



ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

"Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ"

John 1:35-42 - "We have found the Messiah!"

Who is Jesus for you? John calls Jesus the *Lamb of God* and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the *Passover Lamb* (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites from their oppression in Egypt and from the plague of death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28). It is significant that John was the



son of the priest, Zachariah, who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). In Jesus John saw the true and only sacrifice which could deliver us from bondage to sin, death, and the powers of hell. How did John know the true identity of Jesus, as the Son of God and Savior of the world (John 1:29)? The Holy Spirit revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us freely of his Spirit that we may comprehend - with enlightened minds and eyes of faith - the great mystery and plan of God to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

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MASS INTENTIONS: January 13th - 19th, 2018

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Sat	Jan 13	5:00pm	SI of Florence Knoll
Sat	Jan 13	7:00pm	Candida Jumawid (+)
Sun	Jan 14	8:30am	Scott Nordquist (+)
Sun	Jan 14	10:30am	Salvacion Yturzaita (+)
Sun	Jan 14	12:30pm	Henriette Lidji (+)
Sun	Jan 14	5:00pm	Mass for Parishioners
Mon	Jan 15	9:00am	Emeterio Partible (+)
Tue	Jan 16	9:00am	Antonio Palumbo (+)
Wed	Jan 17	9:00am	SI of McNeil Family
Wed	Jan 17	6:30pm	Ligorio Godinho (+)
Thur	Jan 18	9:00am	SI of Juan Cabrejo Family
Fri	Jan 19	9:00am	Joyce Seale & James McCone (+)

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, we have a class on **Tuesday, January 23, 2018 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm**. Once you have completed the class, we can help you find the next available date for Confirmation with the Bishop in one of the Parishes in our Diocese. To register for the class please call the Parish office or email office@ascensionparish.ca

PARISH STAFF:

- **Pastor:** Fr. Avinash Colaco
- **Associates:**
Fr. Rodel Abanto
Fr. Anthony Pudota (weekends)
- **Secretary:** Nancy Mitchell
- **Sacraments:** Vicki Hayles
- **Baptisms:** Jennifer Pashula
- **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: 6:20pm (Mother of Perpetual Help Novena)

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

Weekend Masses:

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

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th **Saturdays** of each month at 10:00 am (except during Lent). Visit our website to download the registration form. Completed forms can be emailed or dropped off at the office and must include a copy of the child's Birth Certificate, one parent's Catholic Baptism Certificate & the Godparent's Catholic Baptism Certificates.

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: Registration March 21, 2018.

First Reconciliation: Completed for 2017.

Confirmation: Session 1 for parents and candidates is scheduled for January 17th (7:00-8:00 pm) **OR** January 20th (11:30am-12:30 pm).

Marriage: By appointment, 6 months in advance

Marriage Preparation Class: Upcoming Dates:

January 20, February 17 & March 17. To register for a Saturday class please 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. For more information contact the Church office.



TOGETHER IN ACTION - Last week to donate!

Your generosity enables our diocesan family to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in so many meaningful ways. Our Parish has raised \$59,032.00 of our \$62,735.00 target! **This is the last week for us to raise the remaining \$3,703.00.** We are almost there and with your continued support we can do it!

DECEMBER FINANCIALS

Thank you for your generous gifts to our Parish

	December 2017	YTD Actuals
General Collections	70,204	647,311
Operating Cost	71,945	672,508
Over/ (Under)		(25,197)
<u>Mortgage</u>		
Mortgage Collections	20,001	224,595
Mortgage Payment	20,855	250,260
Over/ (Under)		(25,665)
<u>Together in Action</u>		
Collections	7,810	59,032
2017 Target		62,735
Remaining towards Goal		(3,703)
<u>Renovation</u>		
Net Weekly Collection	68,039	482,933

SSVP – THANK YOU

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul thanks you for your generosity throughout 2017. You donated \$46,377.00 as well as food to the Parish and schools' food drives and many gifts to the Angel Tree Program.

Along with the parishioners of Corpus Christi, you supported 1,100 adults and 1,100 children with 600 food hampers, \$22,300.00 of grocery cards, \$22,000.00 in rent and utilities and \$6,300.00 in other help.

We also thank the many volunteers who helped throughout the year and at Christmas for their time and efforts in preparing and delivering the hampers. Have a blessed New Year.

SCHOOL AGED BAPTISMS

Our Parish will be offering 'Baptism for Children' in cooperation with our Catholic Schools for students in grades 2 to 6. Preparation classes will be on January 20, 2018 at 1:30 pm and January 27, 2018 at 11:30 am. Please contact Jenn Pashula at baptism@ascensionparish.ca if you would like your child to take part in this Sacrament.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The League sisters of Ascension Parish CWL extend a cordial invitation to all ladies age 16 and over to join our organization. We are an organization that recognizes and celebrates healthy family life, our Catholic faith, promotes awareness and responds to political and social issues that affect all Canadians. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month. We hope to see you at our Membership Drive after all Masses on the weekend of **January 27th & 28th**. For more info / questions please e-mail us at: cwl.ascension@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CLOTHING DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are collecting lightly used clothing for the storm victims of Puerto Rico. Many families are still without power, heat and clean clothes. We currently need, clothing for men, women and children (of all ages). There is a need for sweaters and light jackets as many families do not have heat at night. You will find a clothing bin beside the Knights Table in the Narthex. Thank you for your consideration, God Bless.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE LENTEN KICK-OFF

40 Days for Life Lenten Kick-off is at St. Luke's Parish in Calgary on **Saturday, January 27th** from 4:30 – 6:00 pm. Come and be encouraged by dynamic speakers like Stephanie Fenly, Wilberforce Project Director and Daniel Nugent who will talk about the "Theology of the Body" which are reflections from St. John Paul II. Please confirm your attendance at 40daysforlife.calgary@gmail.com

40 DAYS FOR LIFE LENTEN PRAYER CAMPAIGN

40 Days for Life Lenten Prayer Campaign is from Ash Wednesday, February 14th to Palm Sunday, March 25th. Plan to pray by the Kensington Clinic 2431 – 5 Ave NW in Calgary, at Church and/or at home for the life of unborn babies, for mothers in an unplanned/crisis pregnancy and for the conversion of the doctor and staff at the abortion clinic. For more info: Call Gwen @ [403-208-9427](tel:403-208-9427) or Jairo @ [403-870-3905](tel:403-870-3905) or www.40daysforlife.com/calgary



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary **Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for January 14th, 2018** **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (JAN 18-25) – The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will begin on Thursday, Jan 18 and concludes Thursday, Jan 25. Let us join other Christian churches in our area as we remember the 2018 theme, "Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power" (Exodus 15:6). You are invited to participate in these and other ecumenical opportunities:

Thursday, Jan 18 at 11:15 am. Ambrose University (150 Ambrose Circle SW). Speaker: Bishop McGrattan. Sunday, Jan 21 at 7 pm. Grace Presbyterian Church (1009 15th Ave SW). Speaker: Rev. Daranne Harris. Thursday, Jan 25 at 7 pm. St. Joseph's Catholic Church (640 19th Ave NW). Taizé Prayer with ecumenical guests. Speaker: Fr. Yaroslav Dziuba, SDS.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR – It's our 5th birthday! Coldest Night of the Year Calgary will turn 5 this Feb 24, 2018. We'd love to have you celebrate with us by walking or volunteering in support of Feed the Hungry (a Diocesan program) and our friends KAIROS Calgary as they work to pay down the mortgage on Bankview Apartments (affordable housing). We'll be starting from Eau Claire Market again, offering 2, 5 & 10 km routes so the event is accessible for all. For info visit www.cnoy.org/calgary or call Samantha at 403-218-5531.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN WORKSHOP – "Together for Peace" is the theme for Share Lent 2018. Come and hear about our partners and the impact of their programs in building peace. Learn about the resources that help us to spread the message of Jesus Christ and "be artisans of peace locally and globally". Workshop will be at Holy Spirit Parish, 10827 24 St. SW (Office door entrance), Tues, Jan 27, 10am–3pm. All are welcome. Potluck lunch. Call 403-218-5523 to register. Cost is free will offering.

TRANSITIONS – This is a 15-week peer support program for those recently separated or divorced. Participants will meet every week to reflect upon and discuss topics such as self-esteem, stress, anger, guilt, blame, loneliness, forgiveness, blended families and more. The next program will begin on Wed, Feb 14, 2018. For info/register, please contact Alida at 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S RELIC PILGRIMAGE IN CALGARY – CHANGE OF LOCATION! – St. Francis Xavier's incorrupt forearm, a sacred first class relic, is making a rare visit to Canada. It will be in Calgary for only a short time. **Note: To accommodate more pilgrims on Sunday, Jan 21, pilgrimage location has been moved to St. Albert the Great Church. Here is the updated schedule:**

Sunday, January 21 at St. Albert the Great Church (10 Prestwick Dr SE, Calgary)

1 pm to 4:30 pm - Public Veneration

5 pm - Mass with Bishop McGrattan

6:30 pm - Sung Vespers with Bishop McGrattan for the Solemn Reception of the Relic

7:30 pm - 10 pm - Public Veneration

Monday, January 22 at St. Michael's Church (800 85 St SW, Calgary)

6:30 pm to 10 pm - Public Veneration (6:30 pm - Relic program: Procession of the Relic continued by Relic Talk: Life of St. Francis Xavier and the three graces)

10 pm - Closing prayer: Litany of St. Francis Xavier

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to venerate the relic. Don't miss it. More info at: <http://cco.ca/relic>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY – FULL TIME – ST. JAMES PARISH – OKOTOKS – St. James Parish is looking for a Receptionist/Secretary to work on a full time employment basis. For more information about this position, qualifications and application details see the Diocesan website at <http://www.calgarydiocese.ca> or submit your application to office@stjamesparishrc.com by January 26.

OUR LADY OF THE ROCKIES PARISH, CANMORE – SHRINE CHURCH UPDATE – Our Lady of the Rockies Parish in Canmore is moving forward with building the new Shrine Church. The community will have their last Mass in Sacred Heart Church Canmore on Sunday, January 28 at 11 am with Bishop McGrattan. Until the Shrine Church is built, the community will be celebrating Sunday Masses in the gym of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Academy (3100A Stewart Creek Dr, Canmore). Weekday Masses will be celebrated at the Parish Office. To read more from Fr. Wilbert about the journey ahead, visit: <http://RockiesParish.com>

BUILDING SACRED BRIDGES CONCERT – The 2nd annual interfaith music event - Building Sacred Bridges - will be held on Saturday, February 10 at Knox United Church and Sunday, February 11 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue respectively. The concert will feature music groups and choirs from various faith groups, including the Adorare Choral Ensemble and St. Bonaventure Choir from the Diocese of Calgary. The event is meant to raise awareness about the lack of affordable housing in Southern Alberta and offers the opportunity to learn more about the Habitat Interfaith Build Project. Please go to www.habitatsouthernab.ca/bsb to reserve your tickets. If you would like to volunteer for future build days, please contact Marilou at 403-2318-5519 or email marilou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE – You are invited to celebrate the World Day of Consecrated Life on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at the 11 am Mass at Holy Name Church, Calgary. The religious men and women of the diocese will be in attendance.

EFFECTIVE CO-PARENTING: PUTTING KIDS FIRST – 'Effective Co-Parenting: Putting Kids First' is an educational 5-week program for separated and divorced parents to help raise their children through this difficult time and increase the understanding of needs of children for developing self-esteem and security. The next program will run 7 pm - 9 pm on Wednesdays, February 21 - March 21. Contact LFRC: 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca

ALZHEIMER WORKSHOP – Mary Mother of the Redeemer Parish will be hosting an Alzheimer Workshop on Saturday, February 17 from 9 am - 2:30 pm. This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Registration fee: \$25. For more information and to register please visit our News and Events page at www.calgarydiocese.ca, call 403-218-5501, or email: healthcareprograms@calgarydiocese.ca.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL CARE COURSE - ST. MARTHA'S PARISH, LETHBRIDGE – St. Martha's Parish in Lethbridge (355 Columbia Blvd.) will be hosting a Diocesan Pastoral Care Course on Saturday, January 20 and Saturday, January 27 from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. This course will introduce you to the basic visiting skills required for Pastoral Care Ministry in the health care facilities or parish. Registration fee: \$30 payable at the door. For more information and to register, call the Parish Office 403- 381-8891.

GIFT OF HOPE: A LIVE-IN RETREAT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED PERSONS – The FCJ Centre is running a live-in, free of charge, retreat for the unemployed persons on Jan 26-27. It's limited to 20 participants. Registration closes on Jan 16. For more information please call 403-228-4215.

SINGLE YOUNG WOMEN! – Attention Single Young Women between 16-35! The Vocation Committee of AWR (The Assembly of Women Religious) is planning two events: Feb 8, 5-9pm, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary. Mass followed by potluck and an information session on religious life. Feb 28, retreat on a Lenten theme at Holy Name Parish, Calgary. To register contact Sr. Terry Smith, fcj, by email: tksmithfcj@yahoo.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 16: MEN'S ROSARY LEAGUE The Men's Rosary League is held the third Tuesday every month at Our Lady of Fatima Church (4747 - 30 Street SE). You are invited January 16th starting with Mass at 6:30pm followed by men's rosary at 7:00 pm.

JANUARY 18: MARY IN THE BIBLE Scriptural basis of Catholic devotion to Mary. Join us for 12 Thursday evenings beginning January 18th 7:00 pm at Canadian Martyrs Church (835 Northmount Drive NW). Cost is \$25 for the journal. For more information contact ztL2020@shaw.ca

JANUARY 31: LECTOR TRAINING The role of Lector is a vital one because for many people it is the only time they hear the Scriptures. Lectors proclaim the first and second readings at Mass and lead the Prayer of the Faithful. If you would like to be a Lector, please join us for training on **Wednesday, January 31st from 5:30-6:00 pm**. If you have any questions please contact Donna at donna.hickie@cssd.ab.ca

FEBRUARY 8 & 28: YOUNG WOMEN VOCATION – SAVE THE DATE! Attention: Single Young Women between 16-35! The Vocation Committee of AWR (The Assembly of Women Religious) is planning two events: Feb. 8th from 5:00 to 9:00pm at St. Mary's Cathedral: Mass followed by potluck and an information session on religious life. Feb. 28th - Retreat on a Lenten theme. More information coming soon.

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.**

MOUNT ST. FRANCIS RETREATS:
41160 Retreat Road Cochrane, AB

POSTULANCY NIGHT - January 17, 2018 – Cancelled

RETREAT DAY - January 18, 2018

Enjoy a silent day away in the beautiful setting of Mount St. Francis Retreat (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.). This year's theme is Doorways to the Sacred. Encountering the sacred through sign and symbol, ordinary experiences, landscapes and more. Praying through the things of the earth. The day includes a prayerful reflection on the focus of the day, celebration of the Eucharist and a home-cooked lunch. Please call or email ahead to register. Come after 8:30 to enjoy a coffee or tea and muffins before we begin the program. Suggested contribution is \$30.00 or \$40.00 with a private room. Phone 403-932-2012; email: mtfrancis@shaw.ca

MIXED SERENITY WEEKEND - January 19-21, 2018

To register contact: Jim B: 780-435-2403 or Dylan J: 780-278-053 or daiensen2012@gmail.com

WOMEN'S SILENT WEEKEND - January 26-28, 2018

To register contact: Simone DeCnodder: 587-223-4896 or moniecede@gmail.com or Dayna Muscoby: 403-460-7381 or daydc@hotmail.com

MEN'S SILENT WEEKEND - February 2-4, 2018

To register contact: Ken Hagel at 403-932-7067 or 7milagro8@gmail.com or Vincent Mendonsa at 403-249-6823 or stamp2000inc@telus.net

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If you do not have access to email, please call the office at 403.275.2240 and we will forward your request.