ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

"Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ"

John 20:19-23 - "Receive the Holy Spirit"

Just as Jesus was anointed with the Spirit at the beginning of his ministry, so the disciples needed the anointing of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them by Jesus. The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Jesus Christ to enable us to live a new way of life - a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God (Romans 5:7), and he gives us the strength and courage we need in order to live as faith-filled disciples of the Lord Jesus. The Spirit helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26), and enables us to grow in spiritual freedom - freedom from doubt, fear, and from slavery to our unruly desires (2 Corinthians 3:17; Romans 8:21). The Spirit instructs us in the ways of God, and guides us in living according to God's will. The Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. Isaiah foretold the seven-fold gifts that the Spirit would give: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2). The Lord Jesus offers each one of us the gift and power of his Holy Spirit. He wants to make our faith strong, give us hope that endures, and a love that never grows cold. He never refuses to give his Spirit to those who ask with expectant faith. Jesus instructed his disciples to ask confidently for the gift of the Spirit: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13). Do you thirst for God and for the abundant life he offers through the gift of his Spirit?

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MASS INTENTIONS:

June 3rd – June 9th, 2017

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Sat	June 3	5:00pm	**Sixto Balanquit (+)**
Sat	June 3	7:00pm	**Serafina Pioquinto (+)**
Sun	June 4	8:30am	**Francisco Sevilla (+)**
Sun	June 4	10:30am	**Ethel Gonsalves (+)**
Sun	June 4	12:30pm	**Michael Shah (+)**
Sun	June 4	5:00pm	**Joseph McCullagh (+)**
Mon	June 5	9:00am	**SI of Mikaela Lacsamana**
Tue	June 6	9:00am	**Scott Allan (+)**
Wed	June 7	9:00am	**Leopoldo Nones (+)**
Wed	June 7	6:30pm	**Sid Hayles (+)**
Thur	June 8	9:00am	**Flora Rita French (+)**
Fri	June 9	9:00am	**Scott Allan (+)**

MASS SCHEDULE

Our renovations have started and our Mass schedule has been updated.
Weekday Masses – Monday to Friday at 9:00 am
Evening Mass – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (6:20 pm Perpetual Help Novena)
Adoration – Fridays 9:30-10:00 am (1st Friday to 10:30 am)

Tuesday and Thursday evening Masses and Saturday morning Masses are suspended until renovations are completed. Please keep our renovations in your prayers.

PARISH STAFF:

- ***Pastor:*** Fr. Avinash Colaco
- ***Associate Pastors:***
  Fr. Pilmaiken Lezano
  Fr. Eleuterio Gubiana
- ***Deacon:*** Deacon Dante Muzzo
- ***Secretary:*** Nancy Mitchell
- ***Youth Coordinator/Sacraments:***
  Vicki Hayles
- ***Bookkeeper:*** Nora Alzamora Torres
- ***Custodian:*** Jose Gil
- **Evening Staff:**
  Michael Pires, David Cadegan & Keagan Vaz
- ***Data Entry/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 parents Catholic Baptism Certificate.

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: Completed for 2017.

First Reconciliation: Registration in the fall.

Confirmation: Completed for 2017.

Marriage: By appointment, 6 months in advance

Marriage Preparation Class: Upcoming Dates: June 9/10 **OR** Sept. 22/23. To register for one of these 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

The TIA appeal is the primary source of funding for many important diocesan programs and services throughout our region. No matter how much we would all like someone else to take care of all of the world's challenges, it is ultimately up to each of us to stand up and say, "I know I can make a difference – no matter how small – and I commit to making that difference." It would take an incomprehensible amount of tax dollars to even come close to delivering the effective and efficient programs that not for profit organizations can deliver. **Ascension's 2017 target is $62,735.00**. **To date we have raised $13,256.00**. Donation envelopes are in the pews. Please give generously. Thank you for your support.

*** Our Financial Reports are based on QuickBooks**

May 2017 Financials

General Collections	From 07-31 May 2017	Y-T-D Actuals
General Collections	43,842	280,109
Operating Cost	36,785	285,802
Over/ (Under)		(5,693)
Mortgage Collections		
Mortgage Collections	13,959	91,511
Mortgage Payment	14,438	101,067
Over/ (Under)		(9,555)
Together in Action		
Collections	1,210	13,256
2017 Target		62,735
Remaining towards Goal		(49,479)
Renovation		
Collection	27,136	213,600

ASCENSION PARISH SUMMER HOURS

Office Hours: Summer hours **begin Monday, June 26th**. The office will be open 9:30 am to 1:30 pm Monday to Friday with Ministry meetings scheduled on Wednesday evenings only from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm. The Church will open at 8:15 am for 9:00 am daily Mass. Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, September 5th.

Mass Times: All Mass times will remain the same over the summer.

Statutory Holidays: The office will be closed July 3rd, August 7th and September 4th with Mass still being celebrated at 9:00 am.

Summer Donations: If you will be away for vacation this summer, please consider post-dated cheques for the weekly collections or signing up for pre-authorized monthly donations to continue your support of the Parish.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Next weekend is Share Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. In May, you supported 35 families with food hampers and $3,200 in rent and utilities. The volunteers who take the requests and deliver the hampers would assure you that 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.

WALK FOR ONE ROCK

Our Pastor continues to walk for another great cause! On **June 9th** he will walk from Rockyford to Strathmore in support of the festival of faith "One Rock" where young adults can find **the way** through Jesus. If you would like to join in pilgrimage, prayer, song and companionship as we journey together, please call 403-218-5548 or email info@onerock.ca. Pledge forms for our Pastor can be found on the Knights table in the narthex.

SANDWICH FOUNDATION

The Sandwich Foundation works with schools, clubs, Churches and companies to make and pack sandwiches with a non-perishable snack, that are sent to the Calgary Drop In & Rehabilitation Center for the homeless. Please help the sandwich foundation by following the link below and voting for us to help get our grant. Your help is truly appreciated. You can vote from your devices and computers. http://fieldlawcommunityfund.com/ideas/delivering-nutritious-lunches-to-the-working-homeless-of-calgary/

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Parish (640 - 19 Avenue NW) on **Wednesday, June 21st** from 7:00-8:00 pm. All are welcome.

MUSTARD SEED – SHOES NEEDED

The Mustard Seed serves thousands of guests, each fighting unique emotional, physical and mental battles. They would very much appreciate our donations of comfortable, gently used walking shoes, sneakers, and work boots for our fellow men and women living in poverty and homelessness. I guarantee you will make someone very, very happy! Donations can be dropped off at the Downtown Support Centre 102 11 Ave SE (7:00 am to 7:00 pm) or at the Foothills Shelter 7025 44 St. SE (9:00 am to 9:00 pm).

Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary
Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for June 4th, 2017.
Pentecost Sunday

CONSECRATION OF CANADA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – As part of the celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of Confederation the Bishops of Canada will be consecrating our country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Bishop McGrattan will consecrate the Diocese of Calgary on 1 July, 2017. All are invited to St. Mary's Cathedral at 10am for a service of Adoration, Scripture, rosary, and the consecration followed by a BBQ. The regular daily Mass at St. Mary's remains at 9 am followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information contact the parish office at 403-228-4170.

ONE ROCK FESTIVAL – The Festival welcomes visitors from throughout Western Canada this August 11 to 13. You are invited to become one of the nearly 300 volunteer Team Members needed to bring the festival to life. Please visit www.onerock.ca to sign up or learn more! Contact: Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@calgarydiocese.ca. Early bird pricing is on now. Tickets and more information on this year's headliners are available at: www.onerock.ca

WALK FOR ONE ROCK – Please come and join the Walk for One Rock on Friday June 9th from Rockyford to Strathmore. Gather your friends, your family and your backpack for a day of friendship and comradery. Join the priests and religious of our Diocese and enjoy the Alberta countryside and blue skies as we walk to raise funds and awareness for the One Rock Festival of Faith. You're welcome to walk the whole way, or choose to walk 2km, 5km or 10km. Check out www.onerock.ca for more details and to register.

27TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S GOLF TOURNAMENT – Golf with us! August 14, 2017 – 27th Annual Bishop's Golf Tournament in support of Feed the Hungry at Silvertip Resort, Canmore. More information at golf.feedthehungrycalgary.ca or contact feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca or call 403-218-5522.

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: June 5/23-24, July 10/28-29. 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 program will teach you the skills needed to offer your presence and support to the bereaved in a caring way. The program will be held on Friday June 9th, 2017 from 6:00-9:30 pm & Saturday June 10th, 2017 from 9:00am-4:00pm at St. Patrick's Parish, Medicine Hat. For more information and to register contact Kathleen at 403-527-9591 or the parish office 403-527-6933.

PRESENTATION ON ALBERTA RENEWABLE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS – We will be celebrating the 2nd anniversary of the release of Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si" on June 18th. As part of our continued efforts to care for our common home and answer our Holy Father's challenge to be engaged citizens as we respond to his call, we will have representatives from the Alberta Climate Change office present on the Climate Leadership Plan and program incentives available for residences and small businesses. The presentation will be held at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 120 17 Avenue SW on June 7 at 10:00am. Contact Marilou at 403-218-5519 to register or if you would like more information.

SENIOR'S WEEK IN CALGARY, JUNE 5-11, 2017 – The City of Calgary is celebrating seniors and acknowledging their contribution. Check through the many excellent activities and programs being offered in the Recreation Program Guide by visiting Calgary.ca/seniorsweek or call 311.

PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR INVITATION – You are invited to learn how to maximize your family's net worth. Join our upcoming Planting a Future Seminar at the Catholic Pastoral Centre 120 - 17 Ave SW Wednesday June 14 – Registration 9:30am, Presentation 10:00am - 11:30am. Limited seating; registration required. Contact Doreen 403-218-5522 or charities@calgarydiocese.ca to register.

LOVE & LIFE GALA – NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) MINISTRY – The Love & Life Gala is a celebration of NFP ministry, it will be held on June 10, 2017 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 541 Silvergrove Drive NW, Calgary. Mass begins at 5:00 pm, June 10. Guests will be treated to a dinner, testimonials, and live music provided by The Spokeshaves. There will be a toonie bar and silent auction. All proceeds raised will support NFP ministry. Event is hosted by NFP Alberta, Marquette Model, Billings Method with support from FertilityCare™. Tickets are available at www.billingslife.ca.

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, 2017. More information & registration at https://wclcanada.wordpress.com/

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S INTERFAITH BUILD - ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL – The Habitat Interfaith Build Project has raised about 30% of its goal to build community homes for 12 local, hard-working families. High school students from St. Mary's will be participating on a Build day on June 10th. We can help their efforts by going to the website to sponsor the students. (https://fundraise.habitatsouthernab.ca/fundraise/team?ftid=110982). Call Marilou at 403-218-5519.

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING EVENT – Are you looking for a good Catholic man or woman? Register for the year end retreat which will be held on Saturday, June 17th, 11:00 am - 5:30 pm at Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre in Cochrane. Age Range: (Women: 24 to 32 & Men: 27 to 35) and (Women: 33 to 41 & Men: 36 to 44). Events include Mass, lunch, talks, mix and mingle speed-dating and evening prayer. Visit www.CatholicSpeedDating.ca or call Rose at 587-333-1099 to register.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – MUSIC DIRECTOR – Holy Spirit Parish located in SW Calgary invites applications for a Music Director for Sunday Masses at 9:00am & 11:00am. If you are interested in leading and being part of a vibrant music ministry please apply. 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 opportunity will be posted until the competition closes on June 15, 2017.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY- YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR (FULL TIME) – All Saints Roman Catholic Parish and St. Martha's Parish, Lethbridge, AB – All Saints Roman Catholic Parish and St. Martha's Parish located in Lethbridge, AB invites applications for a Catholic Youth Ministry Coordinator to provide accuracy and attention to detail. Please forward your application and resume along with 2 references to pastorallsaints@shaw.ca or padresalvador@stmarthasparish.ca. 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 June 15, 2017.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 13: ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY STAMPEDE BREAKFAST Stop by the St. Mary's University campus on Thurs, July 13, 9:00-11:00am to help us celebrate the Calgary Stampede at our annual breakfast open to the community! Join us for good food, live music, kid's activities and fun for the whole family. We hope to see you there!

JULY 7: MUSTARD SEED STAMPEDE BBQ - You and your family and friends are invited to our annual Stampede BBQ on July 7th from 11am – 2 pm! Join us immediately after the parade for free beef on a bun, live music, and family-friendly entertainment and activities (including face painting). This event is our way of saying thank you to the incredible community that continues to support us and to celebrate the longstanding tradition of the Calgary Stampede.

AUGUST 25: **ST. MARY'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** - St. Mary's University is excited to host our annual golf tournament at the majestic Silvertip Resort in Canmore, Alberta on Friday, August 25th. Enjoy a hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf, contests, prizes, silent auction, and a delicious buffet dinner with carved Alberta beef. Once again, we are lucky to have Lisa Longball, Canadian Women's Long Drive Champion, attending to coach a Driving Range Clinic where each golfer will learn some tricks, tips and techniques. Register online at stmu.ca/golf before July 14th to get the early bird rate!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STORE CARDS Please participate routinely in the store card program to help support Parish ministries and the needy.

SEPTEMBER 8-10: A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES – The Retrouvaille program called "Help Our Marriage" can help married couples who want to strengthen a good marriage or those experiencing difficult times! This program has even helped separated and divorced couples seeking reconciliation! The fall program begins September 8-10. For information about registering access their website at www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com or call 403-879-7893 if you have further questions.

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

WEEKEND RETREATS: "Encountering Mercy" Retreat begins with supper Friday at 7pm and ends with lunch on Sunday.

Men's Weekend: June 9-11 - To register contact: Tony Weyers at 403-934-3992 or email: gailweyers@hotmail.com

Women's Weekend: August 11-13 - To register contact: Ann Ivan at 403-227-4695 or **annivan40@gmail.com**

Women's Weekend: September 8-10 - To register contact: Audrey at 403-342-2801 or audrey01@shaw.ca

SUMMER WEEK-LONG RETREATS: For Men and Women

June 19-25: Preached Retreat **"Keeping an Open Mind about God".** Presented by: Fr. Bob Mitchell, OFM. Cost $600.00.

July 30 – August 6: 2017. Directed Retreat **"All Praise be Yours"**. Spiritual Directors: Retreat Team. Cost $650.00

Retreats begin with Supper at 6:30. To register call: 403-932-2012 or Email: mtfrancis@shaw.ca Booking deposit of $50.00 is required.

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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.