



ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

"Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ"

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASSES - Extraordinary Holy Days of Obligation

- Sunday Obligation, December 22nd & 23rd:** Regular Masses
- Christmas Eve, December 24th:** 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM & Midnight
- Christmas Day, December 25th:** 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM
- Sunday Obligation, December 29th & 30th:** Regular Masses
- New Year's Eve, December 31st:** 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM
- New Year's Day, January 1st:** 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM



9:00 AM Masses will be celebrated on December 26th, 27th & 28th. There is no 6:30 PM Mass on Wednesday, December 26th.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

- December 24th, 27th, 28th & 31st:** Closed at Noon
- December 25th, 26th & January 1st:** Closed
- Regular office hours resume Wednesday, January 2nd.



CHRISTMAS ALTAR DISPLAY



To have the name of your deceased loved one included in the Altar display for Christmas, please fill out a donation envelope located in the basket next to the bulletins. Include the name of the person(s) you wish remembered and drop the envelope into the collection basket until **December 16th**. We cannot guarantee that names arriving after that time will be included. Many parishioners have found healing and comfort in this tradition that has been a part of our Parish for many years.

MASS INTENTIONS

December 8-14, 2018

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Sat	Dec 8	5:00pm	SI of Linares-Salazar Family
Sat	Dec 8	7:00pm	SI of Lucy Reyes Family
Sun	Dec 9	8:30am	Lucia Sorbara (+)
Sun	Dec 9	10:30am	Antonio Di Lello (+)
Sun	Dec 9	12:30pm	SI of Jennifer Kliber Family
Sun	Dec 9	5:00pm	Mass for Parishioners
Mon	Dec 10	9:00am	SI of Gil Espina
Tue	Dec 11	9:00am	Manuel Felicilda Jr. (+)
Wed	Dec 12	9:00am	Valeriano & Silveria Vitor (+)
Wed	Dec 12	6:30pm	Jack Maurice Curry (+)
Thur	Dec 13	9:00am	Fr. Felix Affonso (+)
Fri	Dec 14	9:00am	SI of Walter Muscoby

50/50 RAFFLE – WINNING TICKET!!

The winning ticket number for the Capital Campaign 50/50 draw is **283036**. The lucky winner takes home \$3,672.50 and our Renovation Fund receives a boost of \$3,672.50. Remember to not throw away your tickets until the prize is claimed!

PARISH STAFF:

- **Pastor:** Fr. Avinash Colaco
- **Associates:**
Fr. Rodel Abanto
Fr. Adrian Martens
- **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
- **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: 6:30pm (Mother of Perpetual Help Novena at 6:15pm)

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): Registration is closed. Please register your child next year.

First Reconciliation (Gr. 2 & up): Registration is closed. Please register your child next year.

Confirmation (Gr. 6 & up): Registration is closed. Please register your child next year.

Marriage: By appointment, 6 months in advance

Marriage Preparation Class: 3rd **Saturday** of each month (Some exceptions apply). Next class is **January 19, 2019**. 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.

SACRAMENTS FOR TEENAGERS

Teens, have you missed the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation? The "Sacraments for Teenagers" program is for teens ages 13-17 years old. Come join us for cookies and catechesis as you prepare to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. For more information contact sacraments@ascensionparish.ca

FORMED – THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND!

Check out the great selection of Advent and Christmas movies, audio talks, and e-books on FORMED as a way to prepare for the season. You have 24/7 free access to FORMED on your smartphone, computer, iPad or Kindle by registering at www.ascensionparish.formed.org.

	Year: 2018	
	Week: 48	
Gifts to the Parish		
Offerings for the Week:	27-Nov-18	3-Dec-18
General Collections	Last Week	Y-T-D
General Collections & Program Revenue	7,984	547,791
Operating Cost	13,000	623,930
Over/(Shortfall) YTD Op Cost	(5,016)	(76,139)
Central Fund Loan	Last Week	
Building Fund Collections	2,785	198,957
Weekly Loan Payment**	4,813	231,009
Over/(Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	(2,028)	(32,052)
** Current loan amount, to be updated		
Diocesan Annual Campaign:		
Together in Action	Last Week	Y-T-D
Collections	2,488	38,752
2018 Target		61,355
Remaining towards Goal		(22,603)

N.W. PASTORAL ZONE ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Due to our renovations we will not have a Penitential Service in our Parish. Please see the dates and times for services at Parishes in our pastoral zone below:

Wednesday, Dec. 12 - 7:00 PM - St. Mary's, Cochrane

Wednesday, Dec. 12 - 7:00 PM - St. Pius X

Thursday, Dec. 13 - 7:00 PM - St. Agnes, Carstairs

Thursday, Dec. 13 - 7:00 PM - St. Bernard's Parish

Thursday, Dec. 13 - 7:30 PM - St. Joseph's

Thursday, Dec. 20 - 7:00 PM - St. Boniface (German)

The season of Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ and the best way to prepare is to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to confess our sins and to receive the graces to live holier lives. **The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at our Parish ½ hour before Weekday Masses (except Mondays), Saturday 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM, Sunday 7:30 AM to 8:15 AM and by appointment.**



Statistics for November

25 Calls

25 Hampers

53 Adults & 61 Children

Financials for November

Donations	\$ 2,228
Gift Cards donated – Angel Tree	\$ 2,455
Groceries Purchased	\$ 580
Gift Cards Purchased	\$ 2,000
Utilities	\$ 0
Rent	\$ 0
Property & Equipment	\$ 911
Office Expense	\$ 202
Bank Balance	\$ 8,776
Gift Cards Given Out	\$ 745

Thank you for your Generosity!! We are grateful for all donations. Special Thanks to: The Knights of Columbus for their initiative of Parishioners purchasing Gift Cards as a donation to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

This is the final week of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul **Christmas Angel Tree Program**. You can still take an Angel from the tree to help make a Christmas brighter for families in our Parish. **Please deliver gifts back to the tree by December 9th. If you are late please deliver it to the Parish Office.**

Volunteers are needed to make deliveries from Corpus Christi Church Hall (5931 4th St. NW) on **Saturday, December 15th from 9:00 AM to Noon**. Call Donny Mulrain at 403 370-2221 for more information.

Share Sunday is this weekend Dec 8/9th. There will be no Share Sunday in January. No donation is too small. Thank you for your generosity.

2019 DONATION ENVELOPES

2019 Donation Envelopes for **current envelope holders** are available for pick up by the back Sanctuary entrance during the month of December. They are **filed alphabetically by last name**. Unclaimed envelopes will be reallocated in January.



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for December 9th, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

MISSION MEXICO / DEC. 12 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12 is designated as "Mission Mexico Day" in the Diocese of Calgary. For nineteen years the people of our diocese have given their support and showed their faith by sharing the struggles of their brothers and sisters in southern Mexico. Please help with financial donations through the parish's second collection this weekend, or at participating Catholic schools on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR – SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019 at 4 pm. Where: Eau Claire Market. If you are looking for something meaningful to do as a whole family, this is your event! Join us for a walk along the Bow River Pathways, a chance to experience the cold as our less fortunate neighbours do, and the camaraderie of sharing a cause with your fellow participants in more than 100 locations across Canada. End the night with a warm meal and share your experiences with those around your table.

GET DISCOUNTED FLAMES TICKET – The Diocese of Calgary has partnered with the Calgary Flames to get discounted tickets for the game on Friday, February 22, between the Flames and archrival Anaheim Ducks. Discounted tickets are \$39. Each ticket purchased will help fundraise for Elizabeth House, which provides a home for at risk pregnant or parenting youth and their babies. In addition, the first 100 people to purchase tickets will receive a voucher to an exclusive pre-game event in the Alumni Lounge and have a Meet and Greet with Bishop McGrattan. To purchase your tickets at the special price, visit <http://news.calgarydiocese.ca>

LIVING NATIVITY AT ST. JAMES IN OKOTOKS – Join St. James Parish in walking through the Town of Bethlehem. Meet the Holy Family in live replica of the Christmas Nativity including live music, actors and animals. Saturday, Dec. 15 from 4 to 8 pm. Where: Outdoors in the field next to the St. James Church parking lot (338060 32 St. East, Okotoks). Donations will be gratefully accepted and given to local charities.

YEAR END GIVING GUIDELINES: Your gift to the Catholic Pastoral Centre helps the Diocese in its mission to seek the welfare of others. We grow in our Christian faith when we show the love of Christ to people through the building of parish communities and the offering of programs to nurture our faith. On behalf of the Bishop, and all who will benefit from your gift, thank you again. We commit to using your gift as designated. For 2018 tax receipts, gifts must be made online or be post marked no later than Dec. 31, 2018. Visit our website for more info:

<http://news.calgarydiocese.ca>

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD APPEAL – At Feed the Hungry's 5th Annual Christmas Dinner, we invite you to please give our 500+ guests a \$10 gift card to a fast food restaurant. Last year, your generosity gave 600 guests a meal. Your gift or money (for us to shop for you) can be dropped off at St. Mary's Cathedral Hall (Sundays only) or the Catholic Pastoral Centre (business hours) by Friday, Dec. 13. Once again, thank you for your generosity to help us make their Christmas Dinner special. For info, contact Sartre at feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS – St. John Choir Schola invites you to their beautiful advent celebration. With scripture and wonderful music sung by the three children's choirs of St. John Choir Schola, you will experience the mystery of the events leading to the birth of Christ as they unfold in word and song. When: Sunday, Dec. 16, 7:30 pm - 9 pm. Where: Canadian Martyrs Church (835 Northmount Dr NW, Calgary).

ADVENT RETREAT – SISTERS OF DIVINE MERCY – The Sisters of Divine Mercy invite you to enter into Sacred Silence in which God speaks to the heart. Retreat includes: confession, Mass, Conference, Adoration, Silent Prayer and Meditation (Lectio Divina). When: Saturday, Dec. 15 at 10:30 am to 4 pm at the Divine Mercy Centre (15206 Township Rd. 262, Calgary T3P-1A7). For more information contact 587-755-1019 | www.sistersofdivinemercury.org

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, CALGARY – Come and join us at St. Joseph's church for an evening of Christmas carols and some good cheer! When: Saturday, Dec. 15 at 6 pm at St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall (640 19 Ave NW, Calgary). Enjoy home-baked goodies and hot chocolate. All are welcome!

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES COLLEGIAL JUDGE & CANONICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATE – CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTRE – The individual will participate with a college of Judges in the diocesan ecclesiastical court, adjudicating petitions for declaration of marriage nullity and other matters brought before the tribunal according to canonical laws.

CASEWORKER – ELIZABETH HOUSE. Elizabeth House is a life-skills program and family-oriented home, which welcomes at-risk pregnant and parenting women who need a safe place to live.

PART TIME SACRAMENT COORDINATOR – HOLY NAME – The individual will share in the Church's teaching on the Sacraments by preparing for the gathering, leading the preparation sessions and providing hospitality and welcoming environment.

VOLUNTEER POSITION – RECEPTIONIST / ADMIN SUPPORT – The Catholic Pastoral Centre invites application for a receptionist relief role that is responsible for a wide variety of clerical and administrative office duties in support of the CPC offices and administration. For more information about this position, qualifications and application details, visit: <http://careers.calgarydiocese.ca>

ADVENT MISSION WITH FR. KRYSZ BUGNO – St. Joseph's Parish invites you to 4 evenings of Advent Mission. Theme: The Mystery of God's Word". At St. Joseph's Church (640 19 Ave NW, Calgary). When: Monday, Dec. 10 at 7 pm – "The Word of God in the Church and in Our Life" | Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 7 pm – "The Word of God in the Word of Ours" | Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7 pm – "Mary and the Word of God"

ADVENT RENEWAL CHALLENGE – St. Paul's Church in Airdrie (1305 Main Street) welcomes everyone to prepare during Advent to celebrate the birth of our saviour, Jesus. Let's put Christ back into Christmas! When: Mon., Dec 10 at 7 pm – "Do I Know the Way"; Mon., Dec 17 at 7 pm – "Emmanuel: What is That?" Refreshments will be provided.

JESUS YOUTH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION – Jesus Youth invites young adults who are passionate about their faith to attend their Christmas Celebration. The event includes games, worship, a talk by Fr. Shibu Kallarakkal and a meal. When: Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019 at 6 to 9 pm. Where: Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church (1714 14 Ave NE, Calgary, AB). This is a free event.

RISE UP 2018 - NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE – Rise Up is a conference for young adults (aged 18-35) hosted by Catholic Christian Outreach. Ignite your faith over the Christmas break. This is CCO's 30th anniversary in Calgary. When: Dec. 28, 2018 to Jan. 1, 2019. Where: Hyatt Regency, Calgary. For questions regarding registration, contact the event team | riseup@cco.ca

TEAM LEADS WANTED FOR 2019 OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS – Save the date for the 36th Outdoor Way of the Cross, April 19, 2019 at St Mary's Cathedral. We are currently looking for Team Leads for the various volunteer positions. Contact Marilou at 403-218-5519 | marilou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca

PASTORAL CHANT CONFERENCE AT ST. MEINRAD ARCHABBEY – Come and learn English Chant for the Novus Ordo parish liturgy. This conference is for the parish choirmaster, cantor and singer. Experience chant as full, conscious, and active participation in the sacred liturgy, and learn how to integrate it into your parish's liturgical life. When: Feb. 4 – 9, 2019. Where: St. Meinrad Archabbey, a Benedictine monastery, in St. Meinrad Indiana. For more information, visit: <http://chantschool.org/wcc19/>

22ND ANNUAL GOD SQUAD MEN'S CONFERENCE – SAVE THE DATE – God Squad Canada invites all Catholic men (14 and up) to attend the upcoming Men's Conference on March 15 & 16, 2019. Theme: Be Not Afraid...To Be A Saint. Keynote speakers: Bishop Scott McCaig, Jeff Cavins and Deacon Troy Nguyen. Where: St. Peter's Catholic Church. More info at <https://godsquad.ca>

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 13: ADORATION WITH ACCOMPANYING HARP MUSIC What better way to slow down the pre-Christmas pace than to sit before the Lord in Adoration. Join St. Pius X Church (2424 24 Ave NW) on December 13th for 5:30 Mass followed by Adoration with accompanying harp music on Thursday, December 13th. Harpist Gianetta Baril.

DECEMBER 22: ASCENSION PARISH DEDICATION MASS

All parishioners new and old, near and far, are invited to join us on **Saturday, December 22nd** as we celebrate this joyous day of the Dedication of our Parish with Bishop McGrattan and former Priests of our Parish! **Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 AM** with a reception to follow.

JANUARY 5 & 6: NEW YEAR, NEW SANCTUARY, NEW MASS TIMES!! With our renovation we will significantly increase our seating capacity so we will no longer require 6 Masses. **Starting on the weekend of January 5th/6th, 2019 the New Mass Schedule will be as follows: Saturday at 6:00 PM and Sunday at 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM.** Weekday Masses will remain the same.

2019 SUNDAY MISSALS: Buy your 2019 Sunday Missals at the Knights table in the Narthex after all Masses. Cost is \$5.00 each.

ASCENSION YOUTH GROUP: All youth in Grade 7 and older are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings. For information contact Vicki at youth@ascensionparish.ca

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith: That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

MOUNT ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE

(41160 Retreat Road Cochrane, AB)

Advent Retreat with BISHOP EMERITUS FREDERICK HENRY:

December 7th to 9th - To register contact Linda and Russ Nicol at 403-932-1804 or lindannicol50@gmail.com

Men's Weekend: January 4-6, 2019

To register please contact: Paul at 403-217-7466; paul@valentinevolvo.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Friends - Mixed Retreat: January 11-13, 2019

To register please contact: Marilyn at 403-254-9726; marilyn-m1@shaw.ca

Mixed Serenity Weekend: January 18-20, 2019

To register please contact: Jim B. at 780-435-2403 or Dylan J. at 780-278-0533; dajensen2012@gmail.com

Women's Weekend: January 25-27, 2019

To register please contact: Simone at 587-223-4896; moniece@shaw.ca

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.**

SOCIETY FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: If you are planning on making a Christmas donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, please consider purchasing a store card as your donation. Visit the Knight's Table and ensure to ask for an envelope to receive your tax receipt.

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