



ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

"Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ"

Matthew 10:26-33 - "Fear not - you are of more value than many Sparrows"

What does fear have to do with the kingdom of God? Fear is a powerful force. It can lead us to panic and flight or it can spur us to faith and action. The fear of God is the antidote to the fear of losing one's life. *I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. O fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no want! Come, O sons, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord.* (Psalm 34:4,9,11). What is godly fear? It is reverence for the One who made us in love and who sustains us in mercy and kindness. The greatest injury or loss which we can experience is not physical but



spiritual - the loss of one's soul to the power of hell. A healthy fear of God leads to spiritual maturity, wisdom and right judgment and it frees us from the tyranny of sinful pride, cowardice - especially in the face of evil, and spiritual deception. Do you trust in God's grace and mercy and submit to his word? When Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God he met opposition and hostility. He tells his disciples that they must expect the same treatment if they are to live and to proclaim the reign of God. There is both a warning and a privilege in his statement. Just as Jesus had to carry his cross, so the disciples must carry their cross and not try to evade it. To suffer for the faith is to share in the work of Christ. As one hymn states: *Lift high the Cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod.* The Holy Spirit gives us power and grace to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Do you trust in God's grace to carry your cross for Jesus' sake?

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MASS INTENTIONS:

June 24th - 30th, 2017

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Sat	June 24	5:00pm	Leonard & Audrey Lang (+)
Sat	June 24	7:00pm	Josefina Lopez (+)
Sun	June 25	8:30am	Michael Ross (+)
Sun	June 25	10:30am	Jakwe Martin Tantoh (+)
Sun	June 25	12:30pm	Eliseo Badillo (+)
Sun	June 25	5:00pm	Mass for Parishioners
Mon	June 26	9:00am	Kim Kam So (+)
Tue	June 27	9:00am	SI of Fabrizio Campi
Wed	June 28	9:00am	SI of Rosario Italiano
Wed	June 28	6:30pm	Lena Gacosta (+)
Thur	June 29	9:00am	SI of Stephen Darrigan
Fri	June 30	9:00am	Ricardo Derama (+)

HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION – THANK YOU

Our Parish received a letter this week from Fr. Brian Hubka, Diocesan Director of the Holy Childhood Association, thanking us for our **"splendid contribution this year of \$14,248.48"**! Fr. Hubka reminds us that "if the Church ceases to be missionary, the Church ceases to be Church". He thanks us on behalf of children in need throughout the world for our continued support.

PARISH STAFF:

- **Pastor:** Fr. Avinash Colaco
- **Associate Pastors:**
Fr. Pilmaiken Lezano
Fr. Eleuterio Gubiana
- **Deacon:** Deacon Dante Muzzo
- **Secretary:** Nancy Mitchell
- **Youth Coordinator/Sacraments:**
Vicki Hayles
- **Bookkeeper:** Nora Alzamora Torres
- **Custodian:** Jose Gil
- **Evening Staff:**
Michael Pires, David Cadegan & Keagan Vaz
- **Data Entry/Baptisms:**
Jennifer Pashula
- **Volunteer Resource Coordinator:**
Sharron Robinson (Volunteer Position)

OFFICE HOURS: FOR SUMMER

Monday to Friday: 9:30am – 1:30pm

MASS TIMES:

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9:00am
Wednesday: 6:20pm (Mother of Perpetual Help Novena)

Rosary:

Prayed daily in the Sanctuary

Monday to Friday: 8:30am
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 8:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Fridays after Mass followed by Benediction at 10:00am

First Friday Adoration: Sacred Heart

Novena following 9:00am Mass and Benediction at 10:20am

Reconciliation:

½ hour before Weekday Masses (except Mondays)
Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm
Sunday 7:30am to 8:15am and by appointment

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm & 7:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm & 5:00pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th **Saturdays** of each month at 10:00 am (some exceptions). Visit our website to download the registration form. Completed forms can be emailed or dropped off at the office and must include a copy of the child's Birth Certificate & one parents Catholic Baptism Certificate.

Baptism Preparation Class: Preparation classes take place on the 1st **Saturday** of each month at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. Parents and Godparents are to attend the class at least 3 weeks prior to the Baptism Celebration.

First Holy Communion: Completed for 2017.

First Reconciliation: Registration in the fall.

Confirmation: Completed for 2017.

Marriage: By appointment, 6 months in advance

Marriage Preparation Class: Upcoming Dates: June 9/10 **OR** Sept. 22/23. To register for one of these weekend classes please email Ferdie at marriageprepatascension@gmail.com Registration fee is \$100 per couple and includes course materials, snacks and lunch.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. For more information contact the Church office.

UNITED IN FAITH, TOGETHER IN ACTION

The TIA appeal is the primary source of funding for many important diocesan programs and services throughout our region. No matter how much we would all like someone else to take care of all of the world's challenges, it is ultimately up to each of us to stand up and say, "I know I can make a difference – no matter how small – and I commit to making that difference." It would take an incomprehensible amount of tax dollars to even come close to delivering the effective and efficient programs that not for profit organizations can deliver. **Ascension's 2017 target is \$62,735.00. To date we have raised \$13,256.00.** Donation envelopes are in the pews. Please give generously. Thank you for your support.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The Church has been celebrating World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. This year, join us on June 29th, the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, for a special Mass to celebrate World Day of Migrants. This is an opportunity for the faith community to reflect upon the role migration has played in our history and tradition, and to pray for migrants and refugees around the world, and raise awareness about the causes, challenges, and opportunities involved with migration. The Diocesan World Day of Migrants Committee and CCIS invite you to join Bishop William McGrattan for the Eucharistic Celebration on **Thursday, June 29th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral.** Let us live the words of Pope Benedict: "The Church is God's family on earth" [*Deus Caritas Est*]. If you have any questions, please contact marilou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca

22 ANNUAL CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE – The Joy of Love

Catholic Family Ministries 22nd annual conference will be held June 30th to July 3rd in Lac Ste. Anne, Alberta. Check the website for speakers and detailed conference information. Early registration discount deadline is June 19th. Call or register online with PayPal – 780-961-3345 or www.catholicfamilyministries.com

"The joy of love experienced by families is also a joy of the Church" Pope Francis

ASCENSION PARISH SUMMER HOURS

Office Hours: Summer hours **begin Monday, June 26th**. The office will be open 9:30 am to 1:30 pm Monday to Friday with Ministry meetings scheduled on Wednesday evenings only from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm. The Church will open at 8:15 am for 9:00 am daily Mass. Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, September 5th.

Mass Times: All Mass times will remain the same over the summer.

Statutory Holidays: The office will be closed July 3rd, August 7th and Sept. 4th with Mass still being celebrated at 9:00 am.

Summer Donations: If you will be away for vacation this summer, please consider post-dated cheques for the weekly collections or signing up for pre-authorized monthly donations to continue your support of the Parish.

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY

As the perfect gift for the blessed mother this 100th anniversary year of Fatima, why not consecrate yourself to the Mother of God. Join us at Our Lady of Fatima Church (4747 30 Street SE) on **July 11, 18, 25 and August 1, 8, 15** for a 6 week DVD course by father Michael Gaitley titled 33 Days to Morning Glory. Register now at ourladymary49@gmail.com Cost is \$10 per text book; participant companion diary \$30. Inquire through Linda at 403-700-7124 or 403-289-7124.

ENTRUSTED IN THE HEART OF MARY

A BIBLE WORKSHOP WITH FR. JOHN KOHLER

Fr. John Kohler is offering a workshop about our Blessed Mother through the Scriptures. Please bring your Bible. Locations: Thursday, July 6th at St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary; Wednesday, July 12th at All Saints Parish, Lethbridge and Thursday, July 13th at Holy Family, Medicine Hat. All from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Contact john.kohler@calgarydiocese.ca

FCJ CENTRE CAMPS

Creation Creativity Day Camp – Children ages 5-8 years

July 2 – 7, 2017

With: Sr. Madeleine Gregg fcj & Team

Place: FCJ Centre, 219 – 19 Ave. SW

Time: 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

Cost: \$250 includes lunch/snacks

Contact: FCJ Centre 403-228-4215

Live-In Teen Leadership Camp for Girls Grade 7 and 8

July 16 – 22, 2017

With: Sr. Madeleine Gregg fcj & Team

Place: FCJ Centre, 219 – 19 Ave. SW

Start Time: Sunday, 1:00 pm

Cost: \$682/participant

Contact: FCJ Centre 403-228-4215

CEMETERY MASSES

Tuesday, June 13 – St. Mary's Cemetery

Wednesday, June 14 – Edenbrook Cemetery

Tuesday, August 15 – Queen's Park Cemetery

Wednesday, August 16 – Mountain View Cemetery

All starting at 7:30 pm

ONE ROCK FESTIVAL OF FAITH

With: Alberta Bishops; Priests; Musicians; Bands

Place: Tsuu T'ina Rodeo Grounds, Bragg Creek

Cost: \$60/family and \$20/person

Tickets: www.onerock.ca



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary **Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for June 18th, 2017.** **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

FAMINE RELIEF FUND FOR SOUTH SUDAN, SOMALIA, NIGERIA, YEMEN – The CCCB, in its interfaith appeal letter to support the famine relief in Africa and Yemen declares “Our joint appeal is a unified cry from the heart, with one voice and one message... the insistent call for peace and the need to protect the vulnerable. The protection and promotion of human dignity are foundational elements of all our faith communities. Willful indifference towards violations against human dignity is always wrong, at all times and in all places.” Parishes have been asked to take up a second collection to support the Famine Relief Fund.

- Individual donations can also be made directly on the diocesan website: <http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/articles/famine-relief-for-southsudan.html>.

- All donations made before June 30 will be matched by the federal government. Please continue to pray for all those suffering from hunger and the humanitarian workers working in the region.

CONSECRATION OF CANADA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – As part of the celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of Confederation the Bishops of Canada will be consecrating our country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Bishop McGrattan will consecrate the Diocese of Calgary on 1 July, 2017. All are invited to St. Mary's Cathedral at 10am for a service of Adoration, Scripture, rosary, and the consecration followed by a BBQ. The regular daily Mass at St. Mary's remains at 9 am followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information contact the parish office at 403-228-4170.

ONE ROCK – Help us spread the word. Promote One Rock by inviting the people you know to this great event. Give others the opportunity to encounter Christ through this fun faith filled weekend. Visit www.onerock.ca for more information.

27TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S GOLF TOURNAMENT – Golf with us! August 14, 2017 – 27th Annual Bishop's Golf Tournament in support of Feed the Hungry at Silvertip Resort, Canmore. More information at golf.feedthehungrycalgary.ca or contact feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca or call 403-218-5522.

CELEBRATING WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES – The Church has been celebrating World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. This year, join us on Jun 29, the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, for a special Mass to celebrate World Day of Migrants. This is an opportunity for the faith community to reflect upon the role migration has played in our history and tradition, pray for migrants and refugees around the world, and raise awareness about the causes, challenges, and opportunities involved with migration. Join Bishop William McGrattan on Jun 29, 7pm at St. Mary's Cathedral to celebrate World Day of Migrants and live the words of Pope Benedict: “The Church is God's family on earth” [Deus Caritas Est]. For information, call Marilou at 403-218-5519.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION "FOR BETTER & FOR EVER" – “For Better & For Ever...” Marriage Preparation, accepts all couples preparing for marriage. Due to the small group setting it allows us to focus on couples in one or more of the following circumstances: living together, previously married, beginning marriage with children, couples 45+, or those who wish to have their marriage blessed in the Church. Upcoming Dates: June 23-24, July 10/28-29. For more dates, registration or information, contact 403-218-5505 or email: lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca.

ENTRUSTED TO THE HEART OF MARY WORKSHOP WITH FR. JOHN KOHLER – In conjunction with the consecrating of Canada to the Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary, Fr. John Kohler is offering a workshop about our Blessed Mother through the Scriptures. Choose a location (7 - 9pm): Thurs, July 6 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary; Wed, July 12 at All Saints Parish, Lethbridge; Thurs July 13 at Holy Family, Medicine Hat. If you have any questions, please email john.kohler@calgarydiocese.ca

TEMPLE BUILT OF LIVING STONE – Interested in Catholic Worship and Sacred Liturgical Space? Join us at the National Catholic Liturgical Conference with Fr. Michael McGourty as he reflects on our rich identity as members of the Body of Christ visibly evident in our sacred space and liturgical symbols. Nov. 6 & 7, 2017. More information & registration at <https://wclcanada.wordpress.com/>

TRANSITIONS – Transitions is a 15-week peer support program for those recently separated or divorced. Participants will meet every week to reflect upon and discuss topics such as self-esteem, stress, anger, guilt, blame, loneliness, forgiveness, blended families and more. The next program will begin in Wed, Sept. 27, 2017. For more information or to register, call 403-218-5505.

EFFECTIVE CO-PARENTING: PUTTING KIDS FIRST – An educational 5-week program for separated and divorced parents to help raise their children through this difficult time and increase the understanding of needs of children for developing self-esteem and security. It will offer skills about managing diverse shared parenting situations and provide strategies for improving communication, resolving conflict, and managing day-to-day children's issues between parenting partners. Parents are encouraged to attend separately. The next program will run 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the fall of 2017. For more information or registration contact the Life & Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca.

PROJECT RACHEL POST ABORTION COUNSELLING – The ministry offers a journey of healing and reconciliation for women and men who are suffering distress from a past abortion experience. Clients will be referred to a professional counselor who specializes in dealing with the trauma associated with this experience. For more information call Project Rachel at 403-218-5506 or toll free at 1-877-597-3223. You may also e-mail info@projectrachel.ca.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION – CFS – Marriage Preparation Weekend: Catholic Family Service will be offering a Marriage Preparation weekend at St Joseph's Parish on Friday, July 14 to Sunday, July 16 weekend. Please contact CFS at 403-233-2360 to register, or Deacon Stephen Robinson at 587-896-2891 for information.

WHITE MASS – Annual White Mass: Celebration of the feast day of St. Luke, patron saint of physicians, will be held 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at St. Anthony's Church, 5340 - 4 St. SW, Calgary. All are welcome, especially those working in medicine and health care. Reception will follow the Mass.

FIRESIDE PRAYER AT THE FCJ CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTRE, CALGARY – Fireside Prayer with Sisters of the Diocese, 8 - 9:30 pm, Fri., June 23 and Fri., July 28. An opportunity for young, single women interested in meeting religious to share prayer as well as to have fun roasting marshmallows. On the grounds of FCJ Christian Life Centre, 219-19 Avenue SW. For more information call 403-228-3623.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 7: MUSTARD SEED STAMPEDE BBQ - You and your family and friends are invited to our annual Stampede BBQ on July 7th from 11am – 2 pm! Join us immediately after the parade for free beef on a bun, live music, and family-friendly entertainment and activities (including face painting). This event is our way of saying thank you to the incredible community that continues to support us and to celebrate the longstanding tradition of the Calgary Stampede.

JULY 13: ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY STAMPEDE BREAKFAST Stop by the St. Mary's University campus on Thurs, July 13, 9:00-11:00am to help us celebrate the Calgary Stampede at our annual breakfast open to the community! Join us for good food, live music, kid's activities and fun for the whole family. We hope to see you there!

MOUNT ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE (41160 Retreat Road, Cochrane, AB)

SUMMER WEEK-LONG RETREATS: For Men and Women

June 19-25: Preached Retreat **"Keeping an Open Mind about God"**. Presented by: Fr. Bob Mitchell, OFM. Cost \$600.00.

July 30 – August 6: 2017. Directed Retreat **"All Praise be Yours"**. Spiritual Directors: Retreat Team. Cost \$650.00

Retreats begin with Supper at 6:30. To register call: 403-932-2012 or Email: mtfrancis@shaw.ca Booking deposit of \$50.00 is required.

MOUNT ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE (41160 Retreat Road, Cochrane, AB)

WEEKEND RETREATS: "Encountering Mercy" Retreat begins with supper Friday at 7pm and ends with lunch on Sunday.

Women's Weekend: August 11-13 - To register contact: Ann Ivan at 403-227-4695 or annivan40@gmail.com

Women's Weekend: September 8-10 - To register contact: Audrey at 403-342-2801 or audrey01@shaw.ca

Women's Midweek Retreat: September 12-14 - To register contact: Kathy Oczkowski - 403-246-0660 or fkoczowski@shaw.ca

Men's Serenity Weekend: September 15-17 - To register contact: Jim - 780-484-8713 or jedavid@moderndigital.net.

SEPTEMBER 8-10: FEELING LONELY IN YOUR MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP? Maybe you are frustrated, angry, disillusioned or just dissatisfied because your marriage relationship seems to be in a stalemate? The **"Help Our Marriage"** program being offered by Retrouvaille Calgary teaches married couples important practical communication skills that help them to identify and address these negative feelings together in a meaningful way. The program starts on Sept. 8-10, 2017. To register or to have questions answered, access their website at www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com or call **403-879-7893**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STORE CARDS Please participate routinely in the store card program to help support Parish ministries and the needy. **A portion of the proceeds will also go towards our Renovation Fund.**

PARISH TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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If you do not have access to email, please call the office at 403.275.2240 and we will forward your request.