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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
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In Memoriam
Exaltation John D'Souza
February 16, 1960 - March 21, 2017

It is with heavy hearts and great sadness, we announce the sudden passing of Exaltation John D'Souza on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at the age of 57 years. John passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends at the Peter Lougheed Centre in Calgary. Beloved husband of Flory, son of late Sylvester and Olga D'Souza, brother to Fidelis / Celisa , Fred /Vera, nephew to Ann Modi and late Martha D'Souza. Son-in-law to Annie and late Antonio Carvalho, brother-in-law to Alex, Donald, Maria Carvalho, Elvira /Terry Blunsum. Uncle to Joel, Joshua, Nathan and Nevyn D'Souza, Maria-Theresa and Carlo Blunsum. Special thanks to the Emergency and ICU Unit 28 at Peter Lougheed Centre. His fun-loving friendly nature and smile will be greatly missed by family and friends around the globe. Photos, memories, and condolences may be shared through www.evanjstrong.com. If so desired, donations may be made in John's memory to Ascension Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



Br. John held the Third Degree in Ascension Council and had just recently purchased his tuxedo in preparation to attain his Fourth Degree. Despite having sustained a workplace injury, Br. John and Flory had been planning on spending a long life together full of travel and accomplishment.





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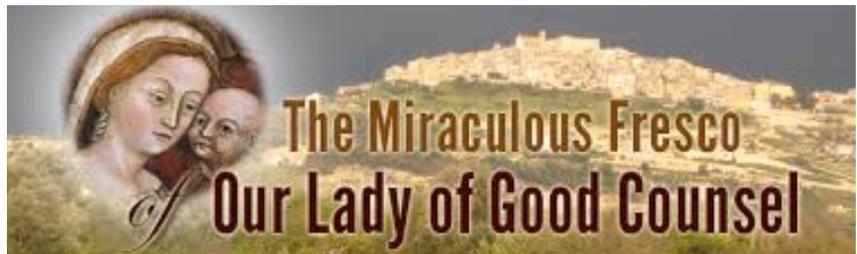
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Devotion to the Mother of Good Counsel is associated with the story of a miraculous icon. The sacred image is found in a church in Genazzano, a beautiful town thirty miles south-east of Rome. The church dedicated to the Mother of Good Counsel was built there in the fourth century. In 1356 the church was given over to the Augustinians. Restoration started in 1467, when a widow, Petruccia, sold all her belongings to help finance the project. However, funds ran out before the task was completed.

That same year, all the residents of Genazzano heard a beautiful melody coming from heaven. As they looked up, they saw a white, shining cloud that descended on the church of the Mother of Good Counsel. The cloud gradually vanished, revealing a beautiful painting of Our Lady tenderly holding her Divine Son in her arms. Immediately, Mary began to cure the sick and grant countless graces.

The news spread throughout the country. Two Albanians from Scutari appeared in the town with a curious tale. They had fled from their homeland to escape the invading Turks. Before fleeing, they had stopped in the church and

had seen how the icon of Our Lady, wrapped in a white cloud, lifted off the wall on which it had hung for two centuries. They followed the picture until they could see the towers of Rome, when it suddenly disappeared. The mysterious icon of Genezzano was identical to the one in the church in Scutari.

The amazing news reached Rome. Pope Paul II sent two bishops to investigate the story. The prelates reported that 171 miracles were recorded in the months following the icon's appearance. The pope's commission also found that there was an empty space on the church wall at Scutari. An icon that had been venerated there for centuries was, indeed, missing.

The image was painted on a sheet of plaster so thin that it would have been impossible for any human hand to remove it without damage. It had survived the subsequent centuries through the tumult of several earthquakes and withstood the bombing during World War II. Several altars were destroyed, walls caved in, and the roof was crushed. The icon, only yards away from the explosion, remained intact.

In 1753, Pope Benedict XIV established the Pious Union of Our Lady of Good Counsel to promote devotion to Mary under this title. Pope Leo XIII added the title Mother of Good Counsel to the Litany of Loreto. Pope Pius XII dedicated his term of office to Our Lady of Good Counsel. And Pope John XXIII visited her shrine to pray for the success of the Second Vatican Council.

The icon at Genazzano is about a foot wide and eighteen inches high. It depicts a mother figure that is half turned toward her son and half toward the viewer, reflecting Mary's concern for both Jesus and his Church.

If Our Blessed Mother is willing to ask her Son to work miracles to let us know of her motherly concern, Our Lady of Good Counsel is certainly willing to speak words of advice and instruction to help us over the hurdles of our daily lives.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!

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Related links:

www.catholictradition.org/Mary/olgc.htm

Happy St Patrick's Day



It wasn't whiskey in those cups but that did not dampen spirits at an impromptu St. Patrick's Day 'council safety meeting.' If you would like to be part of a future 'council safety meeting' send an email to KofCAscension@gmail.com and you will be added to the distribution list. Someone did not read the memo regarding safety glasses.

Linda Holdbrook Presentation

Ascension Council would like to thank Linda for her inspiring presentation on her recent experience with Catholic Christian Outreach Mission Mexico. Linda spoke on her work and shared touching experiences of her encounters with the homeless and marginalized on the streets of Mexico City. Ascension Council assisted Linda in her fundraising to support her charitable efforts with Catholic Christian Outreach.





Our 40 Cans for Lent Service Program is well underway and so far the support for this program, from both the parish and KofC membership, has been tremendous. Thank you everyone for your continued support with financial and food donations.

The final collection of food items and distribution of hampers will take place during Holy Week April 9-13. Beginning Good Friday, it will not be possible to make hamper deliveries so please make sure you bring your 40 cans to the church on Palm Sunday, Apr 9, or during the week up until Holy Thursday.

We encourage each family to prayerfully give up one daily pleasure and give one food item per day for the 40 days of lent. 40 cans for 40 days is a real tangible way for families to live their faith.

Thank you again for supporting this much needed program.

NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

CANNED GOODS / PASTA	DRY GOODS	CONDIMENTS	HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
MEATS	CEREALS	KETCHUP	LAUNDRY SOAP
STEWES	FLOUR	MUSTARD	DISH SOAP
SOUPS	SUGAR	RELISH	KLEENEX
TUNA	RICE	JAM	TOILET PAPER
FRUIT	PANCAKE MIX SYRUP	PEANUT BUTTER	DIAPERS
PASTA	JELLO/PUDDING	CRACKERS	TOOTHPASTE
SIDEKICKS	COOKIES		TOOTH BRUSH

Additionally, store cards can also be purchased from the Knight's Table so that families can purchase perishable items: Milk, Veggies, Meat etc. Store cards are available in a variety of denominations from: Co-op, Safeways, Sobey's, President's Choice, Save-On Foods and Walmart.

Ascension KofC Service Programs

Church

- Keeping Christ in Christmas
- Support for Vocations RSVP
- Alter Servers' Appreciation
- Parish Gala Dinner

Community

- St. Dismas Prison Ministry
- Blue Mass
- Catholic Citizenship Essay
- Shrove Tuesday Breakfast

Council

- Blood Donor Clinic
- Wives' Appreciation
- Stampede BBQ
- Monte Carlo
- Rorate Mass
- Christmas/Easter Mass Setup

Culture of Life

- March For Life

Family

- Pumpkin Carving
- 40 Cans for Lent
- Ascension Summer BBQ
- Bishop's BBQ at Bowness Park

Youth

- Coats for kids
- Basketball Free Throw
- Substance Abuse Awareness
- Scholarship Program

Shrove Tuesday at St. Bede's



Thank you Br. Raymond, Br. Dominic and Br. Nelson for your contribution to this important Catholic formation activity for the youth in our community.



“Have courage and do not fear the assaults of the Devil. Remember this forever; it is a healthy sign if the devil shouts and roars around your conscience, since this shows that he is not inside your will.” — Padre Pio

Parish News and Events - By: Br. Mark Holland

The Easter season will soon be here. Our Holy Week masses have all been scheduled, but you will need to make sure you know the locations and times:

- Palm Sunday (April 9th) – Regular mass times at Ascension
- Holy Thursday (April 13th) – 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight
- Good Friday (April 14th) – 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm at Notre Dame High School
- Holy Saturday Easter Vigil (April 15th) – 8:30 pm at Notre Dame High School
- Easter Sunday (April 16th) – 9:00 am and 11:00 am at Notre Dame High School

Every Friday evening during Lent, the Parish will come together for mass at 6:30 pm and then pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. Come and join together with the whole community to relive the journey of Jesus to Calvary.

Our Parish recently received the approved Construction Permit, so our renovation is now a reality. Exciting times are ahead, but the patience and cooperation of the entire community will be required. As the renovation begins, there will be lots of information about the impacts and how to still celebrate the Eucharist and stay as one Ascension family.

Salt and Light Television - Witness:
Most Reverend Frederick Henry, Bishop Emeritus of Calgary



2006 Interview - click on link below

<http://saltandlighttv.org/witness/?f=bishop-frederick-henry>

2017 Interview - click on link below

<http://saltandlighttv.org/witness/?f=bishop-frederick-henry-2>

Links to K of C Publications

Columbia Magazine <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/index.html>

Knightline <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/publications/lc/knightline/index.html>

Chaplain's Report <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/officers/chaplains/index.html>

