

ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 4 & 5, 2021



Sharing the Spirit
Together in Christ



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Ascension Catholic Parish is a community of disciples of Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord, guided on our journey by the Holy Spirit to further the Kingdom of God, through committed *Worship, Catechesis, Fellowship and Service.*

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Saturday: 9:00am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm & 7:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am;

12:00pm & 4:00pm

LIVE STREAM MASS

Sunday: 10:00am

PARISH STAFF

[Pastor: Fr. Avinash Colaco](#)

[Associate: Fr. Naveed Arif](#)

[Vicar: Fr. Adrian Martens](#)

[Deacon: Patrick Woo](#)

[Seminarian: Ian Mahood](#)

[Admin Assist: Jenn Pashula](#)

[Sacraments : Linda Hengen](#)

[Bookkeeper: Nora Alzamora](#)

[Resource: Connie Raz](#)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

9:30am - 4:00pm

Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

RORATE MASS

A Votive Mass in honour of the Virgin Mary for the season of Advent

December 11, 2021

6:45am - Angelus

7:00am - Mass

PARISH ADVENT MISSION

December 14, 2021

Mass - 6:30pm

Talk - 7:00pm

Presenter - Ian Mahood

Penitential Service - 7:40pm



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



This year on **Dec. 8, 2021**, we will wrap up the year that was dedicated to St. Joseph by our Pope last year. Our Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite you to a special Mass in honour of St. Joseph at **6:30pm**

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - Saturday:

8:15am - 8:45am

Saturdays: 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Sundays: 7:00am - 7:45am

Or by appointment

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Please call the office at 403.275.2240.

When prompted,
Press 2 for Fr. Avinash,
Press 3 for Fr. Naveed.

FLOCKNOTE

Keep in touch with us via email and text message! Text ACPYYC to 514.900.0130 or connect with us online at ascensioncatholicparish.flocknote.com
Sign up to get updates on Christmas and New Year's Mass times!

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YOUTH GROUP

Metanoia is a youth group geared towards students in grades 9-12. We meet every other Thursday from 6:30pm to 8pm. Our next meeting is December 9th. For more information contact Ian Mahood at youth@ascensionparish.ca.

CHOIR

Are you a singer or accompanist who would like to share your talent for the worship and glory of God? Please check out our cantor program. Cantors sing on behalf of the congregation at Mass. For more information, please contact Ian Mahood at youth@ascensionparish.ca.

SUNDAY MISSALS

Copies available at the Parish office on weekdays during office hours. The cost is \$5 each.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Store Card Program - To purchase store cards contact Philip Fitzgerald, Grand Knight, at 403.827.3110 or email: kofcascension@gmail.com

Charities Appeal 50/50 Raffle - Raffle Three will take place on Dec. 17th. Click here to purchase tickets: <https://click.pstmrk.it/2s/rafflebox.ca%2Faffle%2Fkocab%2F107/9LAFISYN/lydV/PldQ-ubt-g>

Please select "In support of Ascension 10065" to ensure the proceeds go to our SVDP.

BEWARE: EMAIL SCAM

Have you received text messages, emails, or messages through Facebook messenger from someone claiming to be your Pastor or Associate Pastor, asking for money or gift cards and indicating it's an emergency? Please ignore and don't respond. *It's a scam!* Many parishioners in the Diocese of Calgary have been targeted by this fraudulent behaviour.

Here's what to know and do:

- First, your Pastor or Associate Pastor will never contact a parishioner directly with an emergency request for cash or gift cards. Messages asking parishioners to help fulfill a need would come through the Parish's or the Diocese's official communication channels. If you're not sure about a text or email you've received, do not engage or respond.

- Take a screen shot and call your Parish office right away to notify a staff member. In addition, please note that neither your Parish nor the Diocese will ever sell or give away parishioners' personal information.

- Often with email messages, a scam can be identified by looking at the email address it was sent from. If it is not an email address you recognize, it's likely a scam.

SACRAMENTS

We currently have over 300 families who are active in the preparation of their children to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. They are committed to the Catechist Sessions, home studies and participating in Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

The **Sacraments for Teens** program continues with 18 students immersing themselves into an in-depth study of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. They are preparing to receive some or all of the Sacraments of Baptism to Confirmation.

Reconciliation - We have completed our third session and will be taking time off to prepare for the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Sessions will return on January 13th and 15th.

Confirmation – This week we held our Parent and Candidate Information Session. Thank you to all the parents and Candidates for their commitment to showing up and taking part in the Confirmation Studies. Our registration remains open with in-person sessions beginning on January 27th and 29th. Currently there are over 100 Candidates registered for Confirmation. Let's welcome them and pray for the Candidates to receive the Holy Spirit and be in full union with the Church.

This weekend we light the candle of peace as we prepare the way of the Lord by straightening out our lives and living in truth. The Sacraments are the gifts that Jesus installed giving us a way to stay connected to Him and keeping our lives straight.

Baptism for Infants: Baptisms are celebrated on Wednesday to Saturday at 10am. Please call Linda at 403.275.2240 ext 6 or email baptism@ascensionparish.ca to register.

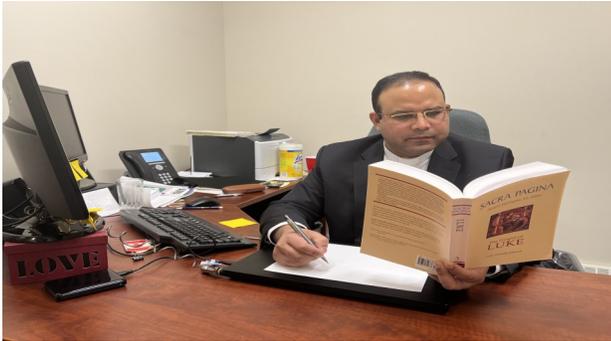
Baptism Preparation Class: Preparation classes take place on the **1st Saturday** of each month at 10:00am. Baptism celebration will be booked after you attend the class. Please call Linda at 403.275.2240 ext 6 or email baptism@ascensionparish.ca to register.

Marriage: By appointment, 6 months in advance. Please contact the office.

Marriage Preparation: 3rd Saturday of every month. Please contact the office for more information.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
For more information contact the Church office.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT (FR. NAVEED ARIF)



If you want to know more about me, please ‘invite me for dinner’ (Lol) or ‘Come and see’ (Jn 1:39). It is a joy to introduce myself as Naveed Arif and my Baptismal name is ‘John the Baptist’. I was born in a very traditional Roman Catholic family in Khushpur (Faisalabad, Pakistan) and I was Ordained as a Roman Catholic Priest by Cardinal Joseph Coutts for Dominican Province of Son of Mary Pakistan on 11 November 2010. As a religious, I have taken the vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience.

My father, Walter Saleem (RIP) went to the Lord and my mother ‘Victoria Mukhtar’ is still living. We are five brothers and two sisters; I am the eldest among them. It was a privilege for me to be formed and educated in the best possible educational institutes. I finished my STL from Angelicum (Rome) in 2015. In Rome, I was privileged to live and work in General Curia of Dominican order and Vatican in Rome (Italy). I was guided by professional spiritual leaders in different languages and cultures of the World. I have served the ‘people of God’ in Pakistan, Italy, Ireland, England and some other parts of the world, with dedicated and faithful heart. I had an opportunity to work as a Vocation Director, Justice and peace, community syndic (responsible for finances), Parish Priest assistant, as well as writing in local theological journal. I have been part of editorial board of ‘Parastish’(the Preacher). Teaching and preaching is ‘charism of Dominicans’ and so is mine. For the fulfillment of this mission, I have been serving the poor, needy, mentally challenged, seniors, street children, orphanages, choirs, people of all ages, regional, cultural and social groups, Interfaith dialogue, Inter-religious Dialogue, ecumenical dialogue, Justice and Peace commission Pakistan, hospital and Jail Chaplain.

“Laudare, Benedecere, Predicare”, To praise, To bless and To preach is my ‘hobby’, my goal and centre of my life. I have been preaching retreats, giving recollections and seminars on theological topics. I have taught dogmatic theology at National Catholic Institutes of theology and have delivered other papers in different parts of the world.

Currently, I am the Associate Pastor at this Parish. It is a joy to be here and serve the people of God. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the only influencer in my life. My favorite quote is manifesto of Christ the Savior. In general, Sacred Scripture is my favorite book/verse. In particular, I like “.....The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me, to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Lk 4:18-19). I would say to all of you: ‘keep the faith and share it’. If you want to know more about me, please ‘invite me for dinner’ (Lol) or ‘Come and see’ (Jn 1:39). Blessings and peace.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Just a reminder that PAD donors will be able to pick up a supply of donor cards for use in 2022 donations made via collection basket. To request a supply for your use, please email your name and donor number (if you know it) to Office@ascensionparish.ca.

We will ensure your 2022 supply is ready for pickup in December.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Pre-Authorized Donations (PAD)
- ◆ Online donations
- ◆ Weekly envelopes
- ◆ E-transfer
- ◆ Donor wall
- ◆ Publicly traded securities

PARISH FINANCES		
Gifts to the Parish		
Year 2021	Week : 47	
Offerings for the Week:	20-Nov-21 to	26-Nov-21
General Collections	Last Week	Y-T-D
General Collections	\$ 12,026	\$ 804,282
Operating Cost	\$ 12,076	\$ 500,339
Over(Shortfall) YTD Op Cost	-\$ 50	\$ 303,944
Central Fund Loan	Last Week	Y-T-D
Building Fund Collections	\$ 2,376	\$ 326,167
2019 Pledges	\$ -	\$ 144,911
Donor Wall	\$ -	\$ 162,500
Toonie	\$ -	\$ 2,066
Weekly Loan Payment	\$ 8,687	\$ 408,271
Over(Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	-\$ 6,310	\$ 227,372
Diocesan Annual Campaign:		
Together in Action	Last Week	Y-T-D
Collections	\$ 60	\$ 42,402
2021 Target		\$ 35,244
Thank you! We reached our goal for this year.		
Collections in our Diocese		
National Collections:	Last Week	Y-T-D
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land	\$ -	\$ 2,270
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ -	\$ 210
World Mission Sunday	\$ 25	\$ 4,685
Second Collections:		
Good Shepherd Sunday	\$ -	\$ 552
Catholic Education Sunday	\$ 150	\$ 4,027
Approved Collections:		
Mission Mexico	\$ -	\$ -
Other (Optional):		
Holy Childhood	\$ 100	\$ 600
Disaster Relief	\$ -	\$ -

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Have some time on your hands? Looking for a way to make a difference? We have many amazing opportunities for you to get involved. Why don't you give us a call?

O my God, teach me to be generous, to serve You as You deserve to be served, to give without counting the cost, to fight without fear of being wounded, to work without seeking rest, and to spend myself without expecting any reward but the knowledge that I am doing Your holy will.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We hope that the videos on our website are helping to guide you through the Advent season. This week is the second week and we light another purple candle that symbolizes "Peace". It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men."

Celebrating Advent is an excellent way to prepare your mind and heart for Christmas. In the videos, we share the symbolism of the candle, a prayer for you to share with your family as you light your candles on your wreaths at home and some activities to keep you in the spirit of Advent. The prayer in the video this week:

Dear Jesus, You entered the world as the Prince of Peace. Jesus please fill us with a deep and abiding peace and help us to share peace with all those around us.

Some suggested activities to do as a family this week are:

- ✠ Pray the Rosary for peace in our City, Country and the World.
- ✠ Do an act of kindness for someone. Pay it forward!
- ✠ Stop and say a prayer for peace every day.



Stay up to date by visiting our Social Media

www.facebook.com/ascensionparishcalgary <https://twitter.com/RCAscensionYYC> <https://www.instagram.com/ascensioncatholic/>

We Joyfully Wait for Jesus



Advent is a time of joy, when we happily look forward to the coming of Jesus. Today's Gospel reading tells about how Saint John the Baptist went around telling everyone to repent and prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

An Advent wreath is a symbol of the coming of Jesus, our Light, into the world. It has three purple candles and one pink candle. One candle is lit on the first week of Advent, and one more is added every week until Christmas. Every week it gets a bit brighter because we are getting closer to Jesus' coming at Christmas.

The purple candles stand for repentance- being sorry and making up for our sins. The pink candle represents joy. It is lit on the third week of Advent because we rejoice that the waiting is half over.

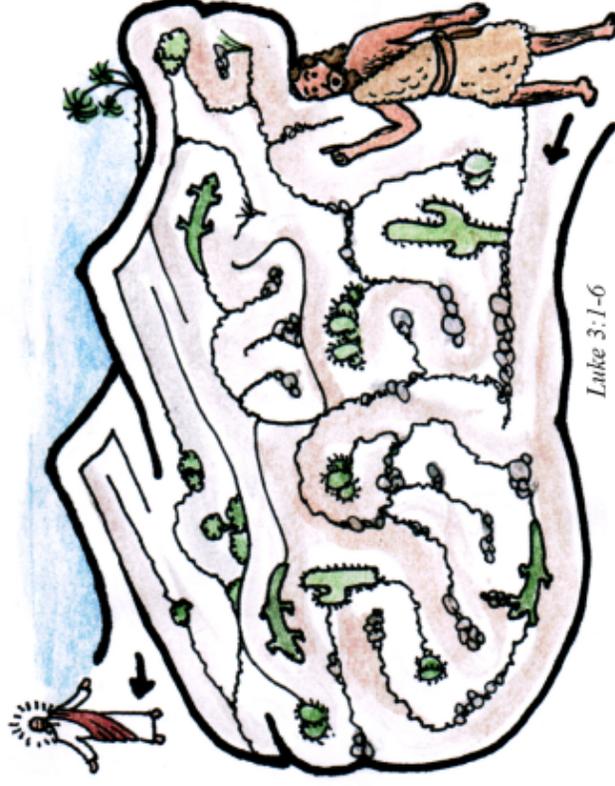


Answers to John the Baptist Word Puzzle: crying, prepare, paths, filled, mountain, straight, rough, God, A PROPHET.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent
December 5th, 2021



Luke 3:1-6

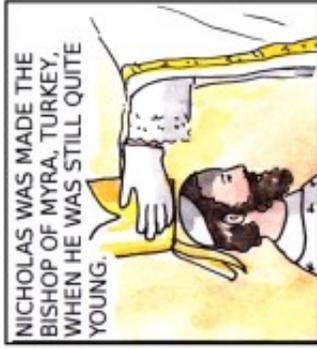
In Advent we hear about Saint John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who prepared the way for Jesus' coming. He preached to the people, telling them to repent, and baptized them.

When Jesus came Saint John told the people to follow Jesus because He was the Messiah.

Can you find your way from Saint John to Jesus?

Saint Nicholas

December 6



SANT NICHOLAS GAVE HIS LIFE TO GOD BY SERVING HIS PEOPLE. THERE ARE MANY STORIES ABOUT MIRACLES THAT GOD DID THROUGH HIM. HE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF CHILDREN, SAILORS, ORPHANS, TRAVELLERS, MERCHANTS, AND MANY OTHER PEOPLE. IS HE ONE OF YOUR PATRON SAINTS?

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Saint John the Baptist

Word Puzzle

Here is a prophesy about Saint John the Baptist. Use the words from the list below to fill in the blanks. The letters that are in circles fit into the matching spots at the bottom.

A voice of one ○³ out in the desert:

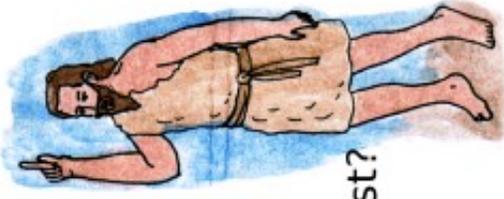
"○⁵ _____ the way of the Lord, make straight his ○²

Every valley shall be ○⁷ and every _____ and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made ○¹

and the _____ ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of ○⁴."

- GOD MOUNTAIN
- PATHS STRAIGHT
- ROUGH PREPARE
- FILLED CRYING



What was St. John the Baptist?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Isaiah 40:3-5