

# ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

September 30 - October 1, 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 25: Lord, be mindful of your mercy.**

## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

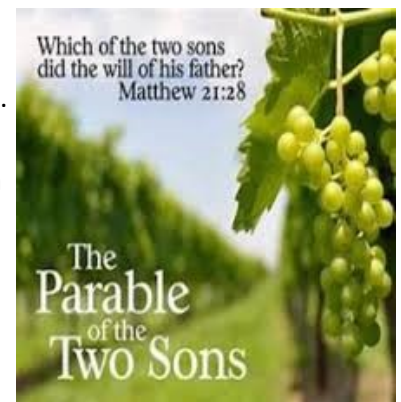
Dear friends,

I think all of us like this Sunday's Gospel. It is easy to apply it to ourselves. Maybe sometimes we act like the first son, sometimes like the second. Who has not promised someone, "I will go and do what you ask," only to leave them stranded, even if it is just by making them wait? And who, on the other hand, has not also had the opposite experience: telling someone that you will not help (maybe because of tiredness, frustration, or a lack of generosity), only to "repent" and lend a hand? At least in my case, after reading this Gospel, I always end up coming to the same conclusion: the best scenario would be to say "Yes" to God with our lips, and then to say "Yes" to God with our actions, too!

If we have that attitude toward God, it will also help us to say "Yes" to others, in word, and in deed.

Bishop McGrattan has asked us to read his new Pastoral Letter next week at Mass. It will help us on our own "Parish Pathway" that we have been speaking about at the beginning of the Sunday Masses.

With prayers, Fr. JP.



## CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - Saturday:  
8:15am - 8:45am  
Saturdays: 4:00pm - 4:45pm  
or by appointment

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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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? Our Parish Council has gotten together and proposes:

- ◇ GOSPEL TEXT: The Ascension, when Jesus sends us to “Go, and make disciples!... I am with you...” (Mt 28)
- ◇ VISION: that our Parish has a real impact on our city by witnessing joyfully, with a sense of mission, sharing the Good News.
- ◇ VALUES: to be *grateful* and *welcoming*, and willing to *invite others*.
- ◇ MISSION: we invite others to *encounter* Jesus a) at the Eucharist, b) as his friends, c) in a vibrant community, d) knowing each other, and e) spreading God’s message & making disciples.

The word I have heard over and over is *vibrant*: to live a *vibrant* Faith, to be a *vibrant* Parish!

What do you think of these ideas? Fr. JP.



### 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 taking place at Ascension Catholic Parish Oct. 13 - 14, 2023, please have them register at <https://www.miscarriageliturgy.ca/workshop.html>.

## SACRAMENTS

### ONLINE SACRAMENT REGISTRATION IS OPEN

If you have a child who would like to receive their Sacraments please note:

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).

**Registration will be closing soon and the classes will begin in October!!**

Register at [ascensionparish.ca](http://ascensionparish.ca) or phone the office 403-275-2240 ext 6 and ask for Linda.

**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)

### 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. 5th - 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Register on our website. For more information go to [youth@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:youth@ascensionparish.ca).

## A CALL TO SERVICE

### MISSIONARY DISCIPLE SPOTLIGHT

Hi, I am Maria Trinidad. I am currently serving as Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion as well as Lector with our Parish. I also volunteered to help out with Sacraments just recently. I have been serving with the Parish for almost 6 years now. It was really my husband Edgar who first encouraged and convinced me to get involved, but later on, I found myself wanting to help more in the Parish. My family back home in Manila has always been active in participating in our Parish activities since I was a child. It is only now that I'm older and serving, that I realize how fulfilling it feels to be active in the Church. It is my way of giving back to the Parish community.



By volunteering, you meet different people. Just through casual chats, you get to know their experiences, be it their achievements or hardships. It's just inspiring to hear and learn from others that no matter how hard life may be, the Lord works in ways to help and guide us. This is the best part of volunteering for me.

The Ascension Parish Family has always been welcoming. I encourage others to join the Ascension family because we have an awesome group of volunteers. We are always ready to welcome new members with open arms. Proper training and support are always provided. The volunteer experience is always fulfilling because we are serving the Lord.

I am inspired by the Scripture passage, Isaiah 40:31, *"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint"*. It reminds me that no matter how tired we are with everything that life throws our way, the Lord will always be by our side to help, guide and bless us. His love for us is never ending whoever we are.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL invites all women to Rosary Making Night on Oct. 11th at 7pm at the Parish. On October 28, 2023 they will host a Fall Market. 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!



### FINANCIAL NEWS

Calculations for the month of August show that we had a shortfall of \$16,391 for our operating costs. Operating costs include maintenance, salaries and programs.

Our building fund collection for the month was \$35,481 leaving us with a shortfall on our mortgage payment of \$10,227.

Our monthly mortgage payment is \$46,324

Together in Action (TIA) is an annual Diocesan mandated Parish charitable appeal that funds local, national and international initiatives. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

Thank you for providing the crucial support we need for our Parish.



### 2023 PASTORAL CARE 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. This workshop is applicable for new or those previously trained in Pastoral Care Ministry.

- **Sessions:** Saturday, Nov 11 and Saturday, Nov. 25
- **Where:** Catholic Pastoral Centre & Satellite locations (locations to be determined).

#### Registration Fee:

\$50/person. Covers training costs, lunch for both sessions, and refreshments.

### MASS INTENTIONS SEPT 30 - Oct 1, 2023

Sep 30	5pm	Our Parishioners
Sep 30	7pm	For the Special Intentions of Andrew Stewart
Oct 1	8am	For the soul of Philip Pereira
Oct 1	10am	For the soul of Paul Akinboh
Oct 1	12pm	For the soul of Nicetas Monperola
Oct 1	4pm	For the soul of Alizah Lewis
Oct 2	9am	For the soul of Jim Fortugno
Oct 3	9am	For the Special Intentions of Jameya Fortugno
Oct 4	9am	For the soul of Louise Bruse
Oct 5	9am	For the soul of Marium Kurian
Oct 6	9am	For the Special Intentions of Dan Penna
Oct 7	9am	For the Special Intentions of Kennedy Anyanwu

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



### FROM THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE



#### AT THE SERVICE OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

"The radical living of our baptism is a continuous call for every person to follow Christ. It's never static, nor does it focus on self." In his support for Serra Calgary's apostolate for the promotion of vocations, Bishop McGrattan talks about the true heart and essence of a vocation - a lifelong commitment to the service of God and the Church. Learn about Serra Club of Calgary and meet our five new seminarians this year!

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### VOCATIO

Have you ever thought of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Join *Vocatio*: An event for men discerning the Priesthood and men and women discerning the Consecrated Life. *Vocatio* begins with anticipated Mass at 5 pm, followed by pizza, presentations and discussions, and Night Prayer. When: **Saturdays, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, and Dec. 9, from 5 pm to 9 pm.**

To register, contact Fr. Derek Remus at [derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca) or Sr. Dianne Turner at [sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca).

#### WHEN

Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023  
Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023  
Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023  
5 pm to 9 pm

#### WHERE

St. Luke's Parish  
1566 Northmount Dr NW  
Calgary, AB



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# Changing Your Mind

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the parable of the two sons whose father asked them to help in the vineyard. The first son told his father he wouldn't help, but then he changed his mind and did what he was asked. The second son said he would help, but he didn't.

In the end it doesn't matter so much if we say we are going to do what's right. What is important is that we do it. We call ourselves Christians because we believe in Jesus and the Church He gave us, but we only really are being Christians if we do what He says.

*I SHOULD HAVE DONE MY HOMEWORK... I'LL DO IT NOW.*



Sometimes we decide not to obey God. But if we are sorry afterwards and do what is right, God will not look at the bad things we did. On the other hand, if we do good things and then change to doing bad things, then we have decided to turn away from God, and we will be punished for our sins.



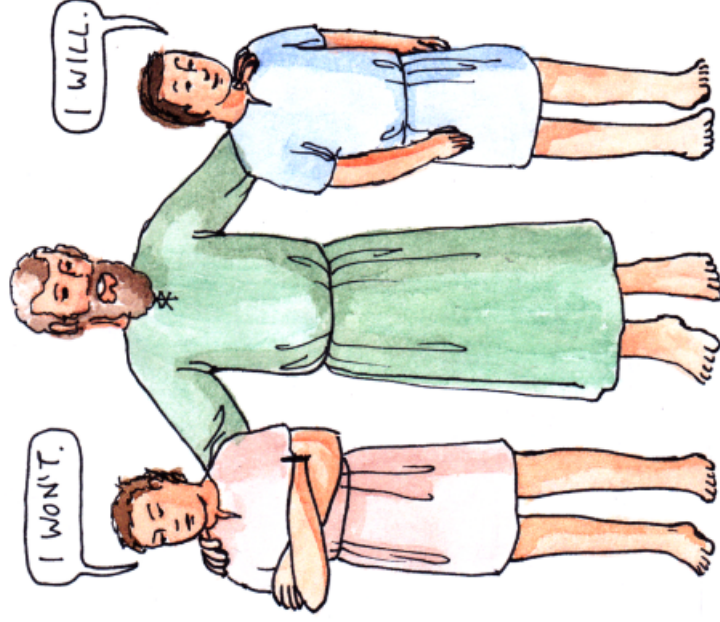
# The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 1st, 2023

*In today's Gospel parable, a father asked his two sons to work in the vineyard.*

*Which one did what his father asked?*

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks and find out the answer!



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

I \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_

Answer to puzzle on front page: The one who said he would not.  
Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 2.fair 4.does 6.the 7.committed 8.is 9.just 11.virtue 14.say 15.sins 17.unfair 19.live 20.Lord  
Down: 1.because 3.iniquity 4.die 5.says 8.it 10.turns 12.must 13.shall 14.since 16.if 18.all

# Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

October 5

HELEN KOWALSKA WAS FROM A POOR FAMILY IN POLAND. SHE ONLY WENT TO SCHOOL FOR THREE YEARS. SHE WANTED TO JOIN A CONVENT BUT HER PARENTS SAID NO.

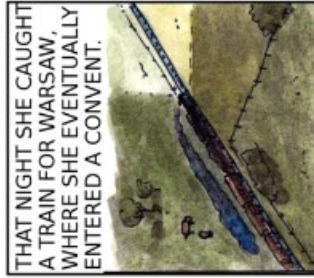
*We don't have enough money to send you to a convent.*



ONE DAY AT A DANCE SHE HAD A VISION OF THE SUFFERING JESUS, AND RAN TO THE CHURCH.



THAT NIGHT SHE CAUGHT A TRAIN FOR WARSAW, WHERE SHE EVENTUALLY ENTERED A CONVENT.



SHE BECAME SISTER MARIA FAUSTINA. SHE GOT JOBS LIKE COOKING AND GARDENING.



BUT SOON SHE BECAME SICK. ONE NIGHT JESUS APPEARED TO HER WITH RED AND WHITE LIGHT COMING FROM HIS HEART.



HE CALLED HIMSELF "THE DIVINE MERCY" AND ASKED HER TO HAVE HIS IMAGE PAINTED.

*Why can't anyone draw a really good picture of Him?*



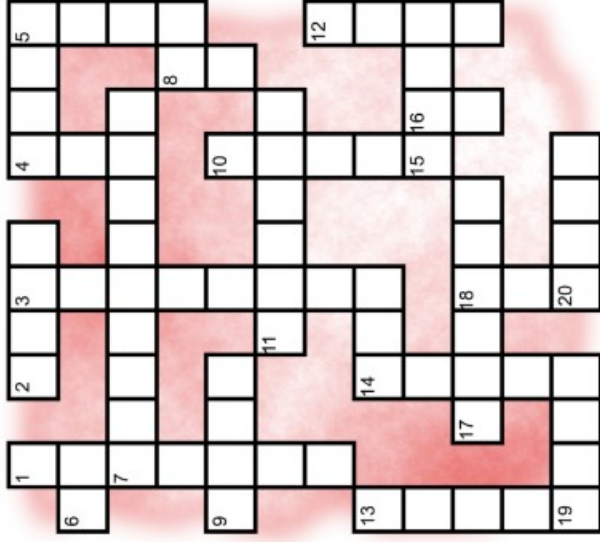
OUR LORD APPEARED TO HER MANY TIMES, TEACHING HER ABOUT HIS MERCY FOR POOR SINNERS. SISTER FAUSTINA BECAME MORE ILL AND DIED AT THE AGE OF 33.



OUR LORD USED SAINT FAUSTINA, WHO HAD BEEN A SIMPLE COUNTRY GIRL, TO TEACH THE WHOLE WORLD ABOUT HIS GREAT MERCY. SHE WROTE WHAT HAPPENED IN HER VISIONS IN NOTEBOOKS. ONE OF THE GREATEST PRAYERS THAT JESUS GAVE HER WAS THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.

# Ezekiel 18 Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in the reading and the puzzle.  
a=across & d=down.



- COMMITTED
- INIQUITY
- BECAUSE
- UNFAIR
- VIRTUE
- URNS
- IF
- HE
- SINCE
- MUST
- LORD
- SAYS
- JUST
- DOES
- IT
- IS
- IF
- HE
- DIE
- ALL
- SAY
- FAIR
- SINS
- LIVE

Thus (5d) the \_\_\_\_: (20a) You \_\_\_\_, (14a) "The Lord's way is not \_\_\_\_!" (2a) Hear now, house of Israel: \_\_\_\_ (8a) it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways \_\_\_\_? (17a) When someone virtuous \_\_\_\_ (10d) away from \_\_\_\_ (11a) to commit \_\_\_\_, (3d) and dies, \_\_\_\_ (8d) is \_\_\_\_ (1d) of the iniquity he committed that \_\_\_\_ (6a) \_\_\_\_ (12d) die. But \_\_\_\_ (16d) he turns from the wickedness he has \_\_\_\_, (7a) and \_\_\_\_ (4a) what is right and \_\_\_\_, (9a) he shall preserve his life; \_\_\_\_ (14d) he has turned away from \_\_\_\_ (18d) the \_\_\_\_ (15a) that he committed, he \_\_\_\_ (13d) surely \_\_\_\_, (19a) he shall not \_\_\_\_ (4d).