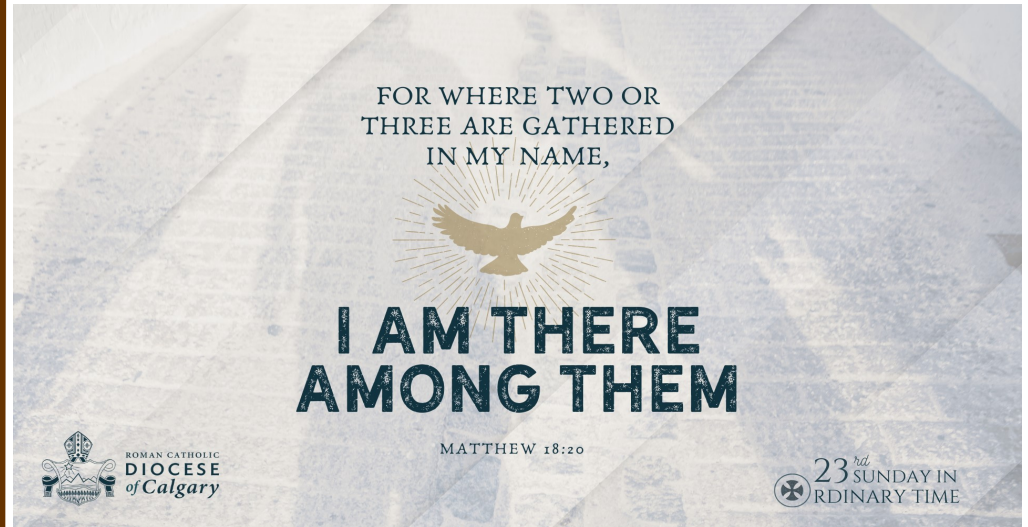


ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

September 9—10, 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

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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 95: O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

On Friday we celebrated Mary's Birthday; and this Friday we will celebrate Mary, the Mother of Sorrows. On our path towards Jesus, Mary walks with us.

Like Mary, we can experience the **joy** of discovering Jesus, helping others to experience His Love for us and the **wisdom of His ways**. The new men's group, "That Man is You", can help our men find deeper friendship with each other and with Jesus. Once again, men, I invite you to sign up.

Like Mary, we sometimes suffer and feel the weight of **loneliness or sorrow**. I encourage you to pray with other parishioners. Recently two new prayer groups have started up: the *St Anthony prayer group*, which has already begun, and the "*Oremus*" prayer group, where parents can pray for their adult children.

Like Mary, we can experience the satisfaction of **bringing God to others**, sharing what is good and true and pure and beautiful. Let us ask her to guide our Parish as we begin to work on a "**Parish Pathway**". She went in haste to serve her cousin Elizabeth. Maybe that is something that can characterize for our Parish.

Pope Francis reminds us: "We do well to keep in mind the early Christians and our many brothers and sisters throughout history who were filled with joy, unflagging courage and zeal in proclaiming the Gospel."

May God bless us with this joy and courage! Yours, in Christ, Fr. JP.

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

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CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



Ascension Catholic Parish has opened its new **Atrium!** It is a specially prepared classroom for the faith formation of our youngest learners. The Atrium houses handmade materials designed to introduce children to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. On Sept 10th we will host an Open House for you to see the new space after the 10am and Noon Masses.

This fall we will offer two programs in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children ages 4 - 6! Each program includes 12 sessions to help children further their relationship with Jesus and explore key scriptures and aspects of the liturgy.

Program 1: Tuesday Mornings, 10am – 12pm

Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12.

Program 2: Saturday Mornings, 10am – 12pm

Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, (not the 11th), 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16.

The fee for the program is \$120.

To register, please email katymorrison1@mac.com

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. It has proven to be a fundamental support for participants in dealing with the temptations and struggles which challenge their dignity and integrity. The program includes tangible tools to help build a path forward to sustain the grace and growth experienced by participants.

The 13 week program begins on Saturday, September 16th. Sessions start with breakfast at 7:15am. After the breakfast gathering, there will be presentations discussing scientific research, the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the Saints. Participants will then have the opportunity to discuss the presentations in small groups.

The sessions take one hour and will end by 8:45am, so participants can attend 9am Mass if they wish. This is an opportunity for men to experience God's grace and healing, and learn how they can better serve their wives and families.

On Sept. 9—10th we will project a video after all of the Masses. If you would like more information, visit their website: That Man is You - Paradisus Dei

Please click on this link to register

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



SACRAMENTS

ONLINE SACRAMENT REGISTRATION IS OPEN

REGISTER at 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 in 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 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

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.

A CALL TO SERVICE

MISSIONARY DISCIPLE SPOTLIGHT



My greetings in Christ! My name is Ludvik Vista, and I have been one of Ascension’s lead Altar Servers for almost two years now. I am fairly new to the Parish community, yet nevertheless, I was invited very early on to share in the role of the Altar Server ministry during the pandemic in 2021. In many

ways, the Altar Server ministry has served as a catalyst in furthering my ardent faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Though I am already considerably versed in our faith traditions’ doctrines and teachings, it was particularly through this ministry that gave me the fullest opportunity to live out my faith and to see it in a more practical light.

Yet I must admit that prior to coming to Ascension and becoming an active parishioner, I had absolutely no prior knowledge of how Altar Servers conduct themselves, nor had I any sort of background information on what they say or do at Mass. Quite frankly, before I had even put on the vestments for the first time, I completely discouraged myself from Altar Serving. The thought of myself making a mess of things at the Sanctuary or garnering unnecessary attention from the congregation hindered me from joining the ministry. Yet what overcame my hesitancy was the words of my experienced senior Server, who said that these were thoughts that were “...deliberate excuses that prevent me from letting the Lord love you.” Now every Mass I serve is but a fulfilling adventure in being immersed in the love of our Lord. Having been a Server for two years, “the best part” of it all is seeing the Lord Jesus being made present in the Blessed Sacrament after the Priest says those beautiful words of consecration.

To be an Altar Server is to partake in this wondrous adventure of self-denial, and total abandonment to God in the Blessed Sacrament. Should anybody have this desire to serve, and maybe because of that, hear a call from our Lord to join the service of His holy Priesthood — Altar Serving might be your ‘step-one’ to that. The twentieth chapter of St. Matthew, verse twenty-six, highlights the essence of this ministry, and is coincidentally one of my favorite verses in Scripture: “...whoever wishes to be great among you, must be your servant.” As the Altar Server, despite not sharing the same office as the Priest, nevertheless makes himself great through the service of his ministry at the Altar.

FINANCIAL NEWS

This is a reminder about the various donation options available through PAD, online donations, e-transfer, donation envelopes, and cash contributions during Masses. It’s essential to keep supporting our community and its initiatives, especially during times when donations may decline. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated, and these contributions help sustain our mission and various programs. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on our community.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

The CWL would like to extend an invitation to our members and women of the Parish to our general meeting on September 13th @ 7pm.



FALL MARKET

VENDORS WANTED

BOOK YOUR TABLE TODAY BY EMAILING:
ASCENSIONCWLEVENTS@GMAIL.COM

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28, 2023
10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

RCIA SPONSORS NEEDED

We are blessed to have a large number of inquirers who are wanting to become members of our Catholic community. We are currently seeking sponsors to assist them as they become familiar with the Christian way of life. Would you consider mentoring another person in their journey of faith. You may grow in your own faith, as well as gaining a new friend.

Please contact the parish office, or email robkehrig@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS SEPT 9 - 16, 2023

Sep 9	5pm	For the soul of Pat Counsel
Sep 9	7pm	Our Parishioners
Sep 10	8am	For the soul of Almira Maria Pockar
Sep 10	10am	For the souls of Ethel & Julian Gonsalves
Sep 10	12pm	For the soul of Sandra Jayasundera
Sep 10	4pm	For the soul of Matilde Giacchetta
Sep 11	9am	For the Special Intentions of Milton Colaco
Sep 12	9am	For the soul of Antoine Nguyen Ha
Sep 13	9am	For the soul of Carmen Gaten
Sep 14	9am	For the soul of Peter Hedley
Sep 15	9am	For the soul of Justin Viktor Taskar
Sep 16	9am	For the Special Intentions of Daniela Fortugno

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SERRA CALGARY CHARTERING CELEBRATION!

16TH **9AM-1PM**
SEPTEMBER, 2023 ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL CALGARY, AB

Google Meet Link: meet.google.com/uvu-xobm-xdo

JOIN US WITH BISHOP MCGRATTAN AND SPECIAL GUESTS FROM SERRA INTERNATIONAL AND SERRA CANADA IN CHARTERING SERRA CALGARY!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL SERRACALGARY@GMAIL.COM

WITH BISHOP MCGRATTAN



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.

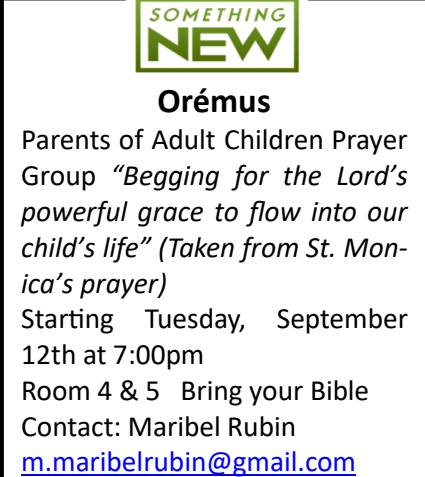
Keynote speakers: Eunice Peterson R. Psych and Fr. Michael Bombak and other expert speakers in their field.

FRI/SAT OCTOBER 13-14, 2023

Ascension Catholic Parish
1100 Berkshire Blvd NW,
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Register at miscarriageitlurgy.ca/workshop

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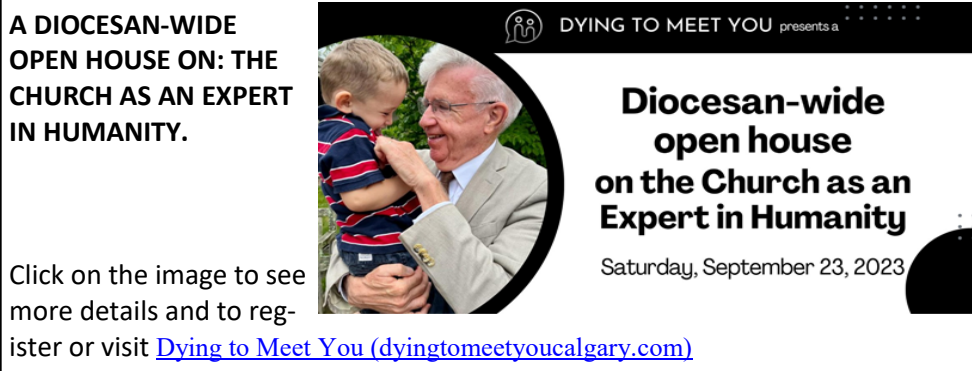


SOMETHING NEW

Orémus

Parents of Adult Children Prayer Group "Begging for the Lord's powerful grace to flow into our child's life" (Taken from St. Monica's prayer)

Starting Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00pm
Room 4 & 5 Bring your Bible
Contact: Maribel Rubin
m.maribelrubin@gmail.com



A DIOCESAN-WIDE OPEN HOUSE ON: THE CHURCH AS AN EXPERT IN HUMANITY.

Click on the image to see more details and to register or visit [Dying to Meet You \(dyingtomeetyoucalgary.com\)](http://Dying to Meet You (dyingtomeetyoucalgary.com))

Dying to Meet You presents a

Diocesan-wide open house on the Church as an Expert in Humanity

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Stay up to date by visiting our Social Media

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

What should I do when somebody else sins?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that if someone sins against us, we should quietly go and talk to them about it. Have you ever seen someone else do something bad? Did you talk to them about it?



I DON'T WANT TO BOTHER YOU, BUT I THINK YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE!



WE REALLY WANT YOU TO BE OUR FRIEND, BUT YOU CAN'T KEEP LYING TO US!

When we talk to somebody about something bad they are doing, we should do it with love. We aren't trying to make them feel bad; we're trying to help!

Has anyone ever told you when you were doing something wrong? Did you find it easy to listen to them? When we try to help people who do bad things, what God wants us to do is be kind to them and help them to turn away from their sins. It's hard to do, but it makes God so happy to see us helping people come back to Him!



CAN YOU PLEASE BE MORE CAREFUL?

YES, MOM.

Answer to puzzle on front: YES!
Answer to word-find puzzle:
Pray with others

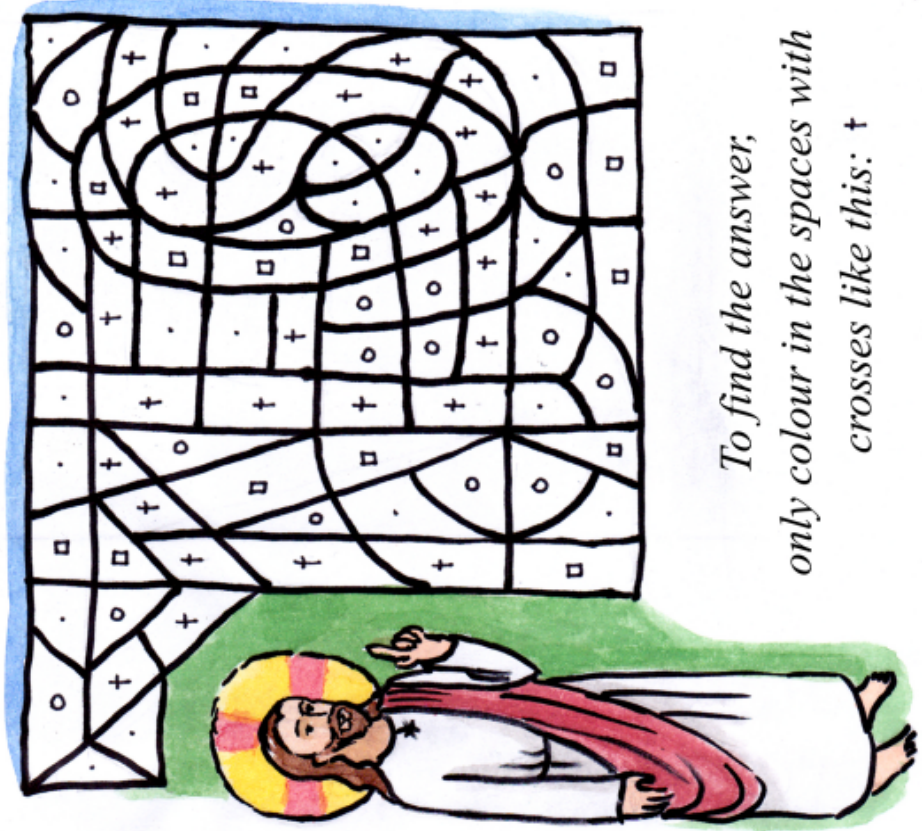
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The Kids' Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10th, 2023

Sometimes we see other people doing things that we know are wrong.

When we see other people doing sins, does Jesus want us to talk to them about it?



To find the answer, only colour in the spaces with crosses like this: +

Our Lady of Sorrows

September 15



WHEN YOU REALLY LOVE SOMEONE YOU WILL FEEL SAD WHEN THEY ARE HURT. OUR LADY LOVED JESUS MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE EVER COULD, AND SHE ALSO SUFFERED MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE. BUT SHE WAS HAPPY TO SUFFER FOR JESUS. WE SHOULD PRAY TO OUR LADY TO HELP US TO LOVE OUR LORD, EVEN IF WE HAVE TO SUFFER.

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...Where two or three are gathered in my Name...

T W H I C H P R T A
 H H E A R T H S H T
 R E A G A I N H E O
 E R E V M Y W A R G
 E E E N S G L E E
 P I N E N A R L N T
 R T L H O Y A T A H
 A N Y T H I N G M E
 Y Y O U F A T H E R
 G A T H E R E D H E
 R T W O M I D S T S

Here is the last part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks.

What is Our Lord asking us to do?

AGAIN, AMEN, I SAY to YOU, if two of you AGREE on EARTH about ANYTHING for WHICH they are to PRAY, it SHALL be GRANTED to them by my HEAVENLY FATHER. For WHERE TWO or THREE are GATHERED TOGETHER in my NAME, THERE am I in the MIDST of them.

