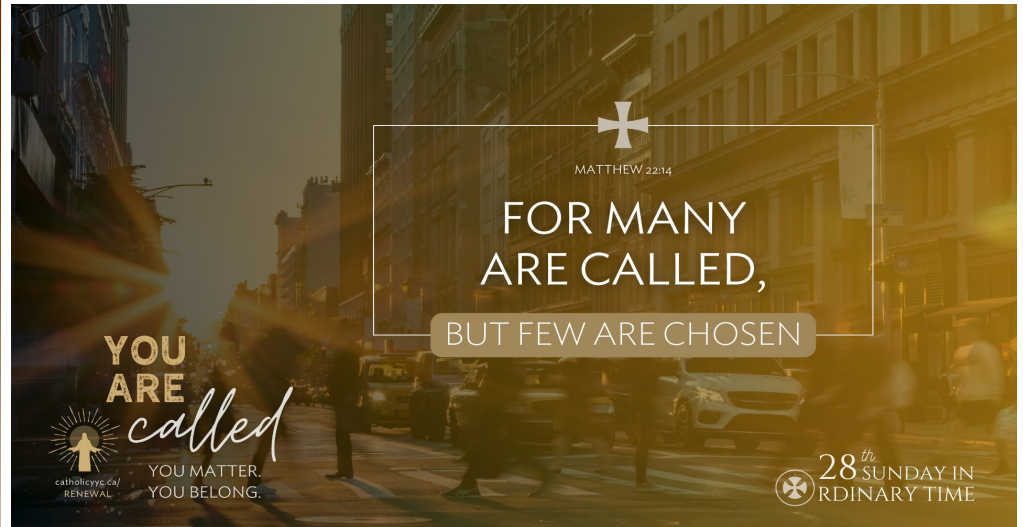


ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

October 14 - 15, 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: Cindy Kreutzer

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 23: I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You are called. You matter. You belong.

These simple yet profound words capture the essence of our Pastoral Renewal. Jesus personally calls each one of us to follow Him and to remain by His side, for He deeply loves us.

And it is not merely a call; it is a profound affirmation that we truly matter. Every aspect of our lives - our dreams, our struggles, our joys - carries immense significance, for we are integral parts of God's divine plan. Each one of us, in our uniqueness, contributes to the beauty and unfolding of God's gift of salvation in the world.

In this pilgrim journey of faith, let us be reminded that we belong to the Body of Christ, a community of disciples united in the one mission, and bound together by the love of our Lord.

We invite you to join our Diocesan Church and begin a journey of renewal together! To learn more about our Pastoral Renewal, visit: catholicyycc.ca/renewal



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

1100 Berkshire Blvd NW Calgary, AB T3K 3M3

Phone 403.275.2240 | Fax 403.274.3969 | www.ascensionparish.ca

ASCENSION PATHWAY

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

Last week we heard that one of the 3 pastoral priorities of the whole diocese is to **Form Missionary Disciples in Christ**. Would you consider yourself a “missionary disciple?”

As the Bishop explains, we are called to *invite* others to know the Lord, we are called to *teach* others the great story of Jesus and his Church, and we are called to *practice* our Faith in our daily life.

Share Your Faith!

Is there anything keeping you from “going out” to share your faith with others?

How can we apply this to Ascension Catholic Parish?

Jesus, guide us on this pathway!

- Fr. JP

Ministry Fair

October 21st & 22nd After All Masses

Our Parish will be having a Ministry Fair in the main hall on October 21st and 22nd after each Mass. We will showcase all our activities, services, and Ministries that are the key ingredients in building the Kingdom of God in our parish community through enhanced participation in Discipleship.



You are all invited to come and take a look at all the different Ministries of our Parish. It would be a wonderful opportunity for you to see which ministry you can get involved with and the chance to share your time and talent. We will be serving coffee

and treats and there will be a raffle. You are called, You matter. You belong,



SATURDAY OCTOBER 28, 2023

10AM—3PM

Join us in the main Hall, where various vendors will be selling a variety of foods and wares. Admission is \$2 per person or \$5 for the family. Thank you for supporting the Catholic Women's League.

SACRAMENTS

Online Sacrament registration for

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
will close on October 20th

Confirmation and Sacraments for Teens
will close 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 class. The Baptism 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 Oct. 19th - 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Register on our website. For more information go to youth@ascensionparish.ca.

A CALL TO SERVICE

MISSIONARY DISCIPLE SPOTLIGHT

Hi, I'm Ana Maria Lozano Vergara. I have been volunteering at our Parish since 2020. I am currently serving as Usher and Mass Participation Tracker with the weekday Mass Ministry.



When I was invited to help in the Parish, I felt it was time to give back to my community and help in any way I could. I started with helping wipe down seats and cleaning in the washrooms. I also checked people in when we had the booking systems during the pandemic.

Volunteering has allowed me to live the words of the Gospel by helping others with my time and energy, which has strengthened my faith. It makes me happy to see the people of the Parish every day and I feel that I am part of the community whenever I help with the daily Mass.

I would like to encourage everyone to just go for it, I think that once you start helping in the Parish you feel a great deal of satisfaction knowing you are serving God's people.

My favorite Scripture passage is Matthew 9:13, "But go and learn what this mean, 'I desire compassion and not sacrifice', for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners." This passage has taught me that we come to this world to show love to others, which we can only do by showing mercy.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY TRAINING

The Diocese of Calgary is offering a Pastoral Care Ministry Training for those who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound and bereaved members. When: **Saturdays (Nov 11 & 25) at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, Calgary.**

Register at: catholicycyca.ca/pastoralcare

REGISTRATION SUNDAY

We are in the process of updating our records. If you are new to the Parish, we welcome you and encourage you to register. We also ask our current parishioners to update your information by clicking on this QR code.



PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

For those who were killed, displaced, and impacted by the war in the Holy Land, may God grant eternal rest to the deceased, console those grieving, comfort those in fear, and guide our world leaders so this conflict may be brought to an end, let us pray to the Lord.

FINANCIAL NEWS

In September our operating expenses were \$51,460 and Parish donations were \$64,381.

Our building fund donations were \$45,216 and our mortgage payment and expenses were \$54,584. This leaves us with a shortfall of \$9,368.

Together in Action (TIA), the Diocesan mandated Parish charitable appeal had \$3,575.00 donated in September.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL

The Ascension Society of St. Vincent DePaul would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Calgary Nigerian Community for your overwhelming support of our hamper program. In the last year, your generous Thanksgiving offerings have assisted in helping nearly 1,400 people in need.



MASS INTENTIONS Oct 14 - 21, 2023

Oct 14	5pm	For the souls of Manu & Rosie Fernandes
Oct 14	7pm	For the special intentions of Shaun Stewart
Oct 15	8am	For the souls of Paulus and Marliany
Oct 15	10am	For the souls of Nicolas & Francisca Tejano
Oct 15	12pm	Our Parishioners
Oct 15	4pm	For the special intentions of Shannon Tedesco
Oct 16	9am	For the soul of Anne Rompezin
Oct 17	9am	For the special intentions of Jerril James
Oct 18	9am	For the souls of The Wong Family
Oct 19	9am	For the soul of Estrella Alderite
Oct 20	9am	For the soul of Koon Kim Chan
Oct 21	9am	For the soul of Felisa Gacosta

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LIKE A MIGHTY RIVER CONFERENCE

Join this year's CCCRS's Like a Mighty River Conference with theme: "God Is More Than Able." This event is designed to empower, uplift, and strengthen your faith as we delve into the limitless power of God in our lives. Speakers: Fr. Jerald D'Souza, Fr. Fabio de Souza, Fr. Gabriel Arihi and Deacon Stephen Robinson.

When: **Fri-Sat, Oct. 20-21, at St. Luke's Parish, Calgary.**

Register now at cccrs.com

VOCATION TOOL KIT

WHAT EVERY MAN WANTS TO KNOW



A WEEKLY ONLINE SMALL GROUP FOR YOUNG MEN
PONDERING RELIGIOUS LIFE/PRIESTHOOD

*CHRIST-CENTERED
*SCRIPTURE-FED
*DISCUSSION-NOURISHED
*OPTIONAL PERSONAL COACHING

For more info. contact Fr Joseph LC: jbrickner@legionaries.org



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The K of C wish to honour their wives in this special event. For more information and tickets please go the Knight's table in the Narthex.

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.



Stay up to date by visiting our Social Media

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

Invitation to the Wedding Feast



I'M TOO BUSY.

Imagine that you live in a great kingdom with a king and queen and many other great people. You hear that the king's son is going to get married and there will be a great wedding feast. All the lords and ladies and rich land owners are invited. On the day of the wedding the servants go out to call the guests to the wedding, but all those important people refuse to go! They say they are too busy with other things, and can't be bothered to go!



THE KING INVITES YOU TO HIS SON'S WEDDING!

Now imagine that you are one of the children in a poor family that lives down a back street. Suddenly you hear people calling out that the king has invited your family to the feast! What excitement! Everybody puts on their best clothes and goes to the castle. In a little while the king comes in and you see him pointing to a man who isn't dressed neatly, and hasn't washed his face or brushed his hair. He sends the man out of the hall.

This is the story that Jesus told about the kingdom of Heaven.

Many important people have been invited, but they have decided that they were too busy with other things. But the King has invited us too! We should rejoice and "dress" our souls by being the best we can be! Don't be a half-hearted

Christian!



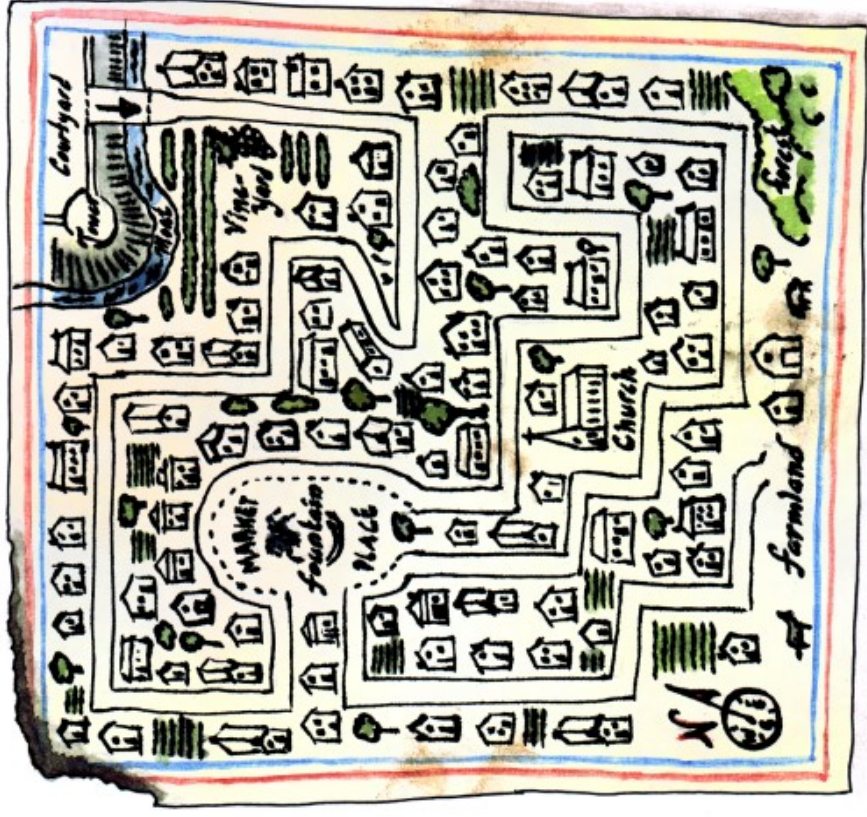
WHY AREN'T YOU PROPERLY DRESSED?

Answer to front page: Everyone's invited! Answers to True or False: 1. false 2. true 3. true 4. false 5. true 6. true 7. true

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15th, 2023



The king sent his servants to call all the people in the street to his son's wedding. Follow the road on the map from the castle's courtyard all the way to the farmland. The people in the houses next to the road you pass are invited to the wedding.

You can colour in the houses if you like.
Who was invited to the feast?

Saint Luke

October 18



SAINT LUKE NEVER MET JESUS. HE LEARNED ABOUT HIM BY TALKING WITH HIS FRIENDS AFTER JESUS HAD ALREADY GONE INTO HEAVEN. STILL SAINT LUKE KNEW ENOUGH ABOUT HIM THAT HE COULD WRITE A GOSPEL! WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT LUKE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE FRIENDS WHO LOVE GOD!

True or False:

Who is Invited to the Wedding?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compares the kingdom of Heaven to a king giving a wedding feast for his son. What happened in the story? See if you know which of these are true statements and which are false:

1. *The first time the servants went out to call those who were invited, all the guests came. True or false?*
2. *When the king sent out the second group of servants, some people didn't come, but went off to their farms and businesses. True or false?*
3. *Some people mistreated and even killed the servants. True or false?*
4. *The king decided that nobody else was worthy to come to his son's wedding. True or false?*
5. *The king decided to send his servants out into the streets to call everyone to come to the wedding. True or false?*
6. *When the servants called the people in the streets, they all came and filled the banquet hall. True or false?*
7. *When the king came in to look at his guests and found one that wasn't dressed for the wedding, he had him thrown out of the place. True or false?*

