

# 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*)

## "Your brother was lost and is found"

Why were many tax collectors and sinners drawn to Jesus? Jesus offered them forgiveness, mercy, and healing and the promise of full restoration with God the Father and the whole community of heaven - God's kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. When the Pharisees began to question Jesus' motive and practice of associating with sinners of ill-repute, Jesus responds by giving them a three-fold lesson in the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. Both the shepherd and the housewife "search until what they have lost is found." Their perseverance pays off. They both instinctively share their joy with the whole community. The poor are particularly good at sharing in one another's sorrows and joys. What was new in Jesus' teaching was the insistence that lost sinners must be sought out and not merely mourned for their separation from God and the community of the just. God does not rejoice in the loss of anyone, but desires that all be saved and restored to fellowship with him. That is why the whole community of heaven rejoices when one sinner is found and restored to fellowship with God. Seekers of the lost are much needed today. Do you persistently pray and seek after those you know who have lost their way to God?

What is the main point or focus of the

parable of the lost (prodigal) son? Jesus contrasts the father's mercy and forgiveness with their opposites - the eldest son's unwillingness to forgive and to be reconciled. The father who had been wronged, was forgiving and merciful towards the younger son who recognized his need for forgiveness. But the eldest son, who had not been wronged, was unforgiving and refused to be reconciled with his brother. His refusal to forgive turns into contempt and pride. And his resentment leads to his isolation and estrangement from the community of forgiven sinners. In this parable Jesus gives us a vivid picture of God the Father and what his character and attitude towards us is like. God is truly generous, kind, and forgiving towards us. He does not lose hope or give up when we stray from him and his commandments. He searches our hearts to show us where true love and mercy can be found and he leads us back to the way of everlasting joy and happiness (Psalm 139:1, 23-24). God the Father always rejoices in searching out those who have strayed and he welcomes them home with open arms. Do you know the joy of your heavenly Father who welcomes you home to his kingdom of everlasting righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit?

Don Schwager - [www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net)



*Luke 15:1-32*

### Let us Pray:

"Lord Jesus, may your light dispel the darkness of sin, deception, and ignorance, so that all who are lost or confused may find their way to the Father's home and be united with him in a bond of peace and friendship. Transform my heart with your merciful love that I may point many others to the good news of pardon, peace, and new life which you offer to all who trust in you, the Good Shepherd and Savior of the world." Amen

## 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.

## Catechesis Corner

(For the week of September 14-20, 2019)



### What is the basic message of Christianity and Catholicism?

While it is impossible to express the complexity and wonder of our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, the First point of the Catechism summarizes the great wonder of God sending his Son to rescue us from sin and to make us missionaries (1): "God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this

reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength. He calls together all men, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of his family, the Church. To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son as Redeemer and Saviour. In his Son and through him, he invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life."



Weekly Bible study is starting Tuesday, Sept 17th at 7:00 – 8:50pm and is also offered on Friday mornings from 10:00am - Noon. There are 20 sessions in total and they follow the DVD Bible Timeline series with Jeff Cavin. The 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](mailto:britmur127@gmail.com)



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is having a Conference meeting on Wednesday, Sept 18th, in Room 7 at 7:00 pm immediately following the 6:30 Mass. New members are welcome.



Watch Unplanned : If you missed this powerful pro-life film last July, here is your chance! St. Michael Catholic Community (800 85 Street SW) will be screening Unplanned on Friday, September 20 at 7:00 PM. Tickets are only \$10 and can be purchased online at [www.instantmovietickets.com](http://www.instantmovietickets.com), with proceeds benefitting 40 Days for Life Calgary. All are invited! Watch the trailer at <https://saintmichael.ca/events/>

## Mass Intentions

September 14th - 20th, 2019

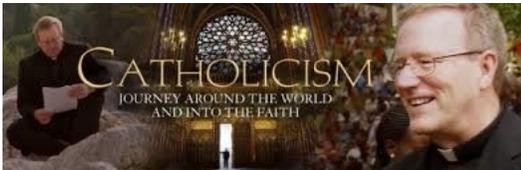
Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Saturday	September 14	9:00 AM	SI of Carmine Elia
Saturday	September 14	5:00 PM	SI of Robert Sarmiento Family
Sunday	September 15	8:00 AM	George Sarmiento (+)
Sunday	September 15	10:00 AM	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	September 15	12:00 PM	Joseph Kuriakose (+)
Sunday	September 15	4:00 PM	Emilia Gacosta (+)
Monday	September 16	9:00 AM	Flora Rita French (+)
Tuesday	September 17	9:00 AM	Kwan Family (+)
Tuesday	September 17	6:30 PM	Rosa Sirianni (+)
Wednesday	September 18	9:00 AM	Neda Bota (+)
Wednesday	September 18	6:30 PM	George Francis De Souza (+)
Thursday	September 19	9:00 AM	Tabak Maca (+)
Thursday	September 19	6:30 PM	SI of Violeta Eusebio
Friday	September 20	9:00 AM	Hung Family (+)
Friday	September 20	6:30 PM	Jorge Antonio Lozano (+)



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.



We will be showing the highly acclaimed videos, entitled “Catholicism”, narrated by Bishop Robert Barron, where we can explore the beauty, goodness and truth of our Catholic faith. These videos will be shown in Room 8 on Thursday evenings at 7:15 PM beginning September 19th. Each 50-minute video will be followed by a brief discussion. There is no registration fee and no need to register in advance. Everyone is welcome!

- Sep 19 - Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man
- Sep 26 - Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus
- Oct 3 - That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought: The Ineffable

## Finance Report - at a glance...



Gifts to the Parish		September 2019	
	Week	36	
<b>Offerings for the Week:</b>	3-Sept-19	9-Sept-19	
	Last Week	YTD	
<b>General Collections:</b>			
Collections	12,492	402,822	
Operating Cost	14,300	529,100	
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Operating Cost	(1,808)	(126,278)	
<b>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage):</b>			
Building Fund Collections	10,968	343,963	
2019 Pledges	7,212	79,999	
Donor Wall	0	115,000	
Weekly Loan Payment	13,500	425,450	
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	4,681	113,512	
<b>Diocesan Annual Campaign:</b>			
<b>Together In Action</b>			
2019 Collections	1,333	31,856	
2019 Target		57,093	
Remaining towards 2019 Goal		25,237	
<b>Collections in our Diocese:</b>			
Holy Childhood	195	9,174	

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](mailto:youth@ascensionparish.ca)



## 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 con-

## 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](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 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](mailto: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](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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