

Ascension Catholic Parish

Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ

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Mass Times:

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Saturday:
9:00 AM

Tuesday - Friday:
6:30 PM

Wednesday: *Mother of Perpetual Help Novena*
at 6:15 PM

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday:
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,
12:00 PM & 4:00 PM

Reconciliation:

Tuesday - Saturday:
8:30 AM - 8:55 AM

Tuesday - Thursday:
6:00 PM - 6:25 PM

Saturday:
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Sunday:
7:00 AM - 7:45 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*)

The true cost of discipleship

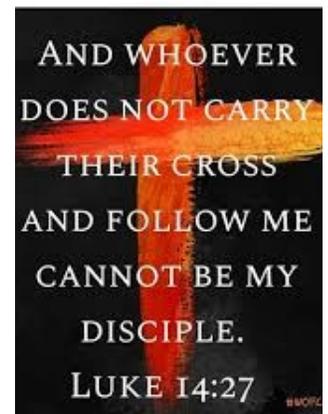
Why does the Lord Jesus say we must 'hate' our families and even ourselves? In Biblical times the expression 'to hate' often meant to 'prefer less'. Jesus used strong language to make clear that nothing should take precedence or first place over God. God our heavenly Father created us in his image and likeness to be his beloved sons and daughters. He has put us first in his love and concern for our well-being and happiness. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding love and kindness towards us. True love is costly because it holds nothing back from the beloved - it is ready to give all and sacrifice all for the beloved. God the Father gave us his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. His sacrificial death brought us pardon and healing, new life in the Spirit and peace with God.

If you prize something of great value and want to possess it, it's natural to ask what it will cost you before you make a commitment to invest in it. Jesus was utterly honest and spared no words to tell his disciples that it would cost them dearly to be his disciples - it would cost them their whole lives and all they possessed in exchange for the new life and treasure of God's Kingdom. The Lord Jesus leaves no room for compromise or concession. We either give our lives

over to him entirely or we keep them for ourselves. Christ has set us free to choose whom we will serve in this present life as well as in the age to come - God's Kingdom of light, truth, and goodness or Satan's kingdom of darkness, lies, and deception. There are no neutral parties - we are either for God's Kingdom or against it.

The love of God compels us to choose who or what will be first in our lives. To place any relationship or any possession above God is a form of idolatry - worshipping the creature in place of the Creator and Ruler over all he has made. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who and what they love first and foremost. We can be ruled and mastered by many different things - money, drugs, success, power or fame. Only one Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, can truly set us free from the power of sin, greed, and destruction. The choice is ours - who will we serve and follow - the path and destiny the Lord Jesus offers us or the path we choose in opposition to God's will and purpose for our lives. It boils down to choosing between life and death, truth and falsehood, goodness and evil. If we choose the Lord Jesus and put our trust in him, he will show us the path that leads to true joy and happiness with our Father in heaven.

Don Schwager - www.dailyscripture.net



Luke 14:25-33

Let us Pray:

"Lord Jesus, you are my Treasure, my Life, and my All. There is nothing in this life that can outweigh the joy of knowing, loving, and serving you all the days of my life. Take my life and all that I have and make it yours for your glory now and forever." Amen



First Reconciliation & First Communion

Registration for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion is now open! Please visit our Parish website <https://www.ascensionparish.ca/first-reconciliation--holy-communion.html> for more information and to register your child for these Sacraments.

We will need many volunteers to teach and support our Sacraments program, so if you are a teacher or a parent of a child who has already completed the Sacrament program and are willing to help, please contact Monica at sacraments@ascensionparish.ca

Catechesis Corner

(For the week of September 7-13, 2019)



As Catholics we don't just believe in Holy Scripture---we also believe in Tradition. Why is this so?

The Catechism (76) says that the Gospel is passed on through two means:

1. **Orally:** 'by the apostles who handed on, by the spoken word of their preaching, by the example they gave, by the institutions they established, what they themselves had received - whether from the lips of Christ, from his way of life and his works, or whether they had learned it at the prompting of the Holy Spirit'.

2. **In writing:** 'by those apostles and other men associated with the apostles who, under the inspiration of the same Holy Spirit, committed the message of salvation to writing'.

The apostles did not pass on the Gospel just by writing, but by "tradition", as the Bible itself testifies (2. Thess. 2:15), therefore following Jesus means following not just what is written in scripture but also what is in Tradition. For both are from the "same divine well-spring" (CCC 80).



Weekly Bible study is starting **Tuesday, September 17th** immediately following the 6:30 PM Mass, ending at 8:50 PM. There will be 20 sessions in total, following the DVD Bible Timeline series with Jeff Cavins. These sessions will focus on the Book of Acts and are a great opportunity to enhance your understanding of Scripture. For more information, contact Murray at britmur127@gmail.com



The Ascension Parish CWL Council invites all members to its General Meeting on **Wednesday, September 11th** at 7:00 PM, after the 6:30 PM Mass. All women ages 16 and older are welcome to attend. For more information please contact cwl.ascension@gmail.com



Building Fund – On the first weekend of every month, volunteers will be standing at each exit with boxes to collect any Building Fund contributions. All contributions are greatly appreciated! For those of you wanting to submit your completed pledge form, you can put your pledge forms in the boxes as well. Thank you so much for your continued support of our Building Fund.

Mass Intentions

September 7th - 13th, 2019

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Saturday	September 7	9:00 AM	Thesia Joseph (+)
Saturday	September 7	5:00 PM	Agustin & Brita Cristobal (+)
Sunday	September 8	8:00 AM	Angelo Perez (+)
Sunday	September 8	10:00 AM	Nestor B. Laudiangco (+)
Sunday	September 8	12:00 PM	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	September 8	4:00 PM	Isabel Duque Linares (+)
Monday	September 9	9:00 AM	Paul Le & Nghi Nguyen (+)
Tuesday	September 10	9:00 AM	SI of Teresa Salacar
Tuesday	September 10	6:30 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Ha (+)
Wednesday	September 11	9:00 AM	Aley Kurian (+)
Wednesday	September 11	6:30 PM	Jerome Pires (+)
Thursday	September 12	9:00 AM	SI of Purnama Family
Thursday	September 12	6:30 PM	Valentine de Jesus (+)
Friday	September 13	9:00 AM	Enriquito Nones (+)
Friday	September 13	6:30 PM	Domenico & Elisabetta (+)



Store Cards are available in the narthex every weekend. Your participation helps to support Parish Ministries and the needy. A portion of the proceeds goes towards our Building Fund.

TAKE CHARGE @ Home

Take Charge @ Home workshop is being presented for parents and grandparents on **Wednesday, September 18th** immediately following the 6:30 PM Mass. This workshop will provide insight, resources and tangible tips to help avoid predatory threats when navigating the Internet with our children. Due to the nature of the information that will be discussed, this workshop is open to adults only.

Why Be Catholic? Brian Holdsworth

Brian Holdsworth, the Catholic YouTube sensation, will be at Ascension Catholic Parish on **Sunday, September 22, 2019 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM** as our guest speaker. Brian will share about good reasons to believe and live your faith right now, today, immediately... and the good that comes from doing so. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.



Welcome Back! We start our Youth Ministry on **Tuesday, September 17th** from 6:30-8:30 PM. All in grade 7 and older are welcome. Email Vicki at youth@ascensionparish.ca

Finance Report - at a glance...

Gifts to the Parish		August 2019
	Week	35
Offerings for the Week:	27-Aug-19	2-Sept-19
	Last Week	YTD
General Collections:		
Collections	8,190	390,330
Operating Cost	14,300	514,800
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Operating Cost	(6,110)	(124,470)
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage):		
Building Fund Collections	3,501	332,995
2019 Pledges	150	72,787
Donor Wall	2,500	115,000
Weekly Loan Payment	12,400	411,950
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	(6,249)	108,832
Diocesan Annual Campaign:		
Together In Action		
2019 Collections	692	30,523
2019 Target		57,093
Remaining towards 2019 Goal		26,570
Collections in our Diocese:		
Holy Childhood	379	8,979

Donor Wall

Our Parish is creating a permanent donor wall in the Narthex! If you are interested in purchasing a donor block that will be displayed in the design, forms are available in the Narthex at the Parish Council table or on the website.



THAT'S NOT YOUR PRIEST. Please be aware that some emails are being sent from scammers claiming to be our bishop, priests or office staff. Names are being pulled from parish and Diocesan websites to create fake email (often Gmail) accounts. There have also been fake text messages. You will notice the email address may have some correct information, though in an unfamiliar form with additional characters, numbers or periods. Most will ask you to contact them or send information. If you are in doubt, contact the person the email is claiming to be from using an alternate contact method. Please do not reply to any suspicious emails.

Also note: At no time will our bishop, priests, deacons, religious or Diocesan staff contact you seeking Google Play cards, iTunes cards or any other form of personal financial assistance.

Parish Staff

- Pastor: **Fr. Avinash Colaco**
- Associates:
Fr. Rodel Abanto
Fr. Adrian Martens
- Deacon: **Patrick Woo**
- 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 Sundays** of each month after the 12:00 PM Mass at 1:30 PM. Please call Jenn at 403.275.2240 or email 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 are to attend the class at least 3 weeks prior to the Baptism Celebration. Please call Jenn at 403.275.2240 or email baptism@ascensionparish.ca to register.

First Holy Communion (Gr. 2 & up): Registration is open on our Parish website. Please register your child by September 28, 2019.

First Reconciliation (Gr. 2 & up): Registration is open on our Parish website. Please register your child by September 28, 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 Friday & 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

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 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

Baptism Preparation: Jenn Pashula | baptism@ascensionparish.ca
 Marriage Preparation: Ferdie Gayos | marriageprepatascension@gmail.com
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 Funeral Mass Coordinator: Jocelyn Mugleston | jmugle92@shaw.ca
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 Youth Ministry: Vicki Hayles | youth@ascensionparish.ca
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