

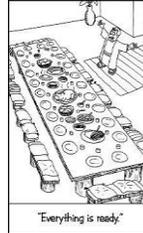


ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

"Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ"

Matthew 22:1-14 - They would not come to the feast!

Why does Jesus' parable of the marriage feast seem to focus on an angry king who ends up punishing those who refused his invitation and who mistreated his servants? Jesus' parable contains two stories. The first has to do with the original guests invited to the marriage feast. The king had sent out invitations well in advance to his subjects, so they would have plenty of time to prepare for coming to the feast. How insulting for the invited guests to then refuse when the time for celebrating came! They made light of the King's request because they put their own interests above his. They not only insulted the King but the heir to the throne as well. The king's anger is justified because they



openly refused to give the king the honor he was due. Jesus directed this warning to the Jews of his day, both to convey how much God wanted them to share in the joy of his kingdom, but also to give a warning about the consequences of refusing his Son, their Messiah and Savior. The second part of the story focuses on those who had no claim on the king and who would never have considered getting such an invitation. The "good and the bad" along the highways certainly referred to the Gentiles (non-Jews) and to sinners. This is certainly an invitation of grace - undeserved, unmerited favor and kindness! But this invitation also contains a warning for those who refuse it or who approach the wedding feast unworthily. God's grace is a free gift, but it is also an awesome responsibility. **2017 Don Schwager** www.daily scripture.net

MASS INTENTIONS:

October 14th - 20th, 2017

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Sat	Oct 14	5:00pm	Ruby Fernandes (+)
Sat	Oct 14	7:00pm	SI of Diane Manganon
Sun	Oct 15	8:30am	Mike Sorbara (+)
Sun	Oct 15	10:30am	Charlie Ambrogiano (+)
Sun	Oct 15	12:30pm	Richard Bulayog (+)
Sun	Oct 15	5:00pm	Serafina Guido (+)
Mon	Oct 16	9:00am	Flora Rita French (+)
Tue	Oct 17	9:00am	SI of Rose DeSouza
Wed	Oct 18	9:00am	SI of Fr. Anthony Anamali
Wed	Oct 18	6:30pm	Judith Dalmacio (+)
Thur	Oct 19	9:00am	SI of Fr. Anthony Ewherido
Fri	Oct 20	9:00am	Domingo DeGuzman (+)

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 poster on the bulletin board.

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 2 – **October 25th** (7:15-8:15 pm) **OR October 28th** (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: **November 17/18 & January 26/27**. 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. We will pray for those listed in the book at all Masses in November.

TOGETHER IN ACTION – We are getting there!

What is Together in Action?

It is the **mercy we receive from Christ manifested in merciful actions towards others**. It is we, the Catholics of Southern Alberta, working together to make lives better for all citizens locally, nationally and internationally. Out of the gifts given to us by the Lord, we give sacrificially to show mercy to others.

Why? Giving as a faith community and giving back to God reminds us that He has given us everything we have.

Who? We, as Catholic brothers and sisters, come together to manifest the mercy we receive from Christ to our neighbours.

How? Respond to the call of stewardship with a gift and join with your fellow parishioners across our Diocese.

Give sacrificially, choose to act out your faith, join us Together in Action.

Together in Action is the annual fundraising campaign of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary. It is administered by the Charities & Development Office. **Thanks to your generosity our Parish has raised \$37,856.00 of our \$62,735.00 target! We have 12 weeks to raise the remaining \$25,149.00.** TIA Donation Envelopes are available in the pews.

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 calgarylsc@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

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.**

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. Is it really a solution? Why are they going in the wrong direction? What can we do about it? Nothing? We can do lots. 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 commit to one hour in the vigil **between the hours of 1:00-7:00 pm**. **YOU** can help save lives. For more information call 403-870-3905 or go to 40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/calgary/

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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.



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary **Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for October 15th, 2017.** **Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

ECUMENICAL COMMEMORATION OF REFORMATION 500 YEARS – You are invited to join Lutherans and Catholics in a liturgy of singing and praying as we commemorate the gifts of the Reformation and ask for forgiveness for the division that we have perpetuated. Through thanksgiving and lament, we are led to common witness and commitment to each other and the world. Bishop Larry Kochendorfer (Lutheran) & Bishop William McGrattan (Catholic) will preside. Anglican Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson will deliver the sermon. The Common Prayer service will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, 3527 Boulton Road NW on Sunday, October 29 at 5:00 pm. For more information contact Caroline at 403-218-5523 or caroline.silveira@calgarydiocese.ca.

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 as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

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.

RED MASS – The Red Mass is a celebration for people employed in the administration of justice as judges, lawyers, paralegals, assistants, law enforcement officers, civic leaders, law students, and others. It will be held at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 15 at St. Mary's Cathedral, (219-18 Ave SW, Calgary). Bishop McGrattan presiding, with a reception afterwards featuring a presentation by Fr. Cristino Bouvette. All are welcome. For tickets to the reception, go to <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/calgarys-annual-red-mass-tickets-37790435209?aff=erelexpmlt> or email Geoff Adair at calgary.stmlg@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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.

MEMORIAL LITURGY FOR THOSE MOURNING MISCARRIED OR STILLBORN INFANTS – 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 403-218-5500. 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.

COMMEMORATION OF THE REFORMATION LECTURE SERIES – 'Transformed by Love : Martin Luther and Ignatius of Loyola, Renewers of the Church', will take place on Thursdays, 7:00 pm—8:30 pm. October 12, 19, 26 & Nov. 2, 2017 at Hope Lutheran Church – 3527 Boulton Road NW. Free and open to the public. The four part lecture series will explore the gifts and legacies of Luther and Ignatius in an appreciative and ecumenical spirit. Presenters are Fr. Charles Pottie-Pate, SJ and Rev. Kristin, Hope Lutheran Church.

October 12: Luther in the 16th century

Oct. 19: Ignatius in the 16th century

Oct. 26: Luther in the 21st century

Nov. 2: Ignatius and Ignatian spirituality in the 21st century

Contact Fr. Charles Pottie-Pate, SJ at 403-228-4170 Ext. 232 or email: charles.pate@gmail.com

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. 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.

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING EVENT – Christmas Event. Are you looking for a good Catholic man or woman? Upcoming event is Friday, December 1st at St. Thomas More Church, 15 Templebow Road N.E., 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 – There are various opportunities posted in our Career section at: <http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/articles/employment-opportunities.html>

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 5: CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY - November 5th is Catholic Education Sunday. It is a day meant for all of us – parents, grandparents, alumni, students, friends, and community members to come together to celebrate and give thanks for Catholic education. Our schools are an expression of our faith and a gift, both to our children and to our community. This Sunday is our opportunity to support quality Catholic education in our community and to ensure the present and future needs of Catholic education are met. The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation (CCEF) is a charitable organization dedicated to enhancing educational experiences for students in the Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD). Your generosity will make a difference for over 54,000 CCSD students. **On November 4th & 5th there will be a second collection at each Mass.** It only takes one person, or one action, to make a difference in many lives. Let that person be you. Thank you.

NOVEMBER 11: COUPLES FOR CHRIST – DANCE IN GLORY 2
A benefit dinner and dance event with all proceeds going to ANCOP International Canada, a registered non-profit charitable organization to fund child education, sponsorship, and build communities for the poorest of the poor families in the Philippines, India and Africa. Join us **Saturday, November 11th** at Town and Country Centre (275 Jensen Drive NE, Airdrie). Doors open at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm. Attire is semi-formal. Tickets are \$25 per person. Contact Vinay Parmar at 403-809-4889, Nonie Ramos at 587-435-2509 or Jay Antasuda at 403-613-7824.

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: mtfrancis@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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