev. Mr. John Arbeau, who was recently ordained to the permanent Diaconate.

May the Lord's blessings fill our hearts and homes with peace, love, and hope.



## FINANCIAL NEWS

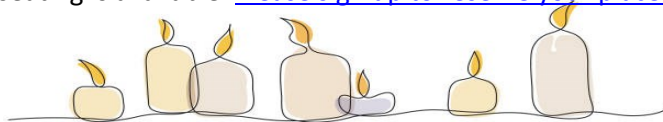
Ascension Catholic Parish has signed up with Direct Energy to supply our utility needs. They will monitor the pricing for both natural gas and electrical throughout the year. The Diocese of Calgary has asked a number of Parishes to join together for a better group rate.

## RORATE MASS - 2023

**Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7am** – We will have a candle light Mass in the early morning to honour Our Lady.

## ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

**Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023** - Mass will be at 6pm and the reflection and social begins at 6:30pm. Limited seating is available. [Please sign up to reserve your place.](#)



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Angel Tree program for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is now underway. We are asking for donations of gifts or gift cards for the children, for a value of \$25 to \$30. We kindly ask that any gifts be placed under the tree by December 10<sup>th</sup> and any cash donations or gift cards be put in the donation box in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

## MASS INTENTIONS NOV. 25 - DEC 2, 2023

Nov 25	5pm	For the soul of Guilhermine D'Souza
Nov 25	7pm	For the special intentions of Austin Stewart
Nov 26	8am	For the soul of Cecilia Ankapong Takyi
Nov 26	10am	For the soul of Joe Lokanc
Nov 26	12pm	Mass for Parishioners
Nov 26	4pm	For the souls of Mr & Mrs Paul and family
Nov 27	9am	For the special intentions of Ruth Purves
Nov 28	9am	For the special intentions of Connie Raz
Nov 29	9am	For the special intentions of Guiomar de Jaramillo
Nov 30	9am	For the souls of Jonathan, Regina & Ronald Chia.
Nov 30	7pm	For the soul of Michael Harris
Dec 1	9am	For the souls of Fernandes & Affonso Family
Dec 2	9am	For the special intentions of Francis Azichoba

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### MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

Ignatian Exercises equips us with the tools for discernment of spirits and discerning God's will in our respective daily lives for holiness. Be sure to register soon as space is limited! To register please use this [registration website](#).  
 December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 5:00pm to December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 1:30pm  
 Friday supper to Sunday lunch and retreat materials  
 Cost \$385 - Includes meals



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### THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them in praying the nine day Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe beginning Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. A special rosary with a slide show will be prayed before the Sunday 4pm Masses and before the daily 9am Masses through to December 11<sup>th</sup>. The Novena culminates in a feast day celebration to Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be celebrated at 6pm on December 12<sup>th</sup>, followed by a Mexican themed feast in the hall. Please join us to pray and celebrate Our Lady's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego in 1531. Vivat Jesus!

### EMAIL SCAMS AND FRAUDS

Have you received text messages, emails, or messages through Facebook messenger from someone claiming to be your Pastor or Associate Pastor and asking for money or gift cards, indicating it's an emergency? Many parishioners in the Diocese of Calgary have been targeted by this fraudulent behavior.

Don't fall for it!

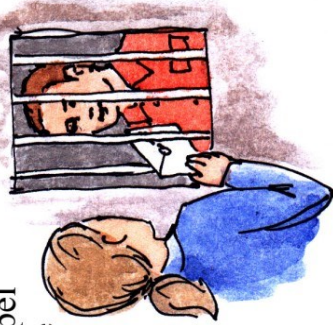
- Emergency requests for cash or gift cards will never be made directly to parishioners.
- Official communication channels of the Parish or Diocese will be used for requests for assistance.
- If uncertain about a text or email, refrain from engaging and contact the Parish office immediately.
- Neither the Parish nor the Diocese will sell or give away personal information of parishioners. Verify the legitimacy of email messages by checking the sender's email address for recognition.



# Whatever you do to others...

Jesus is a fair king. In today's Gospel

reading, He tells us how He will judge people at the end of time. Those who were good to God will be saved, and those who were not good to Him will be condemned. Whoever is good to others is good to God, and whoever is unkind to others is unkind to God.



Our Lord cares so much about His people that He will judge us according to how we treat each other. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and the King, and He cares about every one of us specially. Imagine a king who came to see every one of his subjects to make sure that they were doing okay. Well, Jesus does more than that- He died for us on the cross! He looks after us all the time, and He says that anyone who is unkind to us will be judged as being unkind to Him.



Christ the King is the just judge. How do you think you will be judged when you die, or at the end of time? Are you kind to others? Do you ever think about how you would treat Jesus if He were here? Do you treat other people the way you would treat Jesus?



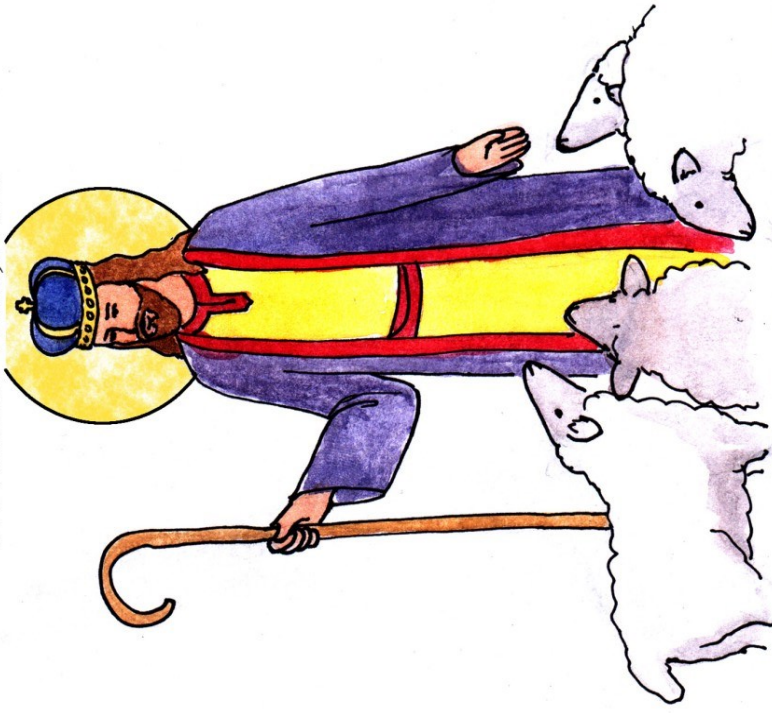
Answers to match-up puzzle: 1. you gave me food, 2. you gave me drink, 3. you welcomed me, 4. you clothed me, 5. you cared for me, 6. you visited me.

Answer to front page: I myself will pasture them.

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

# The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of Christ the King  
November 26th, 2023



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What does God say about His people in the first reading?  
Use the code to find out some of what He said.

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# Saint Charles de Foucauld

December 1

CHARLES WAS BORN IN FRANCE IN 1858. HIS PARENTS DIED WHEN HE WAS SIX, SO HE AND HIS SISTER WERE RAISED BY THEIR GRAND-FATHER.



Come along! Mass is in ten minutes!

WHEN HE WAS A TEENAGER HE LOST HIS FAITH. HE JOINED THE FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION.



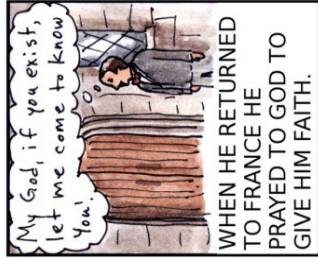
This should be a great adventure!

WHILE IN NORTH AFRICA HE BECAME INTERESTED IN THE MUSLIM FAITH.



These people really believe in a god...

My God, if you exist, let me come to know you!



WHEN HE RETURNED TO FRANCE HE PRAYED TO GOD TO GIVE HIM FAITH.

CHARLES CAME BACK TO THE FAITH AND BECAME A RELIGIOUS BROTHER.



AFTER LIVING IN SEVERAL MONASTERIES CHARLES WAS ORDAINED AND WENT TO THE SAHARA DESERT.



HE LIVED NEAR A MUSLIM TRIBE AND LEARNED THEIR LANGUAGE. AFTER SPENDING 15 YEARS PRAYING AND WORKING HE WAS MURDERED BY ENEMY TRIBESMEN.



What do you want?

WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER, SAINT CHARLES CARED ONLY ABOUT HAVING FUN. BUT GOD PUT IN HIS HEART A DESIRE TO KNOW HIM. THEN WHEN CHARLES PRAYED, GOD GAVE HIM THE GIFT OF FAITH. DO YOU KNOW PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW GOD? CAN YOU PRAY AND DO A SACRIFICE FOR THEM TODAY?

# Gospel Match-Up

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the people how they will be judged. What did the righteous people do when they found people in need?

See if you can match up the needs on the left with the help on the right!

1. I was hungry and •
  2. I was thirsty and •
  3. a stranger and •
  4. naked and •
  5. ill and •
  6. in prison and •
- you welcomed me,
  - you clothed me,
  - you gave me drink,
  - you cared for me,
  - you visited me.
  - you gave me food,

