



**1ST DEGREE**  
**DEC 10 - ST. PAUL'S**  
**2nd/3rd DEGREE.**  
**JAN 11 / 17 -ST. CECILIA**



**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DEC 14, 2016 7:30PM**



Blood Donor Clinic

**DECEMBER 30**  
**4 VOLUNTEERS**  
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**OUR LADY OF LORETO**  
**10 DECEMBER**

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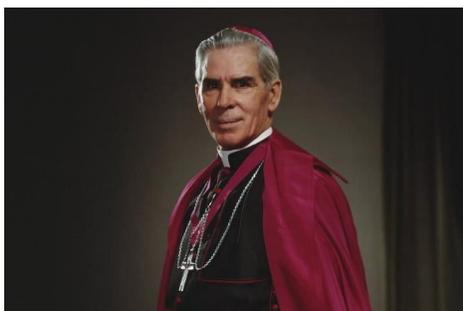
**[www.ascensionparish.ca](http://www.ascensionparish.ca)**



## OUR LADY OF LORETO

The title, Our Lady of Loreto, refers to the Holy House of Loreto, the house in which Mary was born, and where the Annunciation occurred. This title further refers to a beautiful and ancient statue of Our Lady which is found there, and revered still today. Church holy tradition tells us that the angels scooped up the humble home of Mary from the Holy Land, transporting it three times-- first to Tersato, Dalmatia in 1291, three years later to Reananti, and finally to Loreto, Italy where it has remained for centuries. The Holy House of Loreto is the first shrine of international renown dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and has been known as a Marian center for centuries. Popes have always held the Shrine of Loreto in special esteem, pronounced it's veracity as the dwelling of the Holy Virgin, and it falls under their direct authority and protection because of the "divine mysteries which took place there." Today, a Basilica has been built around the tiny house, and thousands flock to visit each year. Over the centuries, many Pontiffs have testified to the authenticity of the Holy House and the miracles that have been attributed to it and have granted numerous indulgences to those who visit it.

- [www.365rosaries.blogspot.ca](http://www.365rosaries.blogspot.ca)



### "Caring"

By: Bishop Sheen

Please click on the link below to watch a 20 minute  
 video

[https://youtu.be/\\_6V3OJ5Xgk4](https://youtu.be/_6V3OJ5Xgk4)

## Parish Fall Market



Thank you to all who helped support the Parish Fall Market. Over 30 Brother Knights from our Council assisted with set-up and tear down, food preparation and serving, as well as hosting a table for store card sales. The total store card sales at this one day event was \$5500.00.

***"Whenever anything disagreeable or displeasing happens to you, remember Christ crucified and be silent."***

***St. John of the Cross***

**Refund Support for Vocations RSVP**



RSVP is the primary program through which councils provide financial and moral support to men and women preparing for the priesthood or religious life. RSVP allows councils to “adopt” one or more seminarians

or postulants and provide them with financial assistance and moral support. Money provided by RSVP is used by seminarians and those in religious formation for tuition and books, car insurance and maintenance, travel during vacations, emergency expenditures and other living expenses. Ascension Council has pledged \$2000 to support a seminarian in the Calgary Diocese. The KofC Supreme will refund \$400 back to our Council. Ascension Council is currently looking at the possibility of sponsoring two Seminarians in Edmonton. It is hopeful that the sponsored a seminarians will be able to attend an upcoming Council Meeting.

**Christmas/Easter Mass Set-up**

The Parish has requested the assistance of Ascension Council at this year's Christmas Masses. Our Council is being asked to coordinate the set-up and cleanup of the gymnasium at Notre Dame High School. Details and timings for this important volunteer opportunity will be sent out via email.

**Substance Abuse Awareness Program**

Entries in the Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest must fall under one of these topics: Alcohol Awareness and Abuse & Drug Awareness and Abuse. Each poster must include a slogan reflecting either of the topics and an original visual image. Posters may only be entered under one topic. The Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is open to all young people between the ages of 8 and 14

**Coats for Kids**

Ascension Council donated \$1900 towards the KofC Coats for Kids program. This donation purchased 96 winter coats that were distributed to children in our parish community. GK Kevin Power is pictured presenting winter coats at St. Jerome and St.Bede Elementary Schools. Any coats that

**Ascension KofC Service Programs**

**Church**

- Keeping Christ in Christmas
- Support for Vocations RSVP
- Alter Servers' Appreciation
- Parish Gala Dinner

**Community**

- St. Dismas Prison Ministry
- Blue Mass
- Catholic Citizenship Essay
- Shrove Tuesday Breakfast

**Council**

- Blood Donor Clinic
- Wives' Appreciation
- Stampede BBQ
- Monte Carlo
- Rorate Mass
- Christmas/Easter Mass Setup

**Culture of Life**

- March For Life

**Family**

- Pumpkin Carving
- 40 Cans for Lent
- Ascension Summer BBQ
- Bishop's BBQ at Bowness Park

**Youth**

- Coats for kids
- Basketball Free Throw
- Substance Abuse Awareness
- Scholarship Program

are surplus to the requirements of our schools will be donated to inner-city children by request of the KofC Calgary Chapter.



## 2016 Memorial Mass



Our Knights of Columbus Honour Guard paraded in support of our deceased Brothers who were being remembered at the Ascension Parish Memorial Mass. GK Kevin Power and Br. Robert Pettigrew present rosaries to the widows of Br. Gary Woytas and Br. Lionel Montpetit. Pictured above are Sir Knights; Br. Al Stevens, Br. Sam Skogen, Fr. Avinash, Fr. Terry, Br. Brian Strawford, Br. Daryl MacDonald, and Br. Robert Pettigrew.

## **Parish News and Events - Br. Mark Holland**

The new Liturgical year began on the weekend of November 26-27. Ascension's new theme of the upcoming year is "Service." The last liturgical year came to an end with the Christ the King celebration on Nov. 19-20 and that closed our parish's theme of Fellowship. Our council contributed on numerous occasions to support the theme of fellowship. The new parish theme of Service will again fit very well with many of our council activities and objectives.

Ascension's Advent Mission is on Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1 and features Chris Bray, with engaging and dynamic music and talks. Each night begins with Confessions at 6:00 pm, Mass at 6:30 pm and the Mission Talk 7:00-8:15 pm. On the first night there will be fellowship from 8:15 to 9:00 pm. The three nights will cover Encountering Christ, Experiencing Christ and Living in Christ.

The Rorate Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7:00AM. Our council will again host breakfast after the early morning mass. The special mass is offered to Our Lady during Advent. We will honour the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrating the mass before dawn and by candlelight.

Ascension's Penitential Service for Christmas will be part of our Advent Mission on December 1st. The last night of the mission will end with our Advent Penitential Service starting at 7:30 pm.

Christmas Masses will once again be celebrated at Notre Dame High School in order to accommodate the large number of Parishioners that want to attend. Please check the Parish bulleting for the detailed mass schedule.

### **Store Card Program**

During the season of Advent please consider supporting the store card program with your Christmas purchases. The proceeds from this program support our significant charitable activities and with your help our Council will continue to make important contributions to our Parish. If you would like to assist with card sales after mass, please visit the Knight's Table. We need your help as this program grow.



### **KofC Safe Environment Training**

All Knights, who through their volunteer activities have contact with the youth of our Parish, are required to complete the KofC Safe Environment Training. This would include events such as the Pumpkin Carving, Basketball Free Throw and Alter Server Appreciation. To register for this program you must submit a request to the KofC Safe Environment Program Line at 1-203-800-4940 or email [youthleader@kofc.org](mailto:youthleader@kofc.org). You will then be given an ID and Password Follow the link below to access the training.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/youth-activities/safe-environment-program.html>

"Click" on the Blue Button Praesidium Armatus. Enter your ID and Password to begin the course. That's it. Once you have completed the course work (watched the videos) and passed the questionnaire, you will receive a certificate which the council will need a copy of for our files. Successful course completions will be registered with Supreme Office.

## St. John of the Cross - Feast Day 14 December



Born in Spain in 1542, John learned the importance of self-sacrificing love from his parents. His father gave up wealth, status, and comfort when he married a weaver's daughter and was disowned by his noble family. After his father died, his mother kept the destitute family together as they wandered homeless in search of work. These were the examples of sacrifice that John followed with his own great love -- God.

When the family finally found work, John still went hungry in the middle of the wealthiest city in Spain. At fourteen, John took a job caring for hospital patients who suffered from incurable diseases and madness. It was out of this poverty and suffering, that John learned to search for beauty and happiness not in the world, but in God.

After John joined the Carmelite order, Saint Teresa of Avila asked him to help her reform movement. John supported her belief that the order should return to its life of prayer. But many Carmelites felt threatened by this reform, and some members of John's own order kidnapped him. He was locked in a cell six feet by ten feet and beaten three times a week by the monks. There was only one tiny window high up near the ceiling. Yet in that unbearable dark, cold, and desolation, his love and faith were like fire and light. He had nothing left but God -- and God brought John his greatest joys in that tiny cell.

After nine months, John escaped by unscrewing the lock on his door and creeping past the guard. Taking only the mystical poetry he had written in his cell, he climbed out a window using a rope made of stirps of blankets. With no idea where he was, he followed a dog to civilization. He hid from pursuers in a convent infirmary where he read his poetry to the nuns. From then on his life was devoted to sharing and explaining his experience of God's love. His life of poverty and persecution could have produced a bitter cynic. Instead it gave birth to a compassionate mystic, who lived by the beliefs that "Who has ever seen people persuaded to love God by harshness?" and "Where there is no love, put love -- and you will find love." - [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

### **Knight's Reflection:**

John of the Cross believed it was just as dangerous to get attached to spiritual delights as worldly pleasures. Do you expect to get something -- a good feeling, a sense of God -- from prayer or worship? Do you continue to pray and worship when you feel alone or dry?

**Prayer:** Saint John of the Cross, in the darkness of your worst moments, when you were alone and persecuted, you found God. Help me to have faith that God is there especially in the times when God seems absent and far away. Amen. - [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

### **Links to K of C Publications**

**Columbia Magazine** <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/index.html>

**Knightline** <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/publications/lc/knightline/index.html>

**Chaplain's Report** <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/officers/chaplains/index.html>

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