



ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

"Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ"

Matthew 21:33-43 - The stone which the builders rejected

What is the message of the parable of the vineyard? Jesus' story about an absentee landlord and his not-so-good tenants would have made sense to his audience. The hills of Galilee were lined with numerous vineyards, and it was quite common for the owners to let out their estates to tenants. Many did it for the sole purpose of collecting rent. Why did Jesus' story about wicked tenants cause offense to the scribes and Pharisees? It contained both a prophetic message and a warning. Isaiah had spoken of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Jesus' listeners would have likely understood this parable as referring to God's dealing with a stubborn and rebellious people.



This parable speaks to us today as well. It richly conveys some important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. First, it tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end. We can expect trials and even persecution. But in the end we will see triumph. Do you follow and serve the Lord Jesus with joyful hope and confidence in the victory he has won for you and the gift of abundant new life in the Holy Spirit?

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MASS INTENTIONS:

October 7th - 13th, 2017

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Sat	Oct 7	5:00pm	Auta Adelaida D'Mello (+)
Sat	Oct 7	7:00pm	SI of Thanksgiving
Sun	Oct 8	8:30am	Michael Russell (+)
Sun	Oct 8	10:30am	Marium (+)
Sun	Oct 8	12:30pm	Soledad Yago (+)
Sun	Oct 8	5:00pm	Mass for Parishioners
Mon	Oct 9	9:00am	SI of Joe Fernandes
Tue	Oct 10	9:00am	SI of Pete Letkeman
Wed	Oct 11	9:00am	Erlinda Chua (+)
Wed	Oct 11	6:30pm	Nicolas & Francisca Tejano (+)
Thur	Oct 12	9:00am	Nenita Ferrer (+)
Fri	Oct 13	9:00am	SI of Iva Relland

THANKSGIVING

The office will be closed on **Monday, October 9th**. Mass will still be celebrated at 9:00 am and the Church will close directly after Mass. Remember to give thanks to God for the blessings He has given you this year.

PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Avi and three staff members are away on a pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land. The secretary will return to the office on October 17th. Please keep them in your prayers.

PARISH STAFF:

- **Pastor:** Fr. Avinash Colaco
- **Associates:**
Fr. Rodel Abanto
Fr. Anthony Pudota (weekends)
- **Deacon:** Deacon Dante Muzzo
- **Secretary:** Nancy Mitchell
- **Sacraments:** Vicki Hayles
- **Baptisms:** Jennifer Pashula
- **Bookkeeper:** Nora Alzamora Torres
- **Custodian:** Jose Gil
- **Evening Staff:** David Cadegan
- **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: Registration March 21, 2018.

First Reconciliation: Session 1 – **October 4th** (7:15-8:15 pm) **OR October 14th** (11:30 am-12:30 pm). Parent & Child to attend.

Confirmation: Registration December 13, 2017.

Marriage: By appointment, 6 months in advance

Marriage Preparation Class: Upcoming Dates: **October 20/21 & November 17/18**. 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.

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Every year in the month of November we pray for our loved ones who have passed away. On the weekends of **October 14/15, 21/22 and 28/29** we will have the Book of Remembrance available in the narthex near the fountain for you to list the names of family members and friends who have died. All names from previous years are kept in the book, so you need **only add new names**. You may take a page home with you and list all the names you wish remembered in our prayers.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Your prayers and generous support on World Mission Sunday directly benefit the Mission Church today. **A special collection will be held at all Masses on October 21st & 22nd**. Envelopes will be available in the narthex. Please give generously.

SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS

Thank you for your generous gift to our Parish

	September 2017	YTD Actuals
General Collections	44,372	475,457
Operating Cost	44,149	494,854
Over/ (Under)		(19,396)
Mortgage		
Mortgage Collections	17,258	165,469
Mortgage Payment	20,855	187,695
Over/ (Under)		(22,226)
Together in Action		
Collections	17,591	37,586
2017 Target		62,735
Remaining towards Goal		(25,149)
Renovation		
Net Weekly Collection	32,146	339,739

ENRICHING OUR FAITH

Why be Catholic? Exploring the Catholic Faith. Seeking Truth.

Join Peter Thompson on nine Tuesday evenings at our Parish as he shares teachings of our Catholic faith. Whether you are new to the Catholic faith or were baptized as a child, you will learn what we believe about Jesus, Sacraments, Eucharist, Mary and the Saints and so much more! Sessions start **Tuesday, October 17th** and run every second Tuesday until February 27th from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Each session will allow time for Q & A. Bring your Bible. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more detailed information please see the bulletin insert.

EMPOWERED TO LIVE CHRIST AND SHARE CHRIST SEMINAR

Ascension Parish is holding a seminar on the theme "Empowered to Live Christ and Share Christ" on **November 24th and 25th** in the Sanctuary. This seminar will help us to rediscover mission of serving the Lord in His Kingdom. It will be beneficial for anyone seeking to grow in their faith. There will be empowering talks from invited speakers, prayers, singing of liturgical and worship songs and sharing . . . and lots more! Ensure to **RSVP by October 23rd** or at your earliest convenience by emailing lcscalgary@gmail.com.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FALL MARKET

Our **FALL MARKET** will be held on **Saturday, November 4, 2017** at Notre Dame High School gym from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. We hope to see you there!

If you would like to be a vendor please visit our website at www.ascensionparish.ca and click on the "Renovation" tab and then click on the "Capital Campaign" tab. You can also contact Pina Lamb at 403-818-2476 or pinalamb@shaw.ca

40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL PRAYER VIGIL CAMPAIGN

There are many women that are in need of our help because they found an undesired pregnancy and they are choosing an abortion as a solution for their problem. You can help. It requires joining efforts to take a stand and pray to save babies from abortion on the sidewalk across from the Abortuary "Kensington Clinic". The campaign runs from **Wednesday, September 27th to November 5th**. **ASCENSION'S DAY OF PRAYER AT THE VIGIL IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27th** at the Kensington (abortion) Clinic at 2431 – 5 Ave NW. Parishioners are encouraged to sign the sheet in the Narthex on the weekend of October 14th & 15th and commit to one hour in the vigil. For more information call 403-870-3905 or go to 40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/calgary/

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Statistics for August & September

37 calls; 64 calls
32 hampers (12 Ascension 20 Corpus); 44 hampers (18 Ascension 26 Corpus)
63 adults 56 children; 72 adults 57 children

Financials for August & September:

August Collection - \$3729; September Collection - \$4473
Groceries Purchased - \$3900; Groceries Purchased - \$2508
Bus Tickets Purchased - \$0; Bus Tickets Purchased - \$0
Gift Cert. Purchased - \$1000; Gift Cert. Purchased - \$1500
Utilities - \$854; Utilities - \$0
Rent - \$0; Rent - \$150
Medical - \$0; Medical - \$0
Office Expenses - \$58 (Telus); Office Expenses - \$58 (Telus)
Special Circumstances - \$668 (Flight); Special Circumstances - \$0
Bank Balance (September 30) - \$3,050.26



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary **Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for October 8th, 2017.** **Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

BISHOP'S DINNER – Bishop's Dinner – We are two weeks away from Bishop McGrattan's very first Bishop's Dinner. Do you have your tickets yet? On Thursday, October 19, our keynote, Michael Chiasson, and Bishop McGrattan will share their thoughts on how youth will impact the future of our Faith. Catholic singer/songwriter Janelle is our musical guest, featuring the Bishop Carroll High School Choir. Tickets are \$175 or \$1400/table of 8. For more info contact Samantha at 403-218-5531 or samantha.jones@calgarydiocese.ca. Purchase tickets online at my.calgarydiocese.ca/bishopsdinner.

JOIN US! DEVELOPMENT & PEACE – This fall, Development and Peace launches a new campaign called Women at the Heart of Peace. This campaign invites Canadians to learn more about the vital role women play in conflict prevention and peace building. Join us in paying tribute to the women who build peace in communities around the world. To learn more about the campaign and how to be a part of it, please join us at a workshop on October 14th, 10 am – 2 pm at Canadian Martyrs Church (835 Northmount Dr. NW, Calgary, AB). For information, email marilou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca.

WHITE MASS – Celebrate the White Mass with Bishop McGrattan on Wednesday, October 18 at 7 pm, at St. Anthony's Church, (5340 - 4 St. SW, Calgary). The White Mass is a celebration of the feast day of St. Luke, patron saint of physicians. Let us gather and pray for those who have dedicated their lives to the sick, to caring for those who are ill in our community: physicians, nurses, technicians, pastoral care ministers and all health care workers. All are welcome, especially those working in medicine and health care.

BLUE MASS – A Knights of Columbus Calgary Chapter is inviting you to the Blue Mass at St Cecilia Church (321 90th Ave SE, Calgary, AB). On Sunday, October 22 at 1.30 pm. Let us ask God to protect and bless the First Responders for their safety and commitment in their work. The Blue Mass is a way of showing our appreciation for all First Responders that put their lives on the line every day for our community. For more details, contact Hardy del Castillo 587-703-1585.

LEADERSHIP FORMATION WORKSHOP – This fall the Office of Youth Ministry is recommending and encouraging all people working with youth and young adults to participate in a conference on Leadership Formation, on the weekend of October 20 & 21. For registration and more information go to: <http://cccrs.com/3350/2017-leadership-formation-workshop> Space is limited so please register early.

500 YEARS SINCE THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION – Join Bishops representing the Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran denominations praying together for better Christian collaboration and reconciliation commemorating 500 Years since the Reformation. Sunday, October 29th at 5:00pm at the Anglican Cathedral Church of the Redeemer (601 1st SE, Calgary, AB). For more information contact Caroline at 403-218-5523 or caroline.silveira@calgarydiocese.ca.

DIOCESAN BEREAVEMENT CARE EDUCATION PROGRAM – The Diocesan Bereavement Care Education will teach you the skills to offer your presence and support in a caring way. This is a 2 part program held over two weekends, October 27 & 28 and November 3 & 4 at St. Bonaventure Church (1600 Acadia Drive SE, Calgary, AB). Registration fee: \$50. For more information and to register please visit our website at www.calgarydiocese.ca, call 403-218-5501, or email healthcareprograms@calgarydiocese.ca.

ALZHEIMER WORKSHOP – Holy Spirit Parish will be hosting an Alzheimer Workshop on October 14 from 9:00am - 2:30pm. This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias. Registration fee: \$25. 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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION "FOR BETTER & FOR EVER" – "For Better & For Ever..." Marriage Preparation, accepts all couples preparing for marriage. The small group setting 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: Oct 16/Nov 3-4, and Nov 20/Dec 8-9. For more dates, registration or information, contact 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKENDS OFFERED BY CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICE – Catholic Family Service is offering marriage preparation weekends to meet the requirement for engaged couples planning to marry in the Catholic Church. Remaining 2017 dates are: 1. Friday, October 13 to Sunday, October 15 at St Mary's Cathedral, 219 - 18 Ave SW, 2. Friday, November 17 to Sunday, November 19 at St Cecilia Parish, 321 - 90 Ave SE. Time: Fri. 7:00 - 9:15, Sat. 9:00 - 4:00, Sun. 1:30 - 4:30. Cost: \$225/couple. To register and to see 2018 dates: www.cfs-ab.org/marriage-preparation-program or call 403-233-2360.

TRANSITIONS – Are you struggling through the trauma of separation or divorce? Transitions is a ministry aimed at supporting Christians who are struggling with the pain of separation and grieving the death of their relationship. The next program will begin in Wednesday, September 27, 2017. For more information or to register, call 403-218-5505.

MEMORIAL LITURGY FOR THOSE MOURNING MISCARRIED OR STILLBORN INFANTS – When families lose a baby in the womb, the cries of birth go unheard; the grasp of tiny fingers slips away. This profound loss needs articulation. Join us in a prayer gathering to commend our children communally into the embrace of our merciful God and to support those who are grieving the loss of a child. Memorial Liturgy will be held on Friday, November 24, 2017 at 7pm, at Sacred Heart Church (1307 14 St SW, Calgary, AB). Please register at www.miscarriageliturgy.ca or call 403-218-5511. E-mail: MemorialLiturgy@calgarydiocese.ca

CATHOLIC PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA BIENNIAL CONFERENCE – The Catholic Psychotherapy Association of Canada is hosting its biennial conference at St Peter's Parish November 3 & 4. The theme is 'Be Not Anxious' and its keynote and following panel discussion, open to anyone, will address conscience issues. More information is at www.CatholicHealingCanada.ca/Conference.

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING EVENT – Are you looking for a good Catholic man or woman? Upcoming fall event is Friday, October 13th at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church, 1714 – 14 Ave NE, Calgary. Age Range: (Women: 24 to 32 & Men: 27 to 35) -&- (Women: 33 to 41 & Men: 36 to 44). Doors open for sign in at 7:00pm, and Event begins at 7:30pm. To register visit www.CatholicSpeedDating.ca or for more information contact Rose at rose@catholicsspeeddating.ca or 587-333-1099.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - Sacramental Coordinator, Part time - St. Pius X Parish – Music Minister, Part time - St. Pius X Parish For more information about these positions, qualifications and application details see the Diocesan website at <http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/articles/employment-opportunities.html>. The employment opportunities will be posted until suitable candidates are found.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 11: CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - CWL at Ascension Parish is a dynamic group of sisters in Christ. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in Room 1 upstairs. We are open to all ladies 16 and over, and would love to have you come check us out! Our next meeting is **Wednesday, October 11th**.

OCTOBER 14: 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA APPARITION
A **Rosary Rally** will be held in front of St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, October 14th at noon. Please come and join us to pray for peace in the world.

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 encounteringmary.olof@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 15-16: EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Do not be found wanting. Come to the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to atone for abortion. Starting 3:00 pm Sunday, October 15th and ending with Mass at 5:00 pm on Monday, October 16th at the Sisters of St. Louis - 409 - 10 A Street NW. For more information contact Mrs. Fliskey at 403-272-5683.

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

Women's Twilight - Touching the Sacred In our Lives: Tuesday, October 17th

This year's series will reflect on where we can glimpse the sacred and holy within the everyday moments of our life: events, relationships, struggles and service. Please register in advance and let us know if you have any dietary restrictions. The twilight retreat begins with registration at 6:00pm; followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. Suggested contribution is \$30.00. Contact: Cindy at cindymackenzie@telus.net or 403-585-0400.

A Day Away: Wednesday, October 18th

Enjoy a silent day away in the beautiful setting of Mount St. Francis Retreat (9:00 am - 3:00 pm). This year's theme is "Doorways to the Sacred": Encountering the sacred through sign and symbol, ordinary experiences, landscapes and more; Praying through the things of the earth. The day includes a prayerful reflection on the focus of the day, celebration of the Eucharist and a home-cooked lunch. Please call or email ahead to register. Come after 8:30 am to enjoy a coffee or tea and muffins before we begin the program. Suggested contribution is \$30.00 or \$40.00 with a private room. Phone 403-932-2012; email: mfrancis@shaw.ca

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.**

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