

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*)

"Who will entrust to you the true riches?"

What's the point of Jesus' parable? Jesus did not praise the steward for his dishonest behavior but for his shrewd foresight in relieving the debts of others who he believed would, in turn, treat him as a friend and show him mercy, kindness, and generosity in his time of need and great want. Jesus immediately followed this parable with an exhortation to his followers to make use of the world's material goods, including "tainted money" (which in Hebrew means "unrighteous mammon"), to relieve those who are indebted to us for the material and physical help we give them in their time of need and want. In the Scriptures generous giving is connected with alms giving - the sharing of our financial and material resources with those in need (Luke 12:33). Those who receive alms become your friends because you are merciful to them in their time of need. And God who sees all, rewards those who are generous in helping others. Generous giving will be repaid in kind. The rabbis had a saying, "The rich help the poor in this world, but the poor help the rich in the world to come." The true treasure which lasts is the treasure stored up for us in heaven. God richly rewards those who give generously from the heart to help those in need.

What is the enemy of generosity? It's

greed, the excessive desire for personal gain and security. However, we do not need to be afraid for true generosity does not impoverish the giver, but enriches that person a hundredfold! Generosity expands the soul - but greed contracts it. God is generous and superabundant in lavishing his gifts upon us. We can never outmatch God in generosity. He has given us the best of gifts in sending us his only-begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who offered up his life for us on the cross. The Father also offers us the gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us with the fruit of peace, joy, patience, kindness, love, and self-control (Galatians 5:22) - and many other blessings as well. Everything we have is an outright gift of God. There is one Master alone who has the power to set us free from greed and possessiveness. That Master is the Lord Jesus Christ who died to set us free and who rose to give us new abundant life. The Lord Jesus invites us to make him the Master and Lord of our lives. He alone can satisfy the desires of our heart and transform us in his love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Do you know the joy and freedom of blessing others with the gifts and resources God has given to you?

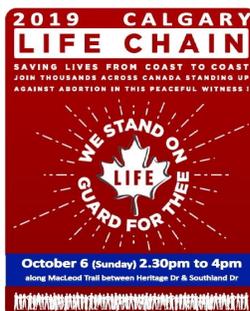
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Luke 16:1-13

Let us Pray:

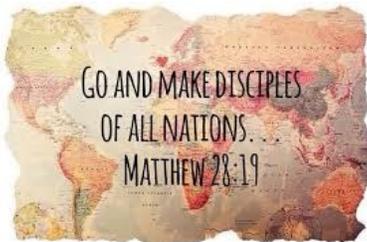
"Lord Jesus, all that I have is a gift from you. May I love you freely and generously with all that I possess. Help me to be a wise and faithful steward of the resources you put at my disposal, including the use of my time, money, and possessions." Amen



Life Chain is held simultaneously in more than 200 locations across Canada each year. Our Parish will support the upcoming National Life Chain on Sunday, October 6th from 2:30 to 4:00 PM, as peaceful and prayerful witnesses to the sanctity of human life. This is an annual day of public witness to end abortion. The Calgary Life Chain will be set up along Macleod Trail between Heritage Drive and Southland Drive. Drop by the table in the Narthex to pick up a map of where our Parish will be stationed along the route.

Catechesis Corner

(For the week of September 21-27, 2019)



The Catholic Women's League invites all women of the Parish aged 16+ to attend our **Women's Retreat** on Saturday, October 5th. The theme of the retreat is "Care For Our Common Home" and will take place in the Youth Hall immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass until 1:00 PM. Please RSVP to cwl.ascension@gmail.com by October 3rd.



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.

What are the basics of how we should practise our faith?

As stated last week, the Catechism has a great introduction which wonderfully summarizes how we are to live as Christians in the world. After talking about the basic truth of life as a Christian, the Catechism explains the basics of living our life from the Gospel (2,3): "So this call should resound throughout the world, Christ sent forth the apostles he had chosen, commissioning them to proclaim the gospel: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to

the close of the age.' Strengthened by this mission, the apostles 'went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it.'

Those who with God's help have welcomed Christ's call and freely responded to it are urged on by love of Christ to proclaim the Good News everywhere in the world. This treasure, received from the apostles, has been faithfully guarded by their successors. All Christ's faithful are called to hand it on from generation to generation, by professing the faith, by living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer."



Join us on Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00 PM in Room 8 as we discuss the first section of the Compendium of Social Doctrine on the "Church's Mission and Social Doctrine" which begins with a talk by Fr. Adrian. Learn about the Catholic Church's Social Doctrine and how we can justly live our daily lives in following Jesus in the Church He established. Further presentations on this will follow throughout the year.

Mass Intentions

September 21st - 27th, 2019

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Saturday	September 21	9:00 AM	Richard Girard (+)
Saturday	September 21	5:00 PM	SI of Jag Flores Family
Sunday	September 22	8:00 AM	Vincent De Abreu (+)
Sunday	September 22	10:00 AM	Eutropia Valencia (+)
Sunday	September 22	12:00 PM	Nguyen Thanh Anphonso (+)
Sunday	September 22	4:00 PM	Mass for Parishioners
Monday	September 23	9:00 AM	SI of James Ling Family
Tuesday	September 24	9:00 AM	SI of Jerry & Lucy Reyes
Tuesday	September 24	6:30 PM	Vincent Phat Nguyen (+)
Wednesday	September 25	9:00 AM	Paul Le & Nghi Nguyen (+)
Wednesday	September 25	6:30 PM	Dolorosa Pires (+)
Thursday	September 26	9:00 AM	SI of Dee Thompson
Thursday	September 26	6:30 PM	Sophie Provencher (+)
Friday	September 27	9:00 AM	Geronima Raz (+)
Friday	September 27	6:30 PM	SI of Annie, Nicole & Isabella Nguyen



On Oct. 5th, Fr. Avi, along with a team of Priests, will be joining thousands of other riders, walkers, and volunteers across Canada in the Ride for Refuge. Ride for Refuge supports 30+ charities, including the Elizabeth House. Fr. Avi needs passionate people like you to help! Will you be one of the donors to help him reach his fundraising goal? To make a secure, online donation in support of his efforts, go to the link below: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=4562901&langPref=en-CA> Your support is greatly appreciated!



We are blessed to have a large number of adults who are joining the Catholic faith and we need sponsors from the Parish to journey with them. To be a sponsor is a rewarding experience. If you are a confirmed Catholic and are open to the idea of being a sponsor to someone being initiated into the faith, then please join us for a short workshop on Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:00 PM in Room 8. For more information please contact Barbara Fouillard at barbarafouillard@shaw.ca

Finance Report - at a glance...

Gifts to the Parish	September 2019	
	Week	37
Offerings for the Week:	10-Sept-19	16-Sept-19
	Last Week	YTD
General Collections:		
Collections	9,061	411,883
Operating Cost	14,300	543,400
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Operating Cost	(5,239)	(131,517)
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage):		
Building Fund Collections	5,964	349,927
2019 Pledges	100	80,099
Donor Wall	0	115,000
Weekly Loan Payment	13,500	438,950
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	(7,436)	106,076
Diocesan Annual Campaign:		
Together In Action		
2019 Collections	211	32,067
2019 Target		57,093
Remaining towards 2019 Goal		25,026
Collections in our Diocese:		
Holy Childhood	0	9,174

2019 Priest Study Days

Priest Study Days will take place the first week of October. All Priests within the Diocese will attend, therefore **no daily Masses will be celebrated at our Parish Tuesday to Thursday, October 1st to 3rd.** Please keep our Priests in your prayers.



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

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
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 Youth Ministry: Vicki Hayles | youth@ascensionparish.ca
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