



ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

"Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ"

Mark 7:31-37 – "He has done everything well"

How do you expect the Lord Jesus to treat you when you ask for his help? Do you approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? Jesus never turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions. When Jesus approaches a man who is both deaf and a stutterer, Jesus shows his considerateness for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, not doubt to remove him from embarrassment with a noisy crowd of gawkers (onlookers). Jesus then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle to physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him. What is the significance of Jesus putting his fingers into the man's ears? Gregory the Great, a church father from the 6th century, comments on this miracle: "The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit." The people's response to this miracle testifies to Jesus' great care for others: *He has done everything well*. No problem or burden was too much for Jesus' careful consideration. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you show kindness and compassion to your neighbors and do you treat them with considerateness as Jesus did? **2018 Don Schwager**
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MASS INTENTIONS:

September 8-14, 2018

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Sat	Sept 8	5:00pm	Ben & Rosario Patawaran (+)
Sat	Sept 8	7:00pm	Candida Jumawid (+)
Sun	Sept 9	8:30am	Allan Exley (+)
Sun	Sept 9	10:30am	SI of Mark & Danica De Souza
Sun	Sept 9	12:30pm	Blaise Lidji (+)
Sun	Sept 9	5:00pm	Mass for Parishioners
Mon	Sept 10	9:00am	SI of Linares-Salazar Family
Tue	Sept 11	9:00am	SI of Gonosantosa Family
Wed	Sept 12	9:00am	Helen Retardo (+)
Wed	Sept 12	6:30pm	SI of Mary Keizer
Thur	Sept 13	9:00am	Peter Hedley (+)
Fri	Sept 14	9:00am	Camelo Esono Nsue-Atogo (+)

ADULT CONFIRMATION

In Confirmation we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of Jesus in our daily lives. If you are a practicing Baptized Adult Catholic who has received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Reconciliation, you can attend nine Tuesday evenings of "Enriching our Catholic Faith" classes **starting Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00 pm**. For more information and to register for the classes please call the Parish office or email secretary@ascensionparish.ca

PARISH STAFF:

- **Pastor:** Fr. Avinash Colaco
- **Associates:**
Fr. Rodel Abanto
Fr. Adrian Martens
- **Secretary:** Nancy Mitchell
- **Receptionist:** Angelina Ling
- **Sacraments:** Monica Purnama
- **Baptisms:** Jennifer Pashula
- **Youth:** Vicki Hayles
- **Bookkeeper:** Nora Alzamora Torres
- **Custodian:** Jose Gil
- **Evening Staff:** David Cadegan
- **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: 6:15pm (Mother of Perpetual Help Novena)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm & 7:00pm
 Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm & 5:00pm

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

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th **Saturdays** of each month at 10:00 am (except during Lent). Please call Jenn on Mondays & Wednesdays 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 and Godparents are to attend the class at least 3 weeks prior to the Baptism Celebration.

First Holy Communion (Gr. 2 & up): Parent Only Information Sessions – **September 27th at 6:30 pm or September 29th at 9:30 am.**

First Reconciliation (Gr. 2 & up): Parent Only Information Sessions – **September 27th at 6:30 pm or September 29th at 9:30 am.**

Confirmation (Gr. 6 & up): Winter 2018

Marriage: By appointment, 6 months in advance

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

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a communal process of spiritual and educational formation for adults who seek to become full members of the Roman Catholic Church through a conversion of mind and heart. The process is open to all persons, regardless of religious background or philosophical persuasion, who genuinely seek, by God's grace, to live their lives in the distinctive Catholic Christian faith. Meetings run weekly from September to May (Tuesdays) and monthly throughout the summer. For more information contact the Church office. **Next meeting is at 7:00 pm on September 4th.**

RCIA SPONSORS NEEDED: Where are you in your faith journey? Learn to be an example while mentoring another in their journey of faith. We are currently seeking sponsors to assist RCIA catechumens as they become familiar with the Christian way of life. We will be offering a sponsor workshop. Please contact the parish office for more information.

JULY & AUGUST FINANCIALS		
Thank you for your generous gifts to our Parish		
	JULY & AUGUST 2018	YTD Actuals
Collections		
General Collections	86,835	366,410
Operating Cost	105,147	426,471
Over/ (Under)		(60,061)
Mortgage		
Mortgage Collections	35,942	144,560
Mortgage Payment	41,710	166,840
Over/ (Under)		(22,281)
Together in Action		
Collections	5,613	27,064
2018 Target		61,355
Remaining towards Goal		(34,291)
Renovation		
Net Monthly Collection	91,971	306,532

Sacrament Preparation Program

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

New Sacrament Preparation Program

All children receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion **MUST FIRST** receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Therefore, preparation for these Sacraments is now combined in the same school year.

Who Should Register?

Children in grade 2 and up who had been baptized or made the Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church can register for the Sacrament Preparation Program.



Do you know?

Registration is now online!

Please visit www.ascensionparish.ca for more information

These are the steps



#1
Register



#2
Upload



#3
Pay



#4
Attend



#5
Celebrate

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & FIRST RECONCILIATION REGISTRATION

Parent Only Information Sessions – Thursday, September 27th at 6:30 pm OR Saturday, September 29th at 9:30 am.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Commitment Card Program Update

Over the summer the Parish Office and the Capital Campaign Committee delivered an update to all those participating in the Commitment Card Program. A letter was sent out summarizing your personal results, showing your original commitment and the contributions to-date. A number of telephone calls were also made to review the results and to provide assistance on how to catch up if the results to-date did not meet the original commitments. We really appreciate your participation calls and your support in successfully completing the program at the end of March 2019. Please contact Nora in the Parish Office if you need more information about your contributions.

Did you know?

Many of you may have never heard of the Commitment Card Program, even though it is a parishioner led program and is critically important to the funding our Parish renovation. It started a few years ago to kick-start and establish ongoing funding for our renovation. It was a commitment by Parishioners to contribute funds, over and above regular contributions, to fund the renovation. We have 7 months remaining in the program and if you are not currently involved, please consider joining for the remainder of the program. Contributions can easily and confidentially be set up through the office. More information will be provided on the September 8-9 weekend.

PUBLIC TICKETS FOR THE EVENING

PROGRAM OF ONE ROCK ARE NOW ON SALE!

We are excited to announce those who are not part of the young adult delegates can now purchase tickets for the Saturday evening, **September 29th**, program of One Rock. Come and enjoy inspiring conversations with Patrick Coffin and Lizzie Reezay, with music by Access52 and our closing Liturgy. **All ages are welcome! Check out www.onerock.ca for details.**



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary **Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for September 9th, 2018** **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

VOLUNTEER AT FEED THE HUNGRY GARDEN HARVEST DAY – Come with your friends and families on **Sat, Sept. 22** at 9 am to help dig potatoes for Feed the Hungry. Enjoy great company and good food as we celebrate our second harvest. Please RSVP so that we can arrange enough refreshments for all. Closed-toed shoes and water bottles are required. A hat, gloves and folding chair are recommended. The garden is located at 235021 Range Road 284 E, just southwest of Chestermere. RSVP to Linnea at 587-888-9268 or e-mail ftfgarden@calgarydiocese.ca

SHARE THE JOURNEY: NO ONE SHOULD BE FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR HOME – Every minute, 31 people are forced to leave their home. Armed conflict, climate change, development of mega projects, persecutions... the causes of forced displacement are multiple, interwoven and complex. Come to learn more at the Development and Peace Fall Education workshop. Save the date: **Saturday, Sept. 29**. For more information, contact Marilou at 403-218-5519 | marilou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca

RIDE FOR REFUGE 2018 – This is a family-friendly cycling and walking fundraiser that supports charities that provide refuge and hope for displaced, vulnerable and exploited people. Join Elizabeth House on **Saturday, Sept. 29** for the 2018 Ride for Refuge. Ride or donate, and help transform lives, two generations at a time! For more information, call Michelle at 403-228-9724 | Register at www.rideforrefuge.org

ONE ROCK EVENING PROGRAM IS FOR ALL AGES! – We're excited to announce those who are not part of the young adult delegates can now purchase tickets for the Saturday evening program (**Sept. 29 at 7:30 pm**) of One Rock. Come and enjoy inspiring conversations with Patrick Coffin and Lizzie Reezay, with music by Access52 and our closing Liturgy. Get tickets at: www.onerock.ca

BISHOP'S DINNER 2018 – On **Friday, Oct. 19**, join Bishop William T. McGrattan at the Bishop's Dinner. This year, we will celebrate Catholic Education and five incredible programs that support some of our most vulnerable students. The gala event will be held at the Telus Convention Centre. Tickets are \$185/person and a table of 8 is \$1480. For more information, call 403-218-5500 | www.bishopsdinner.ca

TOUR OF HUTTERITE COLONY WITH FR. ADRIAN – On **Monday, Oct. 22**, 9 am – 3 pm join Fr. Adrian Martens, E.V., Coordinator for Ecumenism, on the local Hutterite colony for an introduction to the Christian denomination of the Hutterian Brethren. Learn about the Hutterite way of Christian life, "which comes from Christ and leads back to Christ, belongs by right to the one Church of Christ," (UR 3). Meet at Catholic Pastoral Centre: 120 17 Ave. SW, Calgary. Cost: \$50 (includes lunch at the colony and transportation to and from the event). RSVP to Nibal Awad (403-218-5501) **by Oct. 8** as space is limited. Event may be cancelled if numbers are not met. Only those 18 years and over can attend due to insurance. Participants will be asked to sign a waiver the morning of the event.

TRANSITIONS PROGRAM – This is a 15-week peer support program for those recently separated or divorced. The next program will begin on **Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018 (7 to 9 pm)**. Call 403-218-5505 | lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca

PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP – LETHBRIDGE – Have you ever thought about serving in prison ministry? While the call to serve those in prison can be exciting, it could also be daunting and accompanied by various concerns. This call deserves a serious consideration and if you would like to explore whether this ministry is for you, register to attend the Prison Ministry Education Workshop from **Sept. 21-22**. For more information, contact Marilou at 403-218-5519.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: - LIFE & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE: Sep. 24 (followed by Oct. 12-13); **Oct. 15** (followed by Nov. 2-3); **Nov. 19** (followed by Dec. 7-8) at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, Calgary. Contact 403-218-5505 | events.calgarydiocese.ca

- **CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES: Oct. 19-21** at St. Joseph; **Nov. 23-25** at St. Cecilia. Contact 403-233-2360 | www.cfs-ab.org

PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR – Be inspired to make a difference. Learn how to maximize your legacy for family and charity in your will. Two dates: **Wednesday, Sept. 26** (5:45 – 7:30 pm); **Wednesday, Nov. 7** (2 – 3:30 pm) at the Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary). Register: Doreen | 403-218-5522 | charities@calgarydiocese.ca

BEREAVEMENT EDUCATION PROGRAM – Learn how to support grieving family, friends or colleagues as they navigate their personal grief journey. Bereavement Education Program is an intensive, multi-session program, providing skills to effectively offer your presence and support in caring ways to those going through a period of bereavement. **Oct. 12 & 13** followed by **Oct. 19 & 20** at St. Michael's Catholic Community (800 85 St. SW, Calgary). To register, contact 403-218-5501 or online at <http://events.calgarydiocese.ca>

PROJECT RACHEL POST ABORTION COUNSELLING – The ministry offers a journey of healing and reconciliation for women and men who are suffering from a past abortion experience. For more information, contact 403-218-5506 or toll free at 1-877-597-3223 | info@projectrachel.ca | www.projectrachel.ca

WE ARE FAMILY: WHERE FAITH MEETS LIFE – The Western Conference of Catholic Religious Educators (WCCRE) invites you to a conference for you and all who accompany families as catechists, teachers, clergy, mentors and community. Keynote speakers Leif Kehrwald and John Roberto will explore themes focused on growing in our understanding of the current family trends, and seeing families at the centre of faith formation. When: **Nov. 15-18** in Kamloop, BC. For more information, contact: 204-5940-273 | www.wccre.org

FCS CONFERENCE: KEEPING FAITHFUL TO THE FAITH IN A POST CHRISTIAN SOCIETY – Bishop Emeritus Fred Henry will be the keynote speaker at the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, taking place on **Friday, Sept. 28 & 29** at Wingate Wyndham Hotel in Calgary. Lively, engaging scholarly debate on important issues in Canada and in the Catholic Church will follow. For more information, contact 403-220-2973 or register at www.fcsconference.ca

TRAINING THE TRAINERS – LITURGY WORKSHOP – This is an invitation for priests, deacons and parish liturgical ministry coordinators to join us at the upcoming Western Conference of Liturgy, **Oct. 26 – 27** in Winnipeg, Manitoba (Archdiocese of St. Boniface). Theme: Training the Trainers: A Workshop for Liturgical Leaders (Priests, Deacons, EMHC, Lector, Musician, Altar Server and Hospitality). For more information or to register, contact Judy at 780-476-2457 | www.WCLCanada.wordpress.com

PRAY TOGETHER FOR OUR LADY'S INTENTION – The Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle Prayer invites you to pray together for Our Lady's intention, which is the salvation of all humanity. **Monday, Sept. 24**, 6:30 - 9 pm at Corpus Christi Church (404 Northmount Place NW, Calgary). Contact Marjorie at 403-926-5798 | marymarjoriet@yahoo.ca | <http://mmpcanada.ca>

SECULAR FRANCISCAN INFORMATION SESSION – We are a community of practicing Catholic adults who strive to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ more profoundly in our daily lives like St. Francis of Assisi. You are invited to join the info session on **Sun, Sept. 16** at 12, at Canadian Martyrs Parish (835 Northmount Drive NW, Calgary). Contact: Lynn Spicer at 403-719-5852 | www.ofscalgary.com

INDONESIAN FOOD BAZAAR – The Indonesian Catholic Community of Calgary (UKI Calgary) invites you to their Indonesian Food Bazaar on **Saturday, Sept. 22** at St. Joseph Church (640 19 Ave NW, Calgary) from 11 am to 2 pm. Come and try genuine and delicious Indonesian food, desserts and beverages! For more information about UKI, contact 403-402-3810 | www.ukicalgary.ca

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY – Life Chain Calgary invites you to a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life, standing in honor of lives lost to abortions on National Life Chain Sunday: **Sunday, Sept 30**, 2:30 - 4 pm, along MacLeod Trail between Heritage Dr. and Southland Dr. For more information contact lovingthegiftoflife@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 12: CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)

Welcome back to all Ascension Parish CWL members. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month and our next meeting is on **September 12th at 7:00 pm in the Parish**. For more info / questions please e-mail us at: cwl.ascension@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 22: 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER KICK-OFF

Matt Britton, Chairman of 40 DFL will be in Calgary for the kick-off accompanied by Fr. Frances de Rosa, a Roman Catholic Priest from the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia. Both will be the guest speakers at the next Kick-Off which will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church (800 85 St. SW) on **Sat, September 22 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm**. Come to get empowered and inspired by these 2 worldwide leaders in the culture of life. At this time the pro-life movement is under tremendous attack from our governments (both federally and provincially) and from the media. Now is the time to preserve and protect our right to speak for a culture of life. For more information call 403-870-3905 or visit 40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/calgary/ Lots of people are expected so please confirm your attendance at 40daysforlife.calgary@gmail.com

OCTOBER 13: ALTAR SERVER TRAINING – Our Altar Servers help the people of God worship by assisting the Priest during Mass. Children in Grade 3 and older who have received their First Holy Communion are able to serve in this Ministry. If you would like to be an Altar Server please email server@ascensionparish.ca to sign up for the training session on **Saturday, October 13th at 12:00 pm** in the Sanctuary.

OCTOBER 20: COME AND SEE - Discerning the Call to Religious Life. Single women aged 18-40 are invited to attend this retreat as it is a perfect opportunity to check out Religious Life and discern the vocation God desires for you. **Saturday, October 20, 2018 & May 25, 2019 from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm**. For more information or to register online please visit www.sistersofdivinemeracy.org (click Come & See).

NOVEMBER 10: GRIEF & LOSS DAY RETREAT - Are you going through a difficult transition? Are you seeking a new vision or direction in life? Grief and loss can be a blessing in disguise. Find strength, consolation, and peace in times of grief and loss through faith and by surrendering to the Lord. You are invited to join us on a powerful journey of growth and healing at the Divine Mercy Centre (15206 Township Road 262, Calgary) on **Saturday, November 10th, 10:30 am to 4:00 pm**. Please bring a bagged lunch. For more info or to register online, please visit: www.sistersofdivinemeracy.org (click Registration).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STORE CARDS: Please participate routinely in the store card program to help support Parish ministries and the needy. **A portion of the proceeds will also go towards our Renovation Fund.**

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Universal: Young People in Africa - That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

PARISH TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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