

ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

September 2 - 3, 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 63: My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

I hope that summer was for you a time of blessings. **We have a beautiful Parish community, and you are all a cause of great joy to our Lord's Heart.**

This year several new activities and programs will be offered. Stay tuned! You can already read about some of them in this bulletin.

Above all, however, this year will begin with the chance to reflect together about what Jesus Christ desires of us as Ascension Catholic Parish. I say that because the **Calgary Diocese** is ready to share with all of us its **pastoral priorities**. After hearing your concerns and desires through the Synod process, Bishop McGrattan will offer guidelines for all of us here in Calgary. More news on that soon! Then, seeing the Pathway of the Diocese, we will ask ourselves: how do we apply this to *our* Parish? We will craft a **Pathway** for our Parish. Your input will be important. In any case, for now let me say that it will be a blessing to foster a common vision, a common mission, a common set of values and characteristics that can give our Parish a special flavour.

Lastly, in that light I share with you these words from Pope Francis. Earlier this year he invited us all to answer three questions: *Do you believe what you are proclaiming? Do you live what you believe? Do you preach what you live?* (March 22). These very questions lead us towards our Lord. With prayers, Fr JP.

CONFESSIONS

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

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WELCOME BACK!**OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday - Saturday: 9:30am to 4:00pm

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE**

SSVP is collecting school supplies, or cash donations and store cards (to purchase supplies) until Sept 3rd. All donations can be placed in the box in the Narthex. Thank you for supporting families in need in our community.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary of Ascension is inviting you to a celebration of the birthday of our Blessed Mother on Saturday Sept. 9th after the morning Mass in the main hall from 10am – 12 noon. Join us for Rosary, coffee & wishing our dear Mother a "Happy Birthday"

THAT MAN IS YOU!

Men, a 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 1 hour and will end by 8:45am. For anyone interested, there is information about the program after all the Masses. Please see [our website](#) for more information or [to register](#).

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA - PRAYER GROUP

Join other families in praying through the intercession of St. Anthony, on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Chapel. All are welcome.

NIGERIAN THANKSGIVING MASS

OCTOBER 8, 2023 - 6pm

Ascension is happy to announce that the Nigerian Thanksgiving Mass will take place on Oct. 8th at 6pm. Please bring a non-perishable food item for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. RSVP to Moses at 587-437-8465 or Benardette at 587-583-1222.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL will be selling handmade cards after all Masses Sept. 23—24, 2023. The cost is \$1 - \$2 and all proceeds go to persons in need in the Diocese. Thank you for your support. Please save the date for the CWL Fall Market on Oct. 28th. More details to follow.

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.

Grade 1 – 6 - Baptism for School Aged Children:

METANOIA—YOUTH GROUP

Metanoia Youth Group will begin on September 7th. To sign up please visit the Parish website or email youth@ascensionparish.ca.

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 in rooms 4 & 5. Bring your Bible. For more information, please contact Maribel Rubin at: m.maribelrubin@gmail.com

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

Saint Rose of Viterbo

September 4



ROSE DIED WHEN SHE WAS ONLY 18. SHE HAD SPENT HER LIFE PRAYING, SACRIFICING AND PREACHING TO BRING SINNERS BACK TO GOD. ONCE THE SUFFERING JESUS HAD APPEARED TO HER, AND SHE RESOLVED TO TRY TO MAKE UP FOR THE SINS THAT HURT HIM. WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR JESUS TODAY?

"Take up Your Cross" Match-up

Jesus began to tell the disciples that He would have to suffer and be killed. How did the disciples react? What did Jesus say then?

Connect the phrases on the left with the ones that follow on the right.

1. Peter said, +
"God forbid, Lord!"

A. will find it.

2. Jesus said,
"Get behind me, +
Satan!"

B. must deny himself,
take up his cross
and follow me."

3. You are not +
thinking as God does

C. You are an
obstacle to me.

4. Whoever wishes +
to come after me

D. No such thing shall
ever happen to You!"

5. Whoever wishes +
to save his life

E. but as human
beings do."

6. and whoever loses +
his life for my sake

F. for one to gain the
whole world and
forfeit his life?

7. For what profit +
would there be

G. will lose it