



ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

"Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ"

Matthew 18:15-20 - "If your brother or sister sins against you"

What can we learn from Jesus' instructions about how to mend a damaged relationship? If you feel you have been wronged by someone, Jesus says the first step is to speak directly but privately to the individual who has done the harm. One of the worst things we can do is brood over our grievance. This can poison our mind and heart and make it more difficult to go directly to the person who caused the damage. If we truly want to settle a difference with someone, we need to do it face to face. If this fails in its purpose, then the second step is to bring another person or persons, someone who is wise and gracious rather than someone who is hot-tempered or judgmental. The goal is not so much to put the offender on trial, but to persuade the offender to see the wrong and to be reconciled. And if this fails, then we must still not give up, but seek the help of the Christian community. Note the emphasis here is on restoring a broken relationship by seeking the help of other Christians who hopefully will pray and seek a solution for reconciliation based on Christian love and wisdom, rather than relying on coercive force or threat of legal action, such as a lawsuit. Lastly, if even the Christian community fails to bring about reconciliation, what must we do? Jesus seems to say that we have the right to abandon stubborn and obdurate offenders and treat them like social outcasts. The tax-collectors and Gentiles were regarded as "unclean" by the religious-minded Jews and they resorted to shunning them. However we know from the Gospel accounts that Jesus often had fellowship with tax-collectors (as well as other public sinners), ate with them, and even praised them at times! Jesus refuses no one who is open to receive pardon, healing, and restoration. **2017 Don Schwager** www.dailyscripture.net



MASS INTENTIONS:

September 9th - 15th, 2017

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Sat	Sept 9	5:00pm	Don Johnson (+)
Sat	Sept 9	7:00pm	SI of Reodica Family
Sun	Sept 10	8:30am	Sandy & Rose Kohlman (+)
Sun	Sept 10	10:30am	SI of Theresa Salazar
Sun	Sept 10	12:30pm	Nicolas & Francisca Tejano (+)
Sun	Sept 10	5:00pm	Mass for Parishioners
Mon	Sept 11	9:00am	Lenio Esercitato (+)
Tue	Sept 12	9:00am	Giovanna Maria Sanna (+)
Wed	Sept 13	9:00am	Gianenrico Bongiovanni (+)
Wed	Sept 13	6:30pm	SI of Remedios Catacutan
Thur	Sept 14	9:00am	Flora Rita French (+)
Fri	Sept 15	9:00am	Mary O'Hara (+)

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION CHILDREN IN GRADES 3 & 4 and UP

Our Parish is offering two opportunities to register your child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Parents of children in Grades 3 or 4, and up, are invited to registration on **Wednesday, September 27th at 7:00 pm** (Mass is at 6:30pm) or **Saturday, September 30th at 9:00 am**. A parent information session will follow. We look forward to celebrating the Sacraments with your families this year!

PARISH STAFF:

- **Pastor:** Fr. Avinash Colaco
- **Associates:**
Fr. Rodel Abanto
Fr. Anthony Pudota (weekends)
- **Deacon:** Deacon Dante Muzzo
- **Secretary:** Nancy Mitchell
- **Sacraments:**
Vicki Hayles
- **Bookkeeper:** Nora Alzamora Torres
- **Custodian:** Jose Gil
- **Evening Staff:**
David Cadegan
- **Baptisms:**
Jennifer Pashula
- **Volunteer Resource Coordinator:**
Sharron Robinson (Volunteer Position)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday: 9:30am – 4:30pm
Lunch: 12:30pm – 1:00pm

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 parent's Catholic Baptism Certificate & the Godparent's Catholic Baptism Certificates.

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: Dates for 2018 are yet to be determined.

First Reconciliation: September 27th or 30th – Registration and Parent information Session.

Confirmation: Dates for 2018 are yet to be determined.

Marriage: By appointment, 6 months in advance

Marriage Preparation Class: Upcoming Dates: **September 22/23, October 27/28 & November 24/25.** To register for the 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

Thank you for your support of our TIA Campaign. Our Campaign started on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017 and to date we have raised \$19,996.00 of our \$62,735.00 target. We have 16 weeks to raise the remaining \$42,739.00. TIA Donation Envelopes are available in the pews. Please give generously.

BIBLE STUDY

GALATIANS Set Free to Live

An eight-part Bible study featuring Jeff Cavins. Join us every Wednesday, September 13th to November 1st from 7 – 9 pm at Canadian Martyr's Catholic Church (835 Northmount Dr. NW). Cost is \$35 for materials. For more information contact Murray or Cynthia at 403-475-1678.

AUGUST FINANCIALS

	August 2017	YDT Actuals
General Collections	50,047	431,085
Operating Cost	50,779	450,705
Over/ (Under)		(19,620)
Mortgage		
Mortgage Collections	20,599	148,211
Mortgage Payment	20,855	166,840
Over/ (Under)		(18,629)
Together in Action		
Collections	1,995	19,996
2017 Target		62,735
Remaining towards Goal		(42,739)
Renovation		
Net Weekly Collection	32,168	307,592

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ENHANCED BAPTISMAL PROGRAM

The Sacrament of Baptism is often called "The door of the Church" and is the first Sacrament of Initiation. The act of requesting the Sacrament of Baptism for their child is in itself a sign of the parents' faith. In the next few months Ascension Parish will be enhancing the Baptism Preparation Program to work closely with the parents to create a welcoming environment. Our mission is to be supportive, and share our faith in an informal and friendly atmosphere. If you have a couple of hours a month and are guided by the Holy Spirit to work closely with our families receiving Baptism please contact Jenn Pashula at baptism@ascensionparish.ca.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

September 27th – November 5th

You are invited to come to the 40 DFL Kick-off at **Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church (1714 14 Ave NE, Calgary)** on **Friday, September 8th at 7:00 pm.** Dr. Bouchard's talk: "Integrating Fertility and Promoting the Culture of Life - The use of Natural Family Planning helps couples realize the gift of fertility and integrate it in their daily lives". For more information call 403-870-3905. Please RSVP at 40daysforlife.calgary@gmail.com

USHER TRAINING

If you would like to be an Usher please attend the next training session on **Sunday, September 24th at 2:30 pm in the Sanctuary.** For more information please contact Chris Rappel at crappel@shaw.ca

EMHC TRAINING

If you would like to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion please attend the next training session on **Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.** For more information please contact Nadia Oliverio at nadia.oliverio@shaw.ca

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

This weekend is Share Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. In August, you provided 30 food hampers and \$2,800.00 in financial support to families in our Parish communities. These families are extremely grateful for your ongoing generosity and support. If you would like to have a tax receipt for your donation, there are envelopes available in the pews. **Please make cheques payable to the "Society of Saint Vincent de Paul"**. The Society would also like to thank everyone who supported their School Supply Drive. Thank you.

K of C Fall Membership Drive

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite all Practical Catholic men over the age of 18 years to join our Catholic Fraternity of Brothers. The Knights of Columbus are here to support you and your family with meaningful programs and fraternal benefits. If you are interested in the work we do in the community we would love to talk to you about the opportunity over coffee after all Masses on the weekend of **September 16th & 17th** in the Narthex. Our next 1st Degree – Admission Degree Ceremony will be held **Saturday, October 7th** at 9:30 am at St. Paul's, Airdrie. Thank you, Grand Knight – Kevin Power



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary **Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for September 10th, 2017.** **Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

EMERGENCY RELIEF AID FOR FLOOD VICTIMS IN TEXAS AND ASIA – Catholic Charities and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston will be providing direct long-term assistance and case management services to victims displaced in flood in Texas. In Asia, Caritas organizations are responding to the needs in India, Nepal and Bangladesh by providing food, clean drinking water, and shelter. Emergency relief is also focused on preventing the spread of waterborne disease by delivering health, hygiene and sanitation support. Donations can be made through the Diocese website or cheques can be forwarded to the Pastoral Centre - 120-17 Ave SW. For more information and to donate visit www.calgarydiocese.ca and click on "Donate".

BISHOP'S DINNER – Bishop's Dinner – Bishop McGrattan will host his very first Bishop's Dinner on Thurs, Oct. 19. This year's theme is 'Youth & Vocations - Their Faith, The Church'. Michael Chiasson will give the keynote address and Bishop McGrattan will share his vision for the youth. Catholic singer/songwriter Janelle is our musical guest. Tickets are \$175 or \$1400/table of 8. For more information contact Samantha at 403-218-5531 or samantha.jones@calgarydiocese.ca. Purchase tickets online at my.calgarydiocese.ca/bishopsdinner.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL CARE COURSE – The Fall 2017 Diocesan Pastoral Care Training Program will begin on Tues Sept. 26 and run for 7 consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm-9:30pm until Nov. 7. The program will be held at St. Michael's Parish, 800 - 85 Street SW Calgary. This course will introduce you to the basic visiting skills required for Pastoral Care Ministry in health care facilities or parish. Registration fee: \$50. For information/register, call: 403-218-5501, Email: alicia.zubot@calgarydiocese.ca, or www.calgarydiocese.ca.

ALZHEIMER WORKSHOP – Holy Spirit Parish will be hosting Alzheimer Workshop on Oct. 14, 2017 from 9:00am-1:00pm. This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. For more information and to register please visit our News and Events page at www.calgarydiocese.ca, call 403-218-5501, or email: healthcareprograms@calgarydiocese.ca.

DAY RETREAT FOR MEN WITH MOST REV. FREDERICK HENRY, BISHOP EMERITUS OF CALGARY – Stand Firm in Faith: Day Retreat for Men will take place at St. Luke's Parish on Saturday, October 7. For more information and registration please contact Margaret at 403-282-9488, email: Margaret.Dewald@stlukeschurch.ca or Sr. Katrina at 587-755-1019, email: dmccalgary@gmail.com.

THE JOY OF LOVE REFLECTION GROUP – The Family's Urgent Mission Today – 6 sessions featuring video, witness, and dialogue segments exploring the major themes of Amoris Laetitia. Designed for pastors, pastoral ministers, and all those committed to promoting holiness in family life, our domestic church. Wednesday evenings, October 4 – November 8. 7-9 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Cost: \$35, includes study materials. Refreshments provided. RSVP to Alida at 403-218-5505 or email: alida.allen@calgarydiocese.ca.

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. Dates: August 21/Sept 8-9, Sept 18/Oct 6-7. For dates/registration/info 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca.

TRANSITIONS – 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 on Wednesday, September 27. For more information or to register, call 403-218-5505.

PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR – Be inspired to make a difference – learn how to maximize your legacy for family and charity. Join our upcoming Planned Giving Seminar at the Catholic Pastoral Centre 120 - 17 Ave SW Tues, Sept. 26 – Registration 6:30pm, Presentation 7:00-9:00pm. Limited seating; Registration required. Contact Doreen 403 218-5522 or charities@calgarydiocese.ca to register. No cost.

ELIZABETH HOUSE CHARITY EVENT – Join Elizabeth House, a program of the Diocese of Calgary, on September 30 for the 2017 Ride for Refuge. Walk, ride or donate and help transform lives, two generations at a time! Sign up at www.rideforrefuge.org/charity/elizabethhousecalgary or call 403-228-9724 for more information.

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. Dates to be announced soon. For more information or registration contact the Life & Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION - BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – Animals are our companions here on Earth, whether they are our pets, domesticated livestock or wild creatures. We receive so much from them: comfort, labour, food, clothing, as well as protection and wonder. All creatures - great and small reveal God's loving presence. Join us at St. Joseph's Parish (640 19th Avenue NW) for the Blessing of Animals, September 23rd at 10:30am. All beloved animals are welcome! Call Marilou at 403-218-5519.

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 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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY- DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT TEAM (DYRT) MEMBER – CASUAL – The Diocesan Youth Ministry team is looking for five (5) DYRT members to work on a casual – part time employment basis. The Diocesan Youth Retreat Team (DYRT) offers year-round retreats for young people within the Diocese For more information about this position; qualifications and application details see the Diocesan website at <http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/articles/employment-opportunities.html>. The employment opportunity will be posted until the competition closes on September 15.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR, PART TIME - ST. PIUS X PARISH – St. Pius X Parish is looking for a Sacramental Coordinator: First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation to work on a part time employment basis. For more information about this position, qualifications and application details see the Diocesan website at <http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/articles/employment-opportunities.html> or submit your application to fatherbill.stpiusx@telus.net. The employment opportunity will be posted until a suitable candidate is found.

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. November 6 & 7. More information & registration at <https://wclcanada.wordpress.com/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 13: CWL - The next CWL meeting is **Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 pm in Room 5 upstairs**. All ladies over 16 are welcome. For more information please contact Sheena Koett at cwl.ascension@gmail.com

OCTOBER 7: STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH - Day Retreat for Men LIVING EVERY DAY WITH PASSION & PURPOSE with Bishop Emeritus Henry on **Saturday, October 7, 2017** from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm at St. Luke's Catholic Church (1566 Northmount Drive NW). The day includes confession, Mass, lunch, conferences, Adoration and prayer. Cost is \$40/person. For more information contact Margaret at 403-282-9488 or email Margaret.dewald@stlukeschurch.ca

OCTOBER 13-14: THE DAY THE SUN DANCED IN THE SKY! THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARY'S FINAL APPARITION AT FATIMA. Join us at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 4747 30 St. SE, Calgary. **Friday, October 13th:** 6:30pm Rosary; 7pm Mass with Bishop Emeritus Henry; 8:30pm Concert for Our Lady. **Saturday, October 14: Marian Workshop** 9:30am - 3:30pm to honour Our Lady of Fatima; Dramatization of the Fatima Apparitions by OLOF youth; \$10 fee - lunch & snacks provided. Pre-register at 403-478-7845 or email encountermary.olof@gmail.com.

LEGION OF MARY: Regular weekly meetings are held **every Wednesday at 7:00 pm** in Room 6 upstairs. All are welcome. For more information please contact Garry Bahen at gbahen@telus.net

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

WEEKEND RETREATS:

Retreats begin with supper Friday at 7:00 pm and end with lunch on Sunday.

Women's Midweek Retreat

September 12-14, 2017 - To register contact: Kathy Oczkowski - 403-246-0660 or fkoczowski@shaw.ca

Men's Serenity Weekend

September 15-17, 2017 - To register contact: Jim - 780-484-8713 or j david@moderndigital.net

Let's Transform Our Faith into Activity

Friday, September 22 and Friday, November 17

Youth Retreats (Grade 4 to Grade 6 students)

Youth volunteers (Grade 7 to Grade 12) needed 9:00am to 3:00pm. Kid friendly lunch included. Will accommodate dietary needs. **Cost - \$10.00 per student per day or family rates apply.** See the poster on the bulletin board. To register contact Deb @ mtfrancis@shaw.ca or (403)932-2012

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.