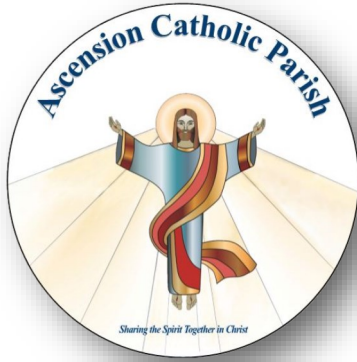


ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

May 4 - 5, 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 - Friday

9:30am - 4:00pm

Closed for Lunch 12pm—1pm

Saturday

9:30am - 1:00pm

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 98: The Lord has revealed His victory in the sight of the nations.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear friends,

Although we are focusing on the Eucharist this Easter Season, it is only right to say a word about the Blessed Virgin Mary as we begin this month of May. She is Jesus' mother, and she is our mother, because at the foot of the Cross He entrusted us to her care.

"Behold, your mother!"

In my religious congregation, we ask each morning for the grace to receive Jesus in communion with the same devotion and love with which Mary would receive her Son in the Eucharist. Imagine that... Mary, who gave birth to Jesus, and loved Him, and strove to please God in all things, and saw Jesus arisen from the dead, would receive the Eucharist from the hands of St. Peter, or St. John, or St. Bartholomew. She knew that her Son was indeed the Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit. How intimately she would feel His closeness, and how much love would spring up in her heart!

As a matter of fact, in the Basilica of Orvieto, where one of the Eucharistic miracles took place, there is a Chapel which houses the corporal upon which the Blood of Christ fell from a consecrated Host. The Chapel is decorated with many frescos, all narrating miracles of the Eucharist. And up near the ceiling there is a painting I liked a lot. It depicts precisely that: St. John the Evangelist offering the Host to Mary, our Mother, who kneels down in Adoration.

I invite you once again to renew several dispositions when you receive the Eucharist. First of all, the disposition of **Faith**, aware that Jesus Himself will be our food. *Abide in me*, He said last Sunday, *as I abide in you*. **"Lord, I believe in you, help me to recognize you in the Eucharist, to recognize you, too, in my brothers and sisters, and to serve you with love and devotion. You are my Lord... You are my God..."** And secondly, the disposition of **Reverence**. Who are we, to receive Jesus? The Church tries to help us to remember this disposition at every Mass: **"Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed..."** May we receive the Eucharist with great gratitude, reverence and joy.

United with you in our love for the Risen Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist,

Fr. JP

FACTS OF FAITH

Solemnity of The Ascension of The Lord

Next week we celebrate The Ascension of The Lord, we come together to celebrate and listen to the last words that Christ speaks to His Disciples.

The Ascension is a liturgical Solemnity celebrated by all the Christian Churches. It falls on the fortieth day after Easter Sunday. Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Augustine make reference to it, but it was probably Saint Gregory of Nyssa who influenced the propagation of the feast. Since it falls on Thursday, in many countries, this Solemnity is transferred to the following Sunday. With his Ascension into heaven, the presence of the “historical Christ” comes to an end, and the presence of the Body of Christ, the Church, is inaugurated.

The text from Acts offers us some theological-spiritual coordinates to understand the mystery we are celebrating. The text says in Acts 1:11 that Jesus “was taken up”. It places emphasis that it was an action of God. A cloud “took him from their sight” (v. 9) recalls the image of the cloud on Mount Sinai (Ex. 24:15), the cloud above the ark of the covenant (Ex. 33:9), and lastly, the cloud on the Mount of the Transfiguration (Mk. 9:7). Jesus’s Ascension into heaven, therefore, is not a “separation” but a different way of being. He explains why the disciples were “filled with joy” (see Lk. 24:52). Because Jesus died, rose, and now ascended, the gates of Heaven are open, the gates of eternal life. The “cloud of faith” that envelops our lives today is not an obstacle, but a way through which we can have a living and true experience of Jesus, since we have the certainty that if he has risen and ascended into heaven, the same destiny awaits us, since he is the first fruit (see 1 Cor. 15:20).

We do not await the last day idly, nor do we close ourselves in our own homes. But, as Jesus reminds us, we await the last day dedicated to a mission that reaches the ends of the earth. “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:7ff). We are fortified by Jesus’s promise: “And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Mt. 28:19), where Jesus is our God, God-with-us (see Ex 3:12), Emmanuel (see Mt. 1:23; Is. 7:14).

And even if the disciples’ faithfulness failed at times, God’s faithfulness towards us never fails. This is why the journey of the community and of every disciple of the Risen Jesus is always open to new perspectives and possibilities, for nothing is impossible for God.

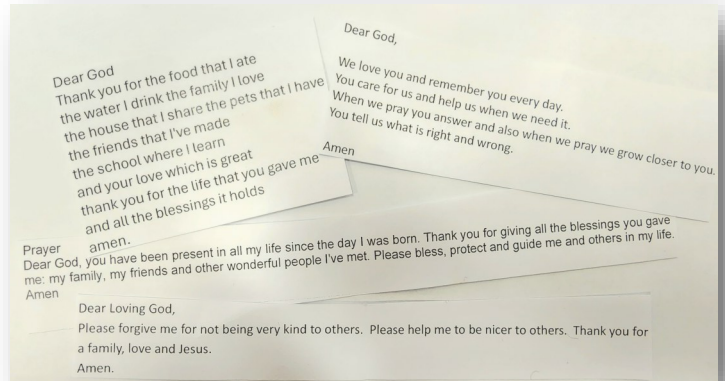
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SACRAMENTS

As the Sacraments Preparation program for the year 2023 – 2024 have ended, the staff of Ascension Catholic Parish would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our volunteers, who have enriched our Sacraments with the gift of their time and talents.

My dearest **Thank You** to the Bishop, Priests, Sacrament team, Ministries, office support, and families for guiding the faith journey of your children. To all the children, it has been an incredible year watching you grow in your faith!

Peace and faith to all of you. Linda



(Some of the heartfelt prayers submitted by the Confirmation recipients.)

International Exhibition

THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

Schedule of Exhibits		
Date	Morning & Afternoon	Evening
Wednesday, May 8th		6:30pm - 7:30pm
Thursday, May 9th	9:30am - 4:00pm	
Friday, May 10th		
Saturday, May 11th	9:30am - 11:30am	6:00pm - 7:00pm
		8:00pm - 9:00pm
Sunday May 12th (Feast Day)	9:00am - 10:00am	5:00pm - 6:00pm
	11:00am - 12:00pm	
Tuesday, May 14th - Friday, May 17th	9:30am - 4:00pm	6:30pm - 7:30pm

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.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLE - SPOTLIGHT



FEAST DAY
Ascension Catholic Parish
Feast Day!

May 12th
After the 12pm Mass

Come and join us for a day filled with fun activities, prizes and delicious food! We'll also be honoring all mothers with a special celebration in conjunction with Mother's Day.
 Don't forget to wear white!



NEW

Tuesday - Friday: 9:30am - 4:00pm

Closed for Lunch: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Saturday: 9:30am - 1:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS MAY 4 - MAY 11, 2024

May 4	5pm	For the special intention of Monica Sequeira
May 4	7pm	Mass for Parishioners
May 5	8am	For the soul of Gabina Elsa Lung
May 5	10am	For the soul of Theresa Fernandes
May 5	12pm	For the souls of Oscar & Ludivina De Jesus
May 5	4pm	For the soul of Bill Moe
May 6	9am	For the special intention of Dellano Fernandes
May 7	9am	For the soul of George D'Souza
May 8	9am	For the special intentions of Veronica & Frank Azichoba
May 8	6pm	For the special intentions of Francis & Veronica Azichoba
May 9	9am	For the soul of Sandra Jayasundera
May 10	9am	For the special intention of Maryjoy Anamali
May 11	9am	For the soul of Celso Perusini

Hi, I'm Arwin Alcaraz. I'm actively serving at our Parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and as a Church photographer every now and then.

I have always been involved in Church ministries since I was a kid, especially having a brother who is a Catholic Priest. I started serving as an Altar Server when I was 8 years old. I was also an active member of the choir and theater group in our Parish in the Philippines for 9 years. I played bass guitar with the Church choir/band at St. Luke's Parish for 4 years after immigrating to Canada.

When our family moved to Ascension Catholic Parish, we were encouraged by Lucy Reyes to become actively involved with Parish activities. Thanks to her encouragement, my wife is also serving as a Lector, while both of our boys are serving as Altar servers.

Volunteering in the Church with my family is our way of thanking God for all the blessings that He has given to us every single day. It enhances our prayer life by serving together and praying together. I'm always excited to come to Church and serve as a Eucharistic Minister. I feel like I am one of Jesus' disciples in our modern world. Being connected to the Church and with other parishioners is for me the best part of volunteering as well.

For those who would like to volunteer, please don't hesitate anymore, Jesus is calling you right now right at this moment. In Matthew 4:19: Jesus said, "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

FINANCE

In April our operating expenses were **\$58,098** and our operating donations were **\$84,718**.

Our building fund donations were **\$52,534**. Our mortgage payment and expenses were **\$45,708**.

Together in Action (TIA) donations were **\$4,587**.

Thank you to those who donate consistently to our Parish operations and Building Fund.

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Family & Life Week
May 13-19, 2024

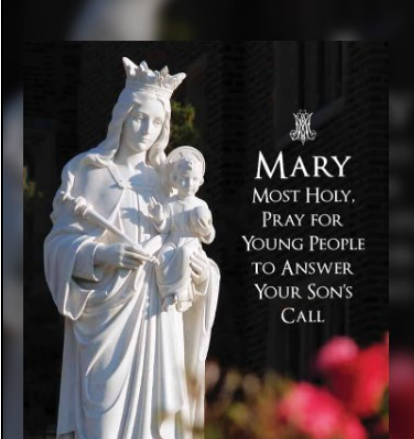
SCAN ME

RECEIVE DAILY PRAYER & ACTIVITIES DURING FAMILY AND LIFE WEEK

WITH A CHANCE TO WIN A MYSTERY PRIZE

YOU ARE CALLED YOU BELONG

For more information or to register, visit calgarydiocese.flocknote.com/WeekofFamilyLife or scan the QR code above.



MARY
MOST HOLY,
PRAY FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE
TO ANSWER
YOUR SON'S
CALL

MARIAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS


O Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church, to you we commend our young people, in particular those called to follow your Son as brothers, sisters, and priests.

You know, O Mary, the struggles, doubts, and obstacles they must face.

Assist them to answer Yes to the divine call, as you did at the invitation of the angel.

Draw them near to your heart so that they can understand the joy that awaits them when they answer your Son's call to be witnesses of His love in the world.

Amen



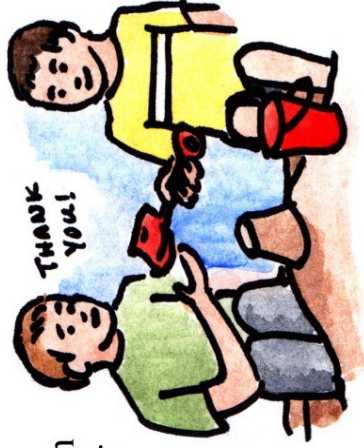
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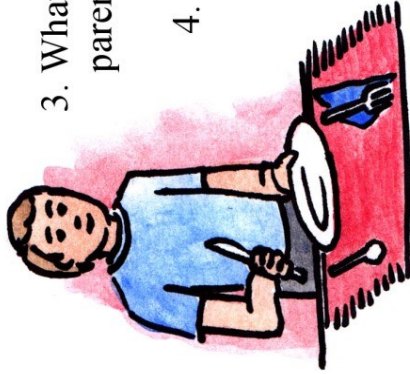
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Love One Another

Jesus wants us to love each other just like God the Father loves us. Can you think of some ways to show you love the people around you?



1. What can you do to show you love your parents?
2. How can you be loving to your brothers and sisters?
3. What can you do for your grandparents to show you love them?
4. How do you show your friends you love them?
5. What can you do to love someone that doesn't like you?



When someone is loving toward you, think of how that person is being like God the Father and try to be like them!

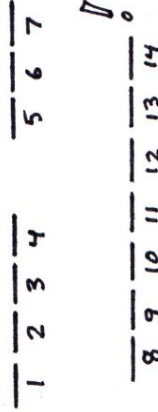
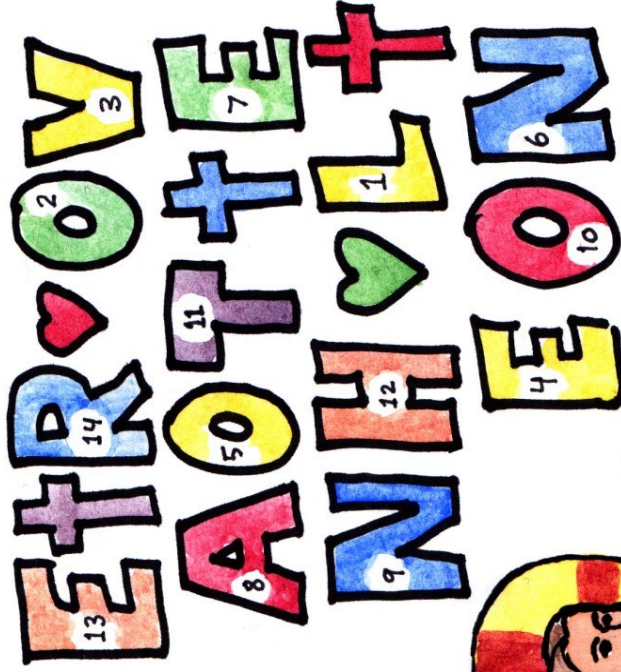


Answer to front page puzzle: Love one another!
Answer to Word-Find: To lay down one's life

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The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5th, 2024



What does Jesus ask us to do in today's Gospel reading?
Put the letters in the spaces that match to find out!

Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine May 8



CATHERINE WAS BORN IN 1632 IN FRANCE. SHE HAD A GOOD CATHOLIC FAMILY. HER GRANDPARENTS CARED FOR THE SICK PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGE SINCE THERE WAS NO HOSPITAL.



LITTLE CATHERINE PRAYED FOR THE SICK PEOPLE.

Dear Jesus,
Please help my sick friends!



AT AGE 14, SHE BECAME A SISTER IN THE ORDER OF ST. AUGUSTINE.



ON HER 16TH BIRTHDAY SHE MOVED TO QUEBEC, IN CANADA.



IT WASN'T AN EASY LIFE, BUT SHE LOVED THE NATIVE PEOPLE AND WAS ALWAYS CHEERFUL.

I'm cold!
So am I.
Let's run!



SR. CATHERINE CARED FOR THE SICK AND PROMISED TO STAY IN CANADA IN SPITE OF THE DANGERS.



THE CHURCH GREW IN CANADA. SOON SR. CATHERINE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE NOVICES, THE NEW SISTERS. SHE CARED FOR THE SICK UNTIL SHE DIED AT AGE 36.

You must see Jesus in every person!

BLESSED CATHERINE LOVED THE SICK PEOPLE AND CARED FOR THEM BECAUSE SHE KNEW THAT BY HELPING OTHERS SHE WAS BEING KIND TO JESUS. WHEN YOU SEE SOMEONE WHO IS POOR OR SICK OR LONELY, REMEMBER THAT BY BEING KIND TO THAT PERSON YOU ARE BEING KIND TO JESUS.

Love One Another Word Find

Find the words in CAPITALS from today's Gospel reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks.

As the FATHER has loved me, so have I loved you; REMAIN in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be COMPLETE. "This is my COMMANDMENT, that you love one another as I have loved you. GREATER love has no man than this, that a man lay DOWN his LIFE for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No LONGER do I call you SLAVES, for the slave does NOT KNOW what his MASTER is DOING; but I have CALLED you FRIENDS, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I CHOSE you and appointed you that you should go and bear FRUIT and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ASK the Father in my NAME, he may GIVE it to you. This I command you, to love one ANOTHER.

No one has greater love than this:

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

for one's friends.

