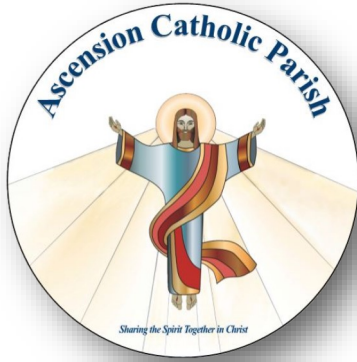


ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

April 20 - 21, 2024



*Sharing the Spirit
Together in Christ*



MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Saturday: 9:00am

Wednesday: 6:00pm

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm & 7:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am;

12:00pm & 4:00pm

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Saturday

9:30am - 4:00pm

Closed for Lunch 12pm—1pm

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"To be Missionary Disciples"

We invite you to encounter Christ deeply in the Eucharist within a vibrant Catholic Community where you can use your gifts and talents to spread the Gospel message with joy.

Psalm 118: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear friends,

My prayer this Easter Season is that we all develop a more intimate relationship with Jesus as we receive Holy Communion at Mass. In the upcoming weeks, we will also experience the joy of witnessing First Communion celebrations! I am getting ahead of myself, but — save the date — from May 8th - 17th, we will have an exposition in our Parish Hall on the Eucharistic Miracles that have happened around the world, which bear witness to the truth that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Please come and take a look with your family.

On another note, this weekend we have the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. I leave you with a paragraph of Pope Francis' message:

To young people and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to Himself; bring Him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let Him challenge you by His Presence... More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose but proposes. Make room for Him and you will find the way to happiness by following Him, and, should He ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to Him.

United with you in our love for the Eucharist and of the Risen Lord,
Fr. JP

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 Fr. JP, Administrator

FACTS OF FAITH

Our Confirmation Candidates will be Confirmed on April 24th, April 25th and April 26th.

His Excellency Bishop McGrattan will be here to preside over the Masses and inspire the Candidates in His Homily.

Have you ever wondered what a Bishop wears and how it is different from the Priests?

Different vestments and insignia are required depending on the liturgy, ceremony, or event being celebrated. For instance, the Fascia (Sash) is a wide belt worn around the waist with the cassock, with two longer bands hemmed with fringe that hang from the waist. Priests wear black, Bishops wear purple, Cardinals wear red, and the Pope wears white. Both Priests and Bishops have Vesting prayers that are spoken as they put on their vestments. These prayers are to remind them of the sacredness of the Mass and are inspired by biblical spirituality. They have been prayed for centuries.

Let's go through the Confirmation vestments:

Alb: Long, white linen tunic-like robe, worn under the Chasuble.

Chasuble: Outer liturgical vestment worn when celebrating Mass. The Bishop wears red for Confirmation as red signifies the Holy Spirit who confirmed the apostles on Pentecost and gave them courage to practice their faith.

Episcopal Ring: This ring is given to the Bishop at his Ordination as he embodies the values of a soul Pastor, the supreme minister of religion, teacher, and guide. The Episcopal Ring's design can include precious stones, carvings, and religious symbols.

Crosier: A Bishop's pastoral staff. It symbolizes a Bishop's role as caretaker of the flock and is curled at the top.

Miter: This is the Bishop's headdress; the miter features two fringed lappets that hang from the back. The fringes symbolize the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Pectoral Cross: This type of cross is worn by Bishops as a sign of their office. When putting on the Pectoral Cross, the Bishop says the "**Munire Me Digneris**" prayer, which is a request for protection from his enemies and to keep the Passion of Christ and the martyrs in his mind.

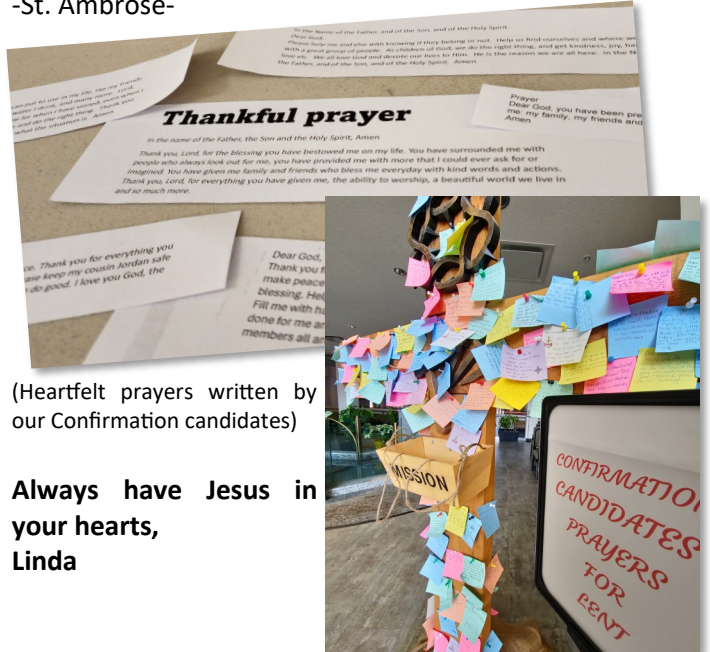
"Deign Thou, O Lord Jesus Christ, to guard me from all the snares of every enemy, by the sign of Thy most Holy Cross: and deign Thou to grant to me, Thy unworthy servant, that as I hold before my breast this Cross with the relics of Thy Saints within it, so may I ever keep in mind the memory of the Passion, and the Holy victorious Martyrs."

SACRAMENTS

Congratulations Confirmation candidates! As you are Confirmed next week, please know that the Sacrament Team shares your great joy. We hope that as you continue in your spiritual growth you grow, learn and become who God has meant you to be!

"Remember, then, that you received a spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear. Keep safe what you received. God the Father sealed you; Christ the Lord strengthened you and sent the Spirit into your hearts as the pledge of what is to come."

-St. Ambrose-



(Heartfelt prayers written by our Confirmation candidates)

**Always have Jesus in your hearts,
Linda**

International Exhibition THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

Miracles of the Eucharist are miraculous divine interventions that are aimed at confirming faith in the real presence of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the Eucharist. Miracles of the Eucharist are intended to confirm this faith, which is based on the words of Christ, according to which what seems like bread is no longer bread and what seems like wine is no longer wine.

Our Parish is hosting The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition from **May 8th - 17th**! This captivating exhibition showcases the miracles that have taken place around the globe. We warmly welcome you to experience this extraordinary display with us.

Please visit our [website](#) for the various timeslots available for the exhibition.

ANNIVERSARY SPOTLIGHT

Our Atrium is ONE year old this month!

Here are a few highlights since then;

- ✝ **We have offered 6 programs:**
 - 2 Fall Programs (Tuesdays and Saturdays)
 - 2 Winter Programs (Tuesdays and Saturdays)
 - 1 Spring Program (Tuesdays and currently in session)
 - 5-morning Summer Camp in August 2023.
- In all: 54 (2 hour sessions), 5 (2.5 hour sessions)
- ✝ **Fees collected for the programs go into the general Church funds:**
 - Since January 2024 we have collected **\$2,300** in fees.
 - From August to December 2023 we collected **\$2,155** in fees.
- ✝ We have had researchers from Ambrose University observe our Saturday program sessions on 3 occasions as they study faith formation for young children and teens.
- ✝ We have been approved by the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Association of Canada (CGSAC)** to host a Level 1 Training Program (Part A) in July, 2025.

However, the real measure is visible in the children.



Jacob is practicing the Epiclesis at our new Altar (It was built from the oak of a Church pew from a hundred-year-old Church in SpringBank.)



50/50 WINNING TICKET!!!

The total raised was **\$4,390**. One half of this amount, **\$2,195**, is the winning number prize.

Congratulations to the winner and a heartfelt thank you to all who participated in the draw! Please contact the Parish office at **403-275-2240** to claim your prize.



Mission cards will be sold the weekend of April 27th - 28th.

Bursary announcement: The Ascension Catholic Parish Council CWL has a bursary available to grade 12 students attending Notre Dame High School. If you are graduating high school this spring and planning to attending post-secondary school in the fall, please consider applying. For more information and for an application form, please contact Twila at tmtayfel@yahoo.com. Applications will be accepted until **June 30th, 2024**.

Mission Cards
available **next weekend**

Beautifully crafted cards by Diocesan volunteers

Proceeds to **people in Need** in within our Diocese

In collaboration with the **CWL**

MASS INTENTIONS APR 20 - 27, 2024

Apr 20	5pm	For the special intention of Grace Lopez
Apr 20	7pm	For the soul of Phillip Pereira
Apr 21	8am	Mass for Parishioners
Apr 21	10am	For the special intention of Charlene Casila
Apr 21	12pm	For the soul of Mirianne Folefac
Apr 21	4pm	For the soul of Mary Sequeira
Apr 22	9am	For the soul of Leticia Flores Tubig
Apr 23	9am	For the souls of Jonathan, Regina & Ronald Chia
Apr 24	9am	For the soul of Rafael De Jesus Jr
Apr 25	9am	For the special intention of Ken Ochulor
Apr 26	9am	For the special intentions of Maria & Richard Revelar
Apr 27	9am	For the special intention of Richard Hayden

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN OUR USHER MINISTRY SPECIFICALLY FOR THE 12PM MASS ON SUNDAY. IF YOU HAVE A HEART FOR SERVICE AND A DESIRE TO CREATE A WARM AND INVITING ATMOSPHERE, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU ON BOARD. PLEASE CONTACT RESOURCE@ASCENSIONPARISH.CA OR VISIT OUR [WEBSITE](#) TO VOLUNTEER.




WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
 HOSTED BY BELOVED DAUGHTERS

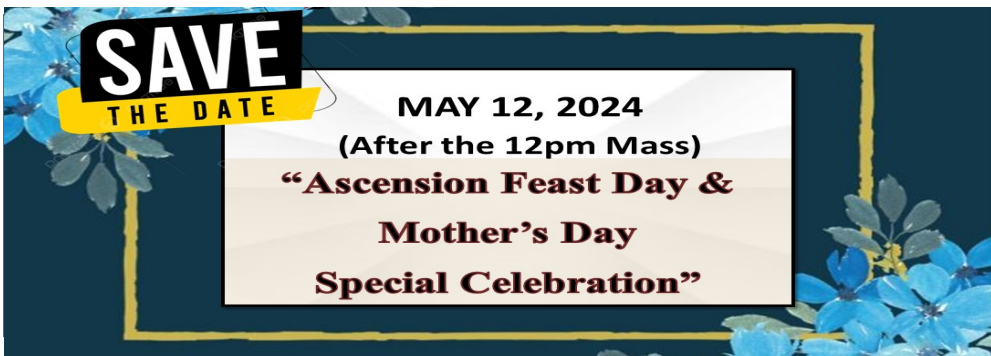
WORTHY and MADE NEW
Revelation 21:5

MAY 3, 2024
 7 PM - 9:30 PM
 MAY 4, 2024
 8:30 AM - 6 PM

**ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH
 CALGARY, AB**

GUEST SPEAKERS
 CRYSTALINA EVERT
 FR. ANTHONY SORTINO, LC

SCAN FOR MORE DETAILS

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 12, 2024
 (After the 12pm Mass)
"Ascension Feast Day & Mother's Day Special Celebration"

Our Good Shepherd



This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel reading Jesus tells His friends that He is the Good Shepherd who loves His sheep.

When sheep are out grazing in open fields, the shepherd watches them and protects them from hurting themselves, getting lost, or being killed by wild animals. Jesus looks after us like a shepherd looks after his sheep. He gave us the Church so we could know what is good for us, and He protects us from being ruined by the devil by giving us grace in the sacraments.



Now, Jesus did something that an ordinary shepherd would not do. Besides guiding and protecting us, He died to save us! Because He died for our sins, all of His sheep can now go to Heaven where they will be happy forever! How blessed we are to have such a loving Shepherd!



Answer to word-find: Follow Jesus

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
April 21st, 2024



*Help the sheep
find the Good Shepherd
and stay away from the hungry wolf!*

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

April 24

MARK REY WAS BORN IN GERMANY IN 1577. HE STUDIED AND BECAME A TUTOR TO SOME YOUNG NOBLEMEN WHO WERE TRAVELLING EUROPE.



Today we will study the French government.

THEN HE BECAME A LAWYER. HE WAS ALWAYS VERY JUST, EVEN TO HIS OPPONENTS.



I understand that your business was straggling, but you still cheated my client.

HE WAS GENEROUS TO THE POOR AND OFTEN FOUGHT FOR THEM.



Yes, I can defend you... But right now you need shoes and a coat!

I'll give you 40 if you help the guy arrested...



It's just like Judas!

BUT HE BECAME DISTASTED WITH THE CORRUPTION AND BECAME A MONK.

HE WAS ORDAINED AND TOOK THE NAME FIDELIS, WHICH MEANS FAITHFUL.



NOW HE PREACHED, ESPECIALLY AGAINST HERESY. HE WAS SENT INTO SWITZERLAND.



God did not make us bad! We have made ourselves bad from sin!

HE PREACHED AND WROTE TO DEFEND THE FAITH. FINALLY ONCE WHILE HE WAS PREACHING THE HERETICS TOOK HIM OUT OF THE CHURCH AND KILLED HIM.



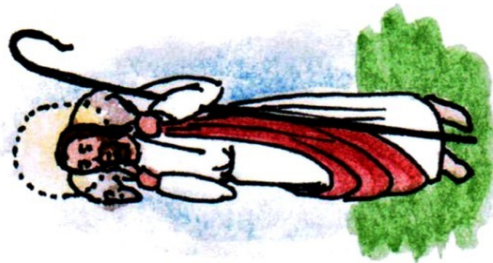
Kill him!

Renounce your beliefs and we will spare you!

SAINT FIDELIS IS AN EXAMPLE TO US OF WHAT JESUS TAUGHT IN THE BEATITUDES. HE WAS JUST, HONEST AND GENEROUS. HE WOULD GIVE THE POOR HIS OWN CLOTHES, AND DEFEND THEM AT HIS OWN EXPENSE. FINALLY HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR GOD AND THE TRUTH. PRAY THAT GOD WILL MAKE YOU VIRTUOUS TOO!

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Good Shepherd Word-Find



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

Try to find the words in **CAPITALS**. The left-over letters will tell you what Jesus wants you to do.

JESUS said: "I am the **GOOD** Shepherd. A good shepherd **LAYS** down his life for the sheep. A **HIRE** **D** **M**AN, who is not a shepherd, and whose sheep are **NOT** his own, **SEES** a **WOLF** coming and **LEAVES** the sheep and **RUNS** away, and the wolf **CATCHES** them and **SCATTERS** them. This is because he **WORKS** for **PAY** and has no **CONCERN** for the **SHEEP**. I am the Good **SHEPHERD**, and I know mine and **MINE** know me, just as the **FATHER** knows me and I **KNOW** the Father; and I will lay down my **LIFE** for the sheep.

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