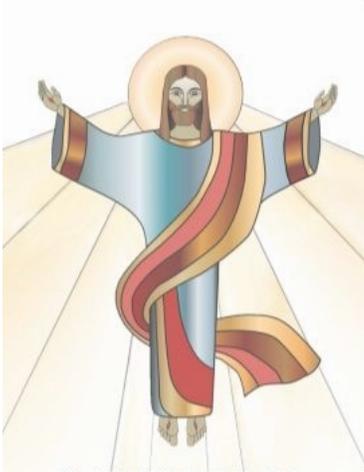


# ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT - November 27 & 28, 2021



Sharing the Spirit  
Together in Christ



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Ascension Catholic Parish is a community of disciples of Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord, guided on our journey by the Holy Spirit to further the Kingdom of God, through committed *Worship, Catechesis, Fellowship and Service.*

## MASS TIMES

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Saturday: 9:00am

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm & 7:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am;

12:00pm & 4:00pm

### LIVE STREAM MASS

Sunday: 10:00am

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Avinash Colaco

Associate: Fr. Naveed Arif

Vicar: Fr. Adrian Martens

Deacon: Patrick Woo

Seminarian: Ian Mahood

Admin Assist: Jenn Pashula

Sacraments : Linda Hengen

Bookkeeper: Nora Alzamora

Resource: Connie Raz

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

9:30am - 4:00pm

Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

## RORATE MASS

*A Votive Mass in honour of the Virgin Mary for the season of Advent*

December 11, 2021

6:45am - Angelus

7:00am - Mass



## PARISH

## ADVENT MISSION

December 14, 2021

Mass - 6:30pm

Talk - 7:00pm

Presenter - Ian Mahood

Penitential Service - 7:40pm

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### *Fulfilling the Promise*

This is the beginning of Advent. We know Jesus came once and so we believe He will come again to bring the Reign and Kingdom of God to completion. We are now in between those two comings. How are we to live? Not dismayed or anxious. No, we are to be vigilant and strong, ever hopeful, full of right action, justice, and mercy. We stand upright because God does not abandon us.

*What dismays me about life today?*

*What do I do to spend time with God?*

*What right actions, what works of justice and mercy will I do?*

*(Source: Diocese of Springfield— edited version)*

## CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - Saturday:

8:15am - 8:40am

Saturdays: 4:00pm - 4:40pm

Sundays: 7:00am - 7:40am

*Or by appointment*

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office at  
403.275.2240.

When prompted,  
Press 2 for Fr. Avinash,  
Press 3 for Fr. Naveed.

## FLOCKNOTE

Keep in touch with us via email and text message! Text ACPYYC to 514.900.0130 or connect with us online at [ascensioncatholicparish.flocknote.com](http://ascensioncatholicparish.flocknote.com)  
**Sign up to get updates on Christmas and New Year's Mass times!**

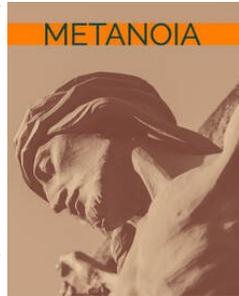
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## YOUTH GROUP

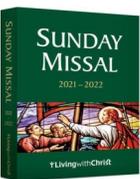
**Metanoia** is a youth group at our Parish geared towards students in grade 9-12. The group meets every two weeks on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm to 8pm. The focus is to grow in our love for Jesus Christ. Our next meeting is December 9<sup>th</sup> in the Parish hall. If you have any questions, please contact Ian Mahood at [youth@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:youth@ascensionparish.ca).



## CHOIR

Are you a singer or accompanist? Do you want to use your talent for the worship and glory of God? If so, please check out our cantor program. Cantors are individuals who sing on behalf of the congregation at Mass. For more information, please contact Ian Mahood at [youth@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:youth@ascensionparish.ca).

## SUNDAY MISSALS



Sunday Missals are available for sale this weekend in the Narthex. The cost is \$5 each.

They will also be available weekdays during office hours.

## ONLINE AUCTION

The 2nd Annual Online Auction will be taking place from April 29 – May 14, 2022. Proceeds from this auction will go towards our Building Fund. Stay tuned for further details and donation opportunities.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Store Card Program** - To purchase store cards contact Philip Fitzgerald, Grand Knight, at 403.827.3110 or email: [kofcascension@gmail.com](mailto:kofcascension@gmail.com)



**Charities Appeal 50/50 Raffle** - Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets in support of the previous raffles. Raffle Three is underway and the draw will be on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Here is the unique and shareable link to purchase tickets:

<https://click.pstmrk.it/2s/rafflebox.ca%2Faffle%2Fkocab%2F107/9LAFISYN/lydV/PldQ-ubt-g>

Please select "In support of Ascension 10065" to ensure the proceeds go to our SVDP.

## SACRAMENTS

### Youth Sacrament Programs

We thank all of our families who are participating in the preparation of their children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Sacraments for Teens and Confirmation. They are awake in the Spirit to strengthen their hearts in receiving Jesus and to live our faith.

The **Sacraments for Teens** program has begun with 18 students immersing themselves into an in-depth study of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. They are preparing to receive some or all of the Sacraments of Baptism to Confirmation.

Our **Reconciliation** candidates have completed their third session and are in the final preparation to receive the Sacrament in February 2022. We have had a tremendous response, with 164 children and their parents participating in both the sessions and continued learning at home.

**Confirmation** classes will begin on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> with an information evening for both the candidates and their parents. The sessions will begin in January and registration is still open for all students grade six or higher who have been Baptized and have received their First Holy Communion.

*Pope Francis encourages us to arise in our faith, to Arise and return to a life centered around Christ, to not live in fear but to live in kindness and belief, to Arise to a life of prayer and a return to the reception at the altar. Let's all arise this Advent!*

**Baptism for Infants:** Baptisms are celebrated on Wednesday to Saturday at 10am. Please call Linda at 403.275.2240 ext 6 or email [baptism@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:baptism@ascensionparish.ca) to register.

**Baptism Preparation Class:** Preparation classes take place on the **1st Saturday** of each month at 10:00am. Baptism celebration will be booked after you attend the class. Please call Linda at 403.275.2240 ext 6 or email [baptism@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:baptism@ascensionparish.ca) to register.

**Marriage:** By appointment, 6 months in advance. Please contact the office.

**Marriage Preparation:** 3rd Saturday of every month. Please contact the office for more information.

### RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

For more information contact the Church office.

**STAFF SPOTLIGHT**



Hello, I am Linda Hengen, the Co-ordinator for the Sacraments at Ascension Catholic Parish. My favorite part is to work alongside families as they prepare to receive the Sacraments. It is beautiful to see the light of Christ shine through the people when they receive their Sacraments. I have

been at Ascension for three months but have worked at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Holy Name Parish in Calgary, St. Andrews in Victoria and St. Elizabeth Seton in Anchorage Alaska. In my travels, my favourite place is Santorini, Greece. Life there is not rushed, and the locals take time to embrace the joys of each day. I enjoy gardening and reading, love the arts and music of all kinds (except perhaps, rap) and spending time enjoying a meal with friends and family. My favourite quote is from Henry David Thoreau, “If man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.” To me this quote has the promise of a kinder, gentler world where we live peacefully together as God’s children.

Blessings!!

**BUILDING FUND**

With the approach of Advent, our thoughts turn to the gift of Christ in our lives. While nothing can compare to His gift to us, we often include special gifts for our loved ones in our celebration of Christmas. During Advent, we are inviting parishioners to consider supporting our Donor Wall.

The Donor Wall was constructed in the fall of 2019. It is our largest fundraising initiative and key to our future financial success. All donations go directly to paying down our renovation mortgage. It is a permanent monument in our Narthex and consists of 506 blocks ranging in size and donation amounts from \$2,500 to \$100,000. The plaque can reflect the donor’s name, family name, memorial to a loved one, a business name, or it can be anonymous. Tax receipts are available for all donation amounts.

A Donor Wall contribution recognizes that we are blessed with financial gifts in our lives. It is a way to show that we are choosing to share these blessings with the Lord for the spiritual benefit of all parishioners. Parishioners are creating a lasting legacy for their family or business by purchasing a Donor Wall plaque. When completed, it will be a beautiful golden cross with a silver background.

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

PAD donors will be able to pick up a supply of donor cards for use in 2022 donations made via collection basket envelopes. To request a supply for your use, please email your name and donor number (if you know it) to [Office@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:Office@ascensionparish.ca).

We will ensure your 2022 supply is ready for pickup in December.

**GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**

- ◆ Pre-Authorized Donations (PAD)
- ◆ Online donations
- ◆ Weekly envelopes
- ◆ E-transfer
- ◆ Donor wall
- ◆ Publicly traded securities

<b>PARISH FINANCES</b>		
<b>Gifts to the Parish</b>		
<b>Year 2021</b>	<b>Week : 46</b>	
<b>Offerings for the Week:</b>	<b>13-Nov-21 to</b>	<b>19-Nov-21</b>
<b>General Collections</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Y-T-D</b>
General Collections	\$ 16,443	\$ 792,256
Operating Cost	\$ 12,076	\$ 466,993
Over/(Shortfall) YTD Op Cost	\$ 4,367	\$ 325,264
<b>Central Fund Loan</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Y-T-D</b>
Building Fund Collections	\$ 10,458	\$ 323,790
2019 Pledges	\$ 7,248	\$ 144,911
Donor Wall		\$ 162,500
Toonie		\$ 2,066
Weekly Loan Payment	\$ 8,687	\$ 399,584
Over/(Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	\$ 9,019	\$ 233,683
<b>Diocesan Annual Campaign:</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Y-T-D</b>
<b>Together in Action</b>		
Collections	\$ 1,578	\$ 42,342
2021 Target		\$ 35,244
<b>Thank you! We reached our goal for this year.</b>		
<b>Collections in our Diocese</b>		
<b>National Collections:</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Y-T-D</b>
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land	\$ -	\$ 2,270
Pope’s Pastoral Works	\$ -	\$ 210
World Mission Sunday	\$ 12	\$ 4,660
<b>Second Collections:</b>		
Good Shepherd Sunday	\$ -	\$ 552
Catholic Education Sunday	\$ 77	\$ 3,877
<b>Approved Collections:</b>		
Mission Mexico	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Other (Optional):</b>		
Holy Childhood	\$ -	\$ 500
Disaster Relief	\$ -	\$ -

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In the Diocese of Calgary, you will be able to participate in the Synod through your involvement in parish committees or groups, lay associations, religious communities, Catholic schools, or online.



Volunteers are the heart of our Parish! We are grateful for the support and time that they dedicate to assisting us in so many different ways.

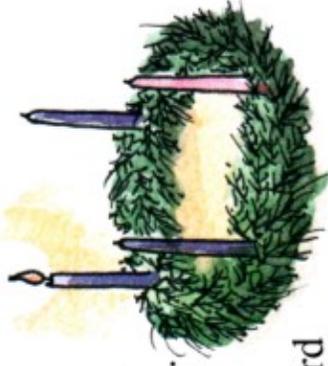
We are always in need of help. Please take some time to check out the Ministry contact list to see the different ways you can get involved. Feel free to reach out to the leaders listed to ask them more information. You're also welcome to give us a call at the office and we'd be happy to assist in guiding you toward the opportunity that would suit you best based on your availability and interests. Get involved today!

AS EACH HAS RECEIVED A  
**gift**  
USE IT TO  
**serve**  
ONE ANOTHER,  
AS GOOD  
**stewards**  
OF GOD'S  
VARIED GRACE:  
1 PETER 4:10

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# Advent is Here!



Today is the beginning of Advent, the time when we prepare for Christmas.

The word "advent" comes from the Latin word that means "coming". In Advent we are preparing for Jesus' coming. We look forward to Christmas, which is the celebration of His first coming and we also look forward to His second coming.



Did you know that the most important thing to have ready for Christmas is a clean soul?



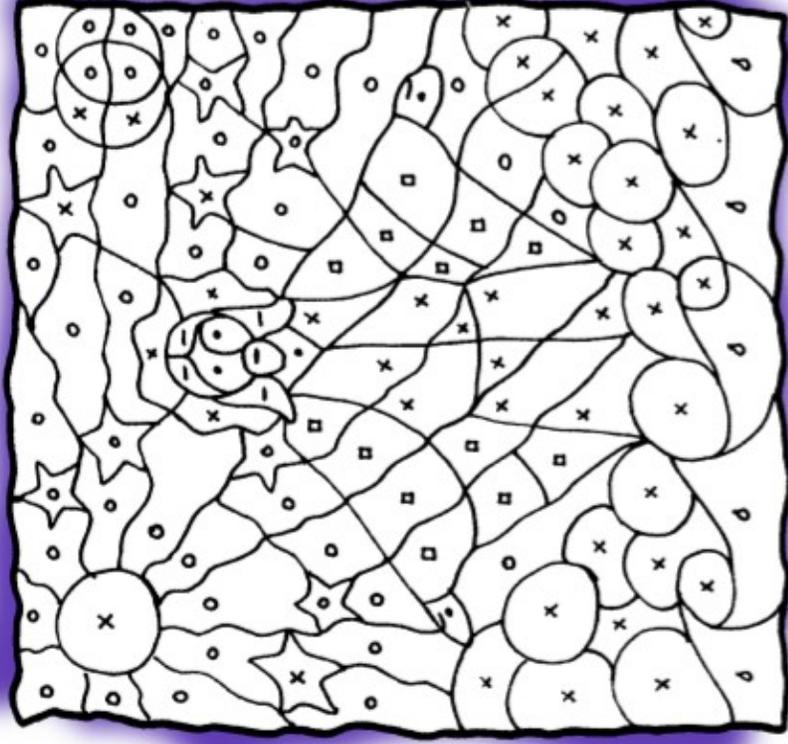
During Advent you can try extra hard to be good. It is also a very good idea to go to confession before Christmas so that your soul will be good and clean when Jesus comes!

Answer to Immaculate Conception Word Find: HAIL MARY

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# The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent  
November 28th, 2021



Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

In today's Gospel reading Jesus talks about what is going to happen when He comes back at the end of the world.

Use the code to colour in the picture!

- x white
- o blue
- skin colour
- o black
- red
- brown

# Saint Francis Xavier

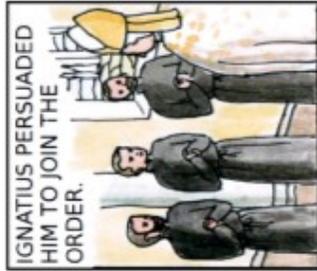
December 3



FRANCIS WAS BORN IN XAVIER CASTLE IN SPAIN IN 1506. HE HAD A HAPPY CHILDHOOD.



AT AGE 18 FRANCIS WENT TO UNIVERSITY IN PARIS. THERE HE MET ST. IGNATIUS, WHO WAS STARTING THE JESUIT ORDER. (We need missionaries!)



IGNATIUS PERSUADED HIM TO JOIN THE ORDER.



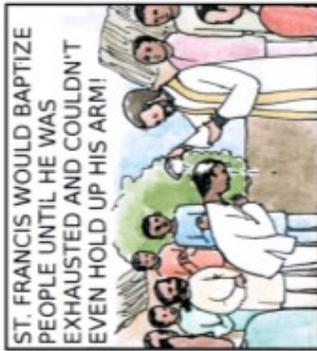
AFTER WORKING IN THE HOSPITALS, FRANCIS WAS SENT TO THE FAR EAST.



IN INDIA HE TAUGHT THE FAITH, ESPECIALLY TO THE CHILDREN.



God loved us so much...



ST. FRANCIS WOULD BAPTIZE PEOPLE UNTIL HE WAS EXHAUSTED AND COULDN'T EVEN HOLD UP HIS ARM!



HE ALSO WORKED IN JAPAN, BUT JUST AS HE WAS MAKING A TRIP TO CHINA HE FELL ILL. HE WAS TAKEN ONTO AN ISLAND AND DIED THERE AT AGE 46.

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER ONLY WORKED AS A MISSIONARY FOR TEN YEARS, BUT HE BROUGHT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO THE FAITH! HE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF MISSIONARIES. YOU CAN PRAY TO SAINT FRANCIS THAT GOD WILL HELP BRING MANY PEOPLE TO THE CHURCH WITH YOUR HELP TOO!

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# The Second Coming Word Puzzle

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Fill in the missing letters from today's first reading and copy them to finish the last line.

The days are coming (5), says he (14)  
 Lo d, (10) when I will fill (9) the  
 promise (6) I made to the house (2) of Israel  
 and Judah. In the e (13) days, in that time,  
 (3) I will raise up for a David (7) a just shoot; he  
 shall d (8) what is right and just (1) in the  
 and. (4) In those days Judah (11) shall be safe  
 and Jerusalem (12) shall dwell (17) secure;  
 the s (15) is what they shall all (16) her:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11 12 13 14 15 16 17

