PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION **MARCH 24th & 25th, 2018**

ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

"Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ"

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASSES

Sunday, March 25th: Palm Sunday - Regular Sunday Masses (Ascension Sanctuary)
Thursday, March 29th: Holy Thursday - 8:00 pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30 pm. **No 9:00 am Mass** (Notre Dame High School - 11900 Country Village Link NE)
Friday, March 30th: Good Friday - 12:00 pm & 3:00 pm (Notre Dame High School - 11900 Country Village Link NE)
Saturday, March 31st: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 7:30 pm (Notre Dame High School - 11900 Country Village Link NE). **No other Masses**
Sunday, April 1st: Easter Sunday – 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm (Notre Dame High School - 11900 Country Village Link NE). **No 5:00 pm Mass**
Monday, April 2nd: Easter Monday - 9:00 am (Office Closed)

REJOICE IN GOD'S MERCY

With Passion Sunday we begin the final week of Lent and prepare ourselves to celebrate the Paschal Triduum. Rejoice in God's Mercy has aimed to invite you to participate more readily and more easily in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Most parishes have a regularly scheduled time for Reconciliation throughout the year or by appointment. Jesus never said it would be easy to follow him but he also gave us this Sacrament to help us own up to our failings, receive his strength, and start anew. **Action: Take concrete steps to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation an integral part of your life as a disciple of Christ.**

MASS INTENTIONS:

March 24th – 30th, 2018

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Sat	Mar 24	5:00pm	**Bill Angelea (+)**
Sat	Mar 24	7:00pm	**Maximo Jumawid (+)**
Sun	Mar 25	8:30am	**Monica Capati (+)**
Sun	Mar 25	10:30am	**Kimberly Oliverio (+)**
Sun	Mar 25	12:30pm	**SI of Agnes & Dominic**
Sun	Mar 25	5:00pm	**Mass for Parishioners**
Mon	Mar 26	9:00am	**Davorka Cokaric (+)**
Tue	Mar 27	9:00am	**SI of Emily Mitchell**
Wed	Mar 28	9:00am	**Scott Allan (+)**
Wed	Mar 28	6:30pm	**SI of Annie & Vinh Nguyen**
Thur	Mar 29		**Holy Thursday**
Fri	Mar 30		**Good Friday**

50/50 CASH DRAW
WE HAVE A WINNER!

Our Renovation Capital Campaign 50/50 draw was held last Sunday evening after the 5:00 Mass. **Check the Capital Campaign bulletin board to see the winning number**. Please contact the office to claim your prize. Thanks to all the parishioners that participated and supported this renovation fund raising initiative.

PARISH STAFF:

- ***Pastor:*** Fr. Avinash Colaco
- ***Associates:***
  Fr. Rodel Abanto
  Fr. Anthony Pudota (weekends)
- ***Deacon:*** Deacon John Wu
- ***Secretary:*** Nancy Mitchell
- ***Receptionist:*** Angelina Ling
- ***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: 6:15pm (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

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on the **2nd**, **3rd** & **4th Saturdays** of each month at 10:00 am (except during Lent). 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 (Gr. 2 & up): See below

First Reconciliation (Gr. 2 & up): Completed for 2017**.**

Confirmation (Gr. 6 & up): **Confirmation Rehearsal: April 14th 1:00-2:00 pm** for April 17th Confirmation **OR May 2nd 7:00-8:00 pm** for May 3rd Confirmation. Attendance is mandatory.

Marriage: By appointment, 6 months in advance

Marriage Preparation Class: Upcoming Dates: **April 21 & May 19**. To register for a Saturday class please email Ferdie: 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Grade 2 and up

Session 1 for candidates and parents is on Wednesday, April 25th 7:15-8:15 pm **OR** Saturday, April 28th 11:30am-12:30 pm.
Session 2 for candidates and parents is on Wednesday, May 9th 7:15-8:15 pm **OR** Saturday, May 12th 11:30am-12:30 pm.
Retreat is on Saturday, May 26th from 9:00-11:00 am **OR** 1:00-3:00 pm.
Due to renovations, the Sacrament will be celebrated at St. Luke's Parish (1566 Northmount Dr. NW) at 2:30 pm on Sunday, June 3rd & June 10th.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help teach our New Sacramental Program beginning this fall. The program is already prepared and we will have several other adults helping to teach the children. No previous experience is needed and all training will be provided. We need many hands to make this program work for our Parish. If you can volunteer or would like more information, please contact Vicki at sacraments@ascensionparish.ca.

MAN OF THE SHROUD EXHIBITION

St. Peter's Parish is honored to present the "Man of the Shroud Exhibition", a collection of documentary museum boards and recreated artifacts of Christ's Passion, including an actual-size photographic reproduction of the Shroud of Turin. Keynote speakers: Fr. Andrew Dalton and Barrie Schwortz. Date of exhibition: Mar. 23 – Apr. 10, 2018, from 9am–9pm. Cost: Freewill Donation. Location: St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church (541 Silvergrove Dr. NW, Calgary). For information, visit www.st-peters.ca

MASSES CANCELLED

Due to our renovations, there will be no morning or evening Masses celebrated on **Monday, March 26th, Tuesday, March 27th and Wednesday, March 28th**. All Holy week Masses from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday will be celebrated at Notre Dame High School. Easter Monday Mass will be celebrated at Ascension.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed and the phones will be down on Monday, March 26th & Tuesday, March 27th as we will be switching our IT equipment.

SPECIAL COLLECTION GOOD FRIDAY

The collection on Good Friday will be for the **Needs of the Church in the Holy Land**. Please give generously.
Fast and Abstinence in Canada – Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat for Catholics. Fasting equals one full meal and two smaller meals that together are no greater than a full meal. We fast because of our sin.
Palms are blessed objects and should be treated with reverence. You can keep the palms in your Sacred Space at home. To dispose of last year's palms, you may burn or bury them, or return them to the Church. Please do not throw them in the garbage.

UNITED IN FAITH, TOGETHER IN ACTION

This is the sixth week of our 2018 TIA campaign with the theme ***"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" Lk. 12:33***
Your donations enable our diocesan family to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in so many ways as we minister to the needy. **This year's target is $61,355.00**. Donation envelopes can be found in the pews. Please give generously.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Parishioners are invited to make a donation for lilies and flowers to be used in the altar decoration for Easter. Your donation may be made in the name of a loved one who is ill or deceased, and their name will be included in the altar display. Please put your donations into an envelope, available in the basket marked "Easter Flowers" in the narthex, and drop it into the collection basket or at the office. **Donations will be accepted until Palm Sunday, March 25th**.

K of C - 40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS

Inspired by Christs' fasting in the desert for 40 days, the 40 Cans for 40 Days helps us to connect with the three pillars of Lent; Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Please join the Knights of Columbus in supporting the 40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent by dropping off non-perishable food items or purchasing store cards for perishable items. Your hampers of food can be left at the Knights Table. Thank you and God Bless!

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

All are invited to join Bishop McGrattan and the Sisters of Divine Mercy for a beautiful grace-filled celebration of the **Feast of The Divine Mercy, April 8th**, beginning at 2:30 pm with Eucharistic Adoration, confession, live inspirational music, and more at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (10827 - 24 Street SW, Calgary). Contact the Parish office at 403-251-3381.

Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary
Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for March 25, 2018
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

TRIDUUM & EASTER 2018 SCHEDULE – Celebrate the greatest Mystery of Faith! Check out the Parish Schedule for Tridium & Easter Celebrations throughout the Diocese of Calgary at http://NEWS.calgarydiocese.ca

ORDINATION – Bishop William T. McGrattan is pleased to announce that he has called Rev. Mr. Derek Remus to be ordained to the priesthood on Fri, 29 Jun. at 7:00pm in St. Mary's Cathedral. We give thanks to God for the gift of Deacon Derek's call to the priesthood, and we invite and encourage the faithful of the diocese to come and join in the celebration of the conferral of Holy Orders in June.

OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS, MARCH 30 – Dress warmly and walk this Good Friday through downtown streets in remembrance of Our Lord's Passion. Please meet on the steps of St Mary's Cathedral for a 9am start.
Registered volunteers please check in between 7:15 and 7:30 am (remember your ID badges).

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT – Live from Ottawa April 27-28, this webcast will be streamed to sites across North America including Calgary at St. Mary's University, 14500 Bannister Rd. SE. Speakers include George Weigel, Curtis Martin, Michael Dopp, Sr. Ann Shields, and Patrick Madrid. For tickets and information contact Eden: eden.dsouza@calgarydiocese.ca; 403-461-2748 or visit newevangelization.ca (make sure you select the Calgary location).

PERMANENT DIACONATE – Are you called to serve? The Calgary Diocese is looking for men of prayer and charity who are prepared to enter formation to serve the Church in ordained ministry as permanent deacons. You must be Roman Catholic, married or single, at least 35 years of age, have a minimum Gr. 12 education, and be of sound moral character and mature faith. During four years of human, spiritual, theological, and pastoral formation, the aspirant will prepare for the threefold ministries of charity, Word, and sacrament that are the call of the Deacon. For information visit www.calgarydiocese.ca and search for "Permanent Diaconate" or contact Deacon John Walsh (john.walsh@calgarydiocese.ca). Spouses encouraged to attend. Preliminary applications will be accepted at the following presentations:
Saturday, April 7: St. Albert the Great Parish, 10 Prestwick Drive SE Calgary. Mass at 8:30 am, Presentation from 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Saturday, April 14: St. Basil's Parish, 604 13 Street N, Lethbridge. Presentation from 1 pm to 3 pm. For further information contact: john.walsh@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. Upcoming Dates: Apr 23/May 11-12, May 28/June 15-16 and June 4/June 22-23. For more dates, registration or information, contact 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca

YOUTH RALLY 2018 – The Youth Office invites all youth ages 12 - 18 to participate in this year's Youth Rally on April 21 in Catholic Central High School East, Lethbridge. Come and join Michael Chiasson, *Nun and Nunner*, and Fr. Cristino Bouvette for a day filled with music, awesome talks and great fun. To register go to www.theyellowtree.ca or ask your youth group coordinator or pastor. Contact: Harriett at 403-218-5507; harriett.cariaga@calgarydiocese.ca

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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL – The Calgary Council of Christians and Jews (CCCJ) and St. Peter's Anglican Church are co-sponsoring a Holocaust Memorial Service on Sunday, April 15 at 7:00 pm. Marnie Bondar will recount the story of her Grandmother's survival during the Holocaust, illustrated with slides. Freda Plucer, now over 90, will attend. Everyone is welcome to join us as we stand together in solidarity with victims of hate and violence, and pray for God's peace and hope throughout the world. Location: St. Peter's Anglican Church, 903 75 Ave. SW, Calgary. Contact: 403-218-5500 or email: caroline.silveira@calgarydiocese.ca

PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR INVITATION – Be inspired to make a difference. Learn how to maximize your legacy for family and charity in your will. Join our Planned Giving Seminar at the Catholic Pastoral Centre 120 - 17 Ave SW on Thur., Apr. 5. Registration 1:45pm, presentation at 2-3:30pm. Limited seating and registration required. To register: Doreen 403-218-5522 or charities@calgarydiocese.ca

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PROJECT RACHEL POST ABORTION COUNSELLING – The ministry offers a journey of healing and reconciliation for women and men who are suffering from a past abortion experience. Clients will be referred to a professional counselor who specializes in dealing with the trauma associated with this grief. Call Project Rachel at 403-218-5506 or 1-877-597-3223 or info@projectrachelsa.ca

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PARTNERSHIP KICK-OFF – Imagine being a young parent struggling to put a safe roof over your child's head, to make ends meet, and at times, having to decide between groceries or rent. Bishop McGrattan and the Calgary Diocese along with other faith communities have partnered with Habitat for Humanity to assist families with affordable attainable homes so they and their children can be safe and grow strong and healthy. Please join us as we kick off this special project on April 19th and be a part of making a difference. Admission is by donation. Check www.habitatsouthernab.ca/interfaithbuild or contact the diocese at charities@calgarydiocese.ca or 403-218-5522.

CCIS REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP WORKSHOPS – Preparing for Month 13. 9:30am-12 Noon / and Group of 5 and Community Sponsorship. 1:30pm - 4:00pm, April 11: at the FCJ Christian Life Centre, 219-19 Ave SW. Learn how private groups and businesses can qualify to sponsor refugees and steps to prepare families for independence after the year of sponsorship. Please register by April 6 with Antoinette at agodbout@ccisab.ca or call 403-290-5750.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIOCESE OF CALGARY – There are employment opportunities available at the Diocese. For more information see the Diocesan website at www.calgarydiocese.ca under Careers.

NEWS.*CALGARYDIOCESE.CA* – Find out what's happening in the Diocese of Calgary at http://NEWS.calgarydiocese.ca – your news hub for events & announcements around the Diocese. For more about this publication: communications@calgarydiocese.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 13-15: LIVE-IN AND GET TO KNOW JESUS! A Live-In is a weekend retreat to grow in faith with Jesus. Our next retreat is April 13-15, 2018 near Okotoks. It starts Friday evening and ends late Sunday afternoon. Have you attended your own Live-In? Come be the hands and feet of Jesus to others and serve. Please contact any of the following: Keith or Stacey Audley 403-226-1120, Doris Goranson 403-274-6099, Judy Bober, 403-274-2700 or email calgarylivein@telus.net for more information or to register.

APRIL 21: **MOM'S RETREAT DAY AT DIVINE MERCY CENTRE** Mom's Retreat Day will take place on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 10:30am to 4:00pm at the Divine Mercy Centre, Calgary. For more information contact 587-583-7545 or email: m.paula.g@outlook.com

MAY 26-27: ACCESSORIES GALORE FUNDRAISER All are welcome to attend the St. Pius X CWL "Previously Cherished" Jewellery and Accessories Sale at St. Pius X Parish (2424 - 24 Ave. NW) on May 26th 10 am to 3 pm & May 27th after the 9 and 11 am Masses.

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.**

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR MARCH 2018: Evangelization – Formation in Spiritual Discernment. That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

MOUNT ST. FRANCIS RETREATS:
41160 Retreat Road Cochrane, AB

LET'S TRANSFORM OUR FAITH INTO ACTIVITY - April 6, 2018
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
To register contact Deb at mtfrancis@shaw.ca or (403)932-2012

WOMEN'S EVENING - Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Touching the Sacred In our Lives. Please register in advance and let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.
Cindy MacKenzie—cindymackenzie@telus.net—403-585-0400 or
The twilight retreat begins with registration at 6:00pm; followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. Suggested contribution is $30.00.

A DAY AWAY - April 17, 2018
Enjoy a silent day away in the beautiful setting of Mount St. Francis Retreat (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) Praying through the things of the earth. Please call or email ahead to register. Come after 8:30 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

POSTULANCY EVENING - April 18, 2018
Evening Prayer and a short talk from the Postulants, 5:15 pm start. RSVP 403-932-2012 or mtfancis@shaw.ca Supper (donation is appreciated).

MEN'S SERENITY WEEKEND - April 6-8, 2018
To register contact: Trent F. at 403-803-1444 or trent.foley@contractpro.ca

MARRIED COUPLES WEEKEND - April 20-22, 2018
To register contact: Paul & Michele Grover 403-808-8275 changrover@shaw.ca

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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.