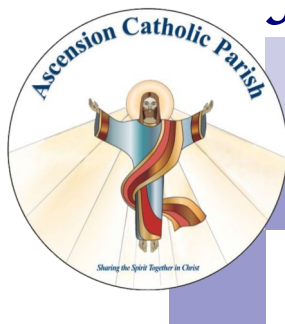


# First Sunday of Lent



## Ascension Catholic Parish

*Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ*

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### TOGETHER IN ACTION 2019



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#### Mass Times:

##### Weekday Masses:

Monday - Friday: 9 AM

Wednesday: 6:30 PM

*(Mother of Perpetual*

*Help Novena: 6:15 PM)*

##### Weekend Masses:

Saturday:

5:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Sunday:

8:30 AM, 10:30 AM,

12:30 PM & 5:00 PM

#### Reconciliation:

Tuesday - Friday:

8:30 AM - 8:55 AM

Wednesday Evening:

6:00 PM - 6:25 PM

Saturday:

4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Sunday:

8:00 AM - 8:55 AM

By Appointment

#### Adoration & Benediction:

Monday - Friday:

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

First Friday:

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

*(Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction)*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Together in Action (TIA) reflects the Church's preferential option for the poor and its missionary impulse. It embraces charity and justice, service and sacrifice so that our proclamation of the gospel is authentic and joyful.

As the blessed children in the family of God, it is inherent that we are the hands and feet of Christ here on earth. Therefore, let's care for the poor and those in need among us for the common good and dignity of every person.

I invite you to please give generously to this year's TIA Campaign.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

**Most Rev. William T. McGrattan**

**Bishop of Calgary**

### Your Gift's Impact

Your contribution and generosity make a real difference in the lives of thousands of people. Together in Action supports diocesan ministries and programs in the 68 parishes across southern Alberta. It funds grants for almost fifty local charities and national and international partners.

We know that whatever little we give God, he multiplies. Your giving impacts children, women and men in your community, province, country and around the world.

**Last year our Parish contributed \$61,355.00 to the TIA campaign. This year our TIA Parish Target is \$57,093.00. In the event that we exceed our target for our 2019 campaign, the surplus collected will be utilized for our building fund.**

### We have a duty to serve

Together in Action engages us in fulfilling what the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World refers to as our obligations of justice and love.

Through your prayers and generosity to your parish's campaign, you increase our impact on the common good of our local communities, our country and our world at large.

### Thank you for responding

Your gift is a source of mercy and love in the life and mission of the Church. **Donation packages are available in the pews and next to the bulletin pick-up.** Please give generously.

## Catechesis Corner

(For the week of March 9-15, 2019)

Obedience  
to God is an  
Expression  
of our Love  
for God.

Serve the Lord

Many of us are unaware of a great Christian work that in the early centuries of the Church was greatly respected by all. The book is "The Shepherd of Hermas" and was possibly written before some of the books of the New Testament. As we reflect on the theme of Lent, and how to fast, The Shepherd of Hermas had some very wise words that we should fast, but along with fasting we must: "...offer to God a fasting of the following kind: Do no evil in your life, and serve the Lord with a pure heart: keep His commandments, walking in His precepts, and let no evil desire arise in your heart; and believe in God. If

you do these things, and fear Him, and abstain from every evil thing, you will live unto God; and if you do these things, you will keep a great fast, and one acceptable before God," (The Shepherd of Hermas, Bk. III, Similitude (Parable) 5, Ch. 1.)

**Application:** Read through the Early Church Father, The Shepherd of Hermas as Lenten reading which was commended as good to be read by St. Eusebius and St. Irenæus: <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0201.htm>



As our new Sanctuary is not completed as we had expected, we will not have Mass or The Stations of the Cross on Fridays during this Lenten season. We encourage you to pray them at home or visit another Parish.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 40 Cans for 40 Days Lenten Food Drive

Inspired by Christ's 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. We encourage each family to prayerfully give up one daily pleasure and give one non-perishable food item per day for the 40 days of Lent. The 40 Cans for 40 Days is a real tangible way for families to live and practice their Catholic faith in a truly meaningful way.

Through your generous donations we hope to fill our St. Vincent de Paul Hamper Room! Store Cards can be purchased from the Knights Table so that families can purchase perishable items such as: Milk, Meat, Produce, Cheese, etc. Your store card donations can be placed in the SVDP envelopes for a tax receipt. Your hampers of food can be left at the Knights Table. A list of needed items can be picked up at the Knights Table. Thank you and God Bless!



All women from 16 years old, Catholic and non-Catholic, are welcome to join our meetings at the Parish on the 2nd Wednesday of each month after the 6:30 PM Mass. We hope to see you on March 13th. Contact us by emailing [cwl@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:cwl@ascensionparish.ca)

## Mass Intentions

March 9th - 15th, 2019

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Sat. & Sun	March 9 - 10	All Masses	Masses for Parishioners
Monday	March 11	9:00 AM	SI of Shanna Hedley
Tuesday	March 12	9:00 AM	Briel Pascual (+)
Wednesday	March 13	9:00 AM	SI of Edwin Gono Santosa
Wednesday	March 13	6:30 PM	Richard Secord Sr. (+)
Thursday	March 14	9:00 AM	Paul Le & Nghi Nguyen (+)
Friday	March 15	9:00 AM	SI of John Ling

## NEW SANCTUARY & NEW MASS TIMES ARE POSTPONED

Based on information we provided after all Masses last weekend, we cannot occupy the other side of the building until the permits are approved by the City of Calgary. We apologize for the inconvenience. We will keep our Mass schedule as is. Please watch our website, bulletin and Facebook page for further updates as they become available. We are SO close to being done. Please continue to pray for the successful completion of our renovation.

## Finance Report - at a glance...

Gifts to the Parish	March 2019	
	Week	9
<b>Offerings for the Week:</b>	26-Feb-19	4-Mar-19
	Last Week	YTD
<b><u>General Collections:</u></b>		
<b>Collections</b>	16,197	98,166
<b>Operating Cost</b>	14,300	128,700
<b>Over / (Shortfall) YTD Operating Cost</b>	1,897	(30,534)
<b><u>Central Fund Loan:</u></b>		
<b>Building Fund Collections</b>	16,187	114,104
<b>Weekly Loan Payment</b>	11,350	102,150
<b>Over / (Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment</b>	4,837	11,954
<b><u>Diocesan Annual Campaign:</u></b>		
<b>Together In Action</b>		
<b>2018 Collections</b>		47,347
<b>2019 Collections</b>	750	4,111
<b>2018 Target</b>		61,355
<b>Remaining towards 2018 Goal</b>		9,897
<b><u>Collections in our Diocese:</u></b>		
<b>Holy Childhood</b>	197	1,891

## Into the Desert

### A Lenten Study on Prayer



Our Lord teaches that prayer is a relationship and a vital necessity. And yet, many of us have difficulty committing to daily prayer. Follow Jesus into the desert this Lent and discover intimacy with God in this 6-week video-based study with daily meditations in the participants guide. Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of **Lectio Divina** to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. This series captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in His presence and resolving to live in and through His love.

<https://formed.org/study/5c50726b03610f150025e5b2>

Register with FORMED :

[www.ascensionparish.formed.org](http://www.ascensionparish.formed.org)

## Ascension Catholic Parish Pledges - New Program Launches March 16-17

The Capital Campaign Team is happy to announce the start of the new pledge program to support our renovation project. The current Commitment Card pledge program is ending after three successful years, but a new pledge program is required to meet the funding requirements of our new mortgage. If you are in the current program you may have recently received an email asking you to renew your pledge. Please simply respond to the email with your approval and your pledge will continue. The program will be rolled-out to the rest of the Parish starting on the weekend of March 16-17. Your support is needed more than ever.

## Parish Staff

- Pastor: **Fr. Avinash Colaco**
- Associates:  
**Fr. Rodel Abanto**  
**Fr. Adrian Martens**
- Secretary: **Nancy Mitchell**
- Receptionist: **Angelina Ling**
- Sacraments: **Monica Purnama**
- Baptisms: **Jenn Pashula**
- Youth: **Vicki Hayles**
- Bookkeeper: **Nora Alzamora Torres**
- Custodian: **Jose Gil**
- Evening Staff: **David Cadegan**
- Resource Coordinator: **Sharron Robinson (Volunteer Position)**
- Office Assist (**Volunteer Position**)

### Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Lunch: 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

## Sacraments

### Baptism for Infants:

Baptisms are celebrated on the **2nd, 3rd & 4th Saturdays** of each month at 10:00 AM (except during Lent). Please call Jenn at 403.275.2240 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 10:00 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):** Registration is closed. Please register your child in September, 2019.

**First Reconciliation (Gr. 2 & up):** Registration is closed. Please register your child in September, 2019.

**Confirmation (Gr. 6 & up):** Registration is closed. Please register your child in November, 2019.

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

**Marriage Preparation Class: 3rd Saturday of each month** (some exceptions apply). Registration fee is \$100 per couple and includes course materials, snacks and lunch. To register please email Ferdie: [marriageprepatascension@gmail.com](mailto:marriageprepatascension@gmail.com)

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

For more information contact the Church office.

**RCIA SPONSORS:** We are seeking sponsors to assist RCIA catechumens as they become familiar with the Christian way of life. Contact Rob at [robkehrig@gmail.com](mailto:robkehrig@gmail.com) for information.

**Anointing of the Sick & Dying: Call the Parish office at 403.275.2240**

Outside of the office hours, please call 403.275.2240.

When prompted, press 2 for Fr. Avinash, press 3 for Fr. Rodel, press 4 for Fr. Adrian (Thursdays & Fridays).

Please leave a detailed message. The priest will return your call.

## Ministry Contacts

### Sacraments

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