

# ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

September 23 - 24, 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 145: The Lord is near to all who call on him.**

## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God's generosity is superabundance in comparison to what we can ever give. This is portrayed especially in the offertory and Eucharistic Prayer during every Mass. We all make an offering to God, we put our money in the offering basket and we offer our prayers, needs, and thanks. These offerings are symbolized when someone from the congregation brings the bread and wine up to the Priest. And yet, what value could such paltry things have in God's eyes? Doesn't He deserve much more from us? He does, but giving Him what He truly deserves is beyond our abilities. God knows this, and He knows that our hearts truly desire to make Him a worthy offering. And so, by transforming that earthly bread into the Eucharist, all of a sudden, our finite gifts become infinite, and we are offering God, through the priest, the gift of His own Son - the most perfect gift possible. This is the meaning of the moment in the Mass when the priest holds up the paten and the chalice at the end of the Eucharistic prayer and says, "Through Him, with Him, in Him..." That's when all of our tiny little offerings, transformed into Christ's own self-offering on the cross through the Eucharist, are given eternal value in the eyes of God. Let's ask God to transform our offering into something of eternal value.

Fr. John



### 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

## 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

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Sacraments : Linda Hengen

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Resource: Connie Raz

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## ASCENSION PATHWAY

What does Jesus desire of us as He looks at our Parish community? What "pathway" can we map out?



As you know, in preparation for this year's "Synod" in Rome, in 2021, our Bishop asked us to give our input.

What themes turned out to be very important to the Church in Western Canada? In the summary\*, some of the themes were: to be a Listening Church, to be a Welcoming Church, to not be afraid to speak out, to be allowed to be "co-responsible" in the Church's Mission, to celebrate the Eucharist well... All of these reflections can help us with our own Parish's Pathway. Again, the question we are asking is: *what might God be asking of us, to distinguish us as a Parish?* Fr. JP

\* Assembly of Western Catholic Bishops, July 2022

### DIocese OF CALGARY MISCARRIAGE MINISTRY

Miscarriages can cause a range of emotions, such as grief, guilt, anger, and loneliness, and it is often hard to find people who understand what you are going through.

Join us for a transformative workshop designed for those navigating the grief of miscarriage. Connect with others who understand your pain, share your experience

in a safe and compassionate environment, and learn coping strategies from professionals and peers who have gone through this journey.

If you know someone who could benefit from this

healing workshop, please have them register at <https://www.miscarriageliturgy.ca/workshop.html>.

**JOURNEYING TOGETHER**

HOPE AND HEALING FOR THOSE GRIEVING A MISCARRIAGE OR STILLBIRTH

Join us for a transformative workshop designed for those navigating the grief of miscarriage. Connect with others who understand your pain, share your experience in a safe and compassionate environment, and learn coping strategies from professionals and peers who had gone through this journey.

Keynote speakers: Eunice Peterson R. Psych. and Fr. Michael Bombak, and other expert speakers in their field.

**FRI/SAT  
OCTOBER  
13-14, 2023**

Ascension Catholic Parish  
1100 Berkshire Blvd NW,  
Calgary, AB

Register at  
[miscarriageliturgy.ca/  
workshop](https://www.miscarriageliturgy.ca/workshop)

## SACRAMENTS

### ONLINE SACRAMENT REGISTRATION IS OPEN

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.

Grades 1-6 - Baptism for School Aged Children 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)

### 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](https://www.ascensionparish.ca).

# A CALL TO SERVICE

## MISSIONARY DISCIPLE SPOTLIGHT



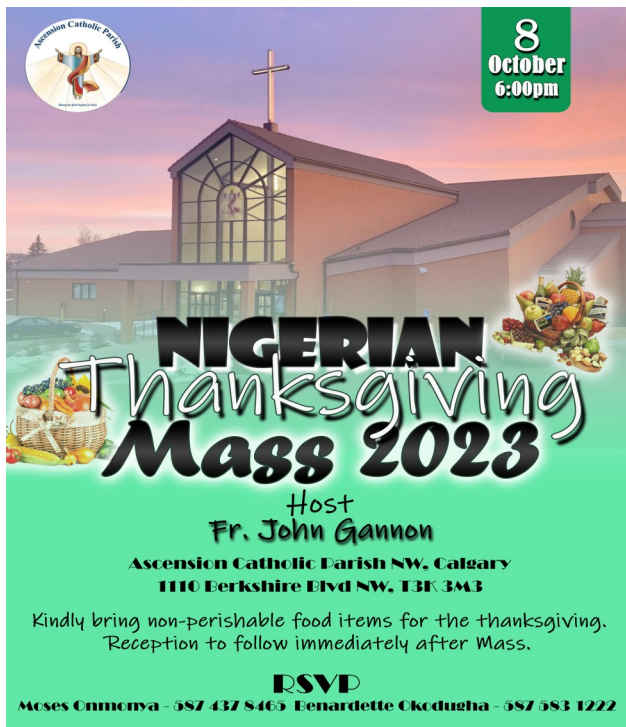
Hi, I'm Chidi Ogbonna. I am an active volunteer at our Church serving as an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister for over six years now. I am also an active Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. I volunteer because I am passionate about giving myself for God and the sake of His people. As a Church

member, I feel connected to everyone as pilgrims journeying to our home in heaven. Therefore, I feel I need to contribute my time and effort to the good of others. As a Knight, I am witnessing to Christ in all things and especially guarding the faith. As an EMHC, I am serving the people of God, assisting in distributing the Holy Communion to the Parish community. I enjoy what I do for the Church. Volunteering as an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister is a rare privilege to behold the Body of Christ, bringing me closer to God and humanity. Volunteering gives me a sense of purpose as I do the work of God. It strengthens my faith and relationship with God. The best part of volunteering for me is the satisfaction I get in knowing that I am assisting in bringing joy to people's lives. Secondly, I feel that I am living by example and influencing others positively. My two boys are Altar Servers due to the influence my volunteering had on them. For those unsure if they are ready to volunteer, I encourage you to see yourself as a member of Christ's Body, which is the Church. In Christ, we are members of one another and should render mutual service according to the different gifts bestowed on each. My favourite bible passage is Jesus' saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" in Acts 20:35. Everything I have is a gift from God; therefore, knowing that I have been given everything I need in Christ, I don't need to expect anything in return while giving myself to the Church as a volunteer. Finally, I will continue to volunteer in the Parish, knowing that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13)

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL will be hosting a Fall Market on October 28, 2023. It will be held in the Parish Hall from 10am to 3pm. We are inviting parishioners in our Parish who have a business or talent to participate by selling either goods or services. If you would like to be a vendor, please email

[ascensioncwlevents@gmail.com](mailto:ascensioncwlevents@gmail.com). We hope you will all come out to this great day of shopping!



## MASS INTENTIONS SEPT 23 - 30, 2023

Sep 23	5pm	For the soul of Anthony Sequeira
Sep 23	7pm	For the soul of Lenio Esercitato
Sep 24	8am	For the soul of Pansy Hagel
Sep 24	10am	For the souls of Jose & Leoncia Madarieta
Sep 24	12pm	For the soul of Philip Pereira
Sep 24	4pm	Our Parishioners
Sep 25	9am	For the soul of Matilde Giacchetta
Sep 26	9am	For the Special Intentions of Dedinia Thomson
Sep 27	9am	For the soul of Lyle Ward
Sep 28	9am	For the soul of Joe Lokanc
Sep 29	9am	For the soul of Margarita Hebron
Sep 30	9am	For the soul of Maria Silvestro

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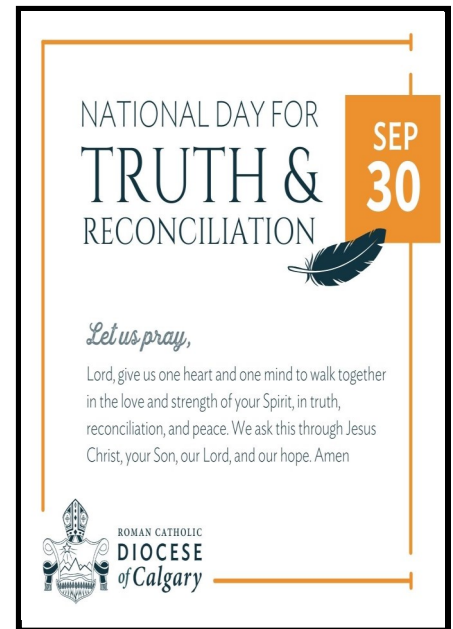
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### THAT MAN IS YOU!

*That Man is You* is a program that supports and guides men in their leadership role in society and in the family.

The 13 week program on Saturday mornings begins with breakfast at 7:15am. This is an opportunity for men to

experience God's grace and healing, and learn how they can better serve their wives and families. If you would like more information, visit their website: [That Man is You - Paradisus Dei](http://ThatManisYou-ParadisusDei). Please click on this link to register

<https://programs.paradisusdei.org/join/18FA47>.



Ladies' of the Knights  
LADIES' APPRECIATION NIGHT  
AT THE PARISH

Save the Date  
**November 24, 2023**

Stay tuned for more details.

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# A Full Day's Wages

Today in the Gospel, Jesus tells a story of several men who were hired to work at a vineyard. The owner of the vineyard went out at different times to find men to work. At the end of the day, he gave each man a whole day's wages, even though some had only worked for a little while!

**THAT'S NOT FAIR- THEY GOT A WHOLE DAY'S PAY!**



Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like this too: some people spend their whole lives working for God, and some people only turn to Him at the last minute. God opens Heaven to all the people who choose to love Him.

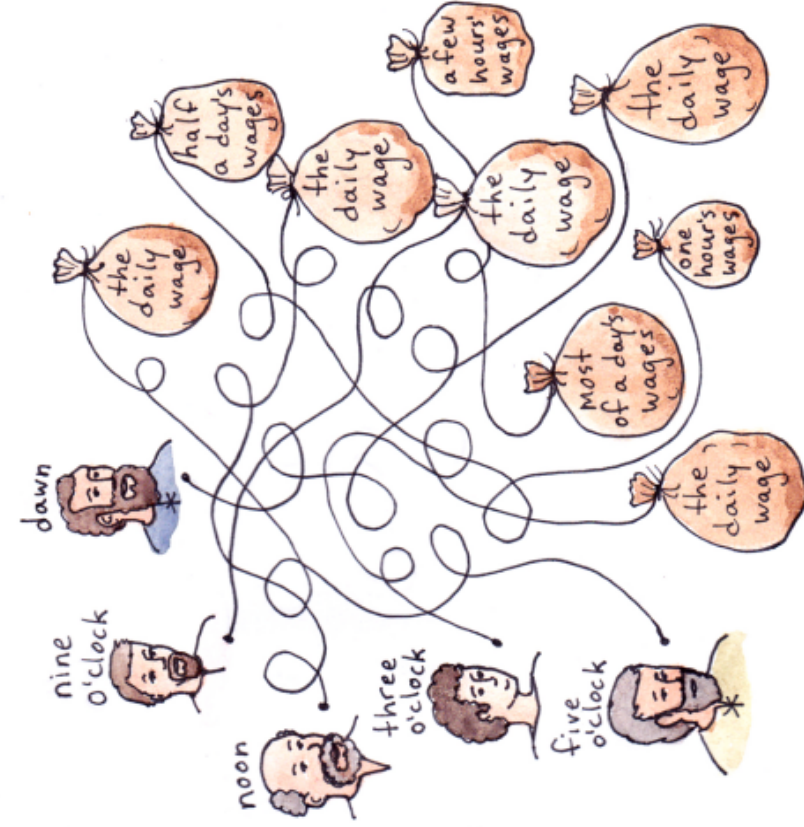
At first this doesn't seem fair. After all, some people give their whole lives to God and some give hardly any! But here is why it is fair: the only reason that any of us turns to God is because He gave us that grace. Some people have to live their whole lives without God's grace until the very end, but some of us have been given grace all our lives.

**I PAID YOU AS MUCH AS I SAID I WOULD.**



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 24th, 2023

# The Kids' Bulletin



In the parable in today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the story of a man with a vineyard who went out to hire men at different times of the day.

*At the end of the day,  
how much did each man get paid?  
Follow the wiggly lines to see!*

Answers: front page- all received the full day's wage.  
Inside page- Christ.

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# Saint Jerome

## September 30

JEROME LIVED IN THE MID 300'S. WHEN HE GREW UP HE LIVED IN ROME. AT FIRST HE JUST HAD FUN, BUT THEN HE DECIDED TO GET BAPTIZED.

What's the point of all this?

JEROME STUDIED HARD. HE LEARNED LATIN AND GREEK AND STUDIED THE BIBLE.

THEN HE MOVED TO THE DESERT, WHERE HE STUDIED MORE.

JEROME HAD A SHORT TEMPER, AND OFTEN MADE SHARP REMARKS.

You'd be better off if you'd think as much as you talk!

THERE HE WROTE AGAINST HERESIES OF THAT TIME.

The virgin Mary is like the angel Gabriel's robe. It's the robe that makes us holy.

HE BECAME A PRIEST AND WORKED FOR THE POPE, TRANSLATING THE BIBLE INTO THEIR LANGUAGE, LATIN.

A RICH LADY, PAULA, GAVE ST. JEROME MONEY TO BUILD SOME MONASTERIES IN THE HOLY LAND. SHE AND HER DAUGHTERS BECAME NUNS THERE.

This room will be for the study of scriptures.

Saint Jerome died as an old man. He is considered a doctor of the church because he did so much to help people to understand the truth about God. We can learn from St. Jerome the importance of the Bible. Try to read a bit of the Bible every day.

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## Fill in the blanks:

Saint Paul tries to decide if it is better to live or die!

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks, and then put the letters from the boxes into the spaces at the bottom.



Brothers and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ labour for me. And I do not know which I shall \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. I am caught \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ benefit.

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| between  | Like Saint Paul, we    |
| death    | should be ready to     |
| sisters  | either live or die for |
| your     | _____                  |
| fruitful | _____                  |
| choose   | _____                  |
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