



ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

"Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ"

UNITED IN FAITH, TOGETHER IN ACTION

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" Lk. 12:33

Our TIA Campaign supports many important diocesan programs and ministries and over 40 southern Alberta charities. It is one of the main ways in which we, our Parish community, can offer financial assistance to educational and pastoral programs throughout our Diocese and beyond. TIA, which is led by and supported by Bishop McGrattan, gives us an opportunity to effectively fulfill the mission of compassion by working together in an organized expression of care. Last year our Parish contributed \$62,735 to the annual campaign. **This year our TIA Parish target is \$61,355.00.**



The estimated Catholic population in our Parish boundaries is 50,000 and there are 20,447 parishioners registered in our Parish. An average of 4,100 people participate in the weekend Masses. If each member of your family donates at least \$15.00 we will reach our target. Donation envelopes can be found in the pews. Place your donations in the collection baskets. Please make cheques payable to "Ascension Parish - Together in Action". In the event that we exceed our target for our 2018 campaign, the surplus collected will be utilized for our building fund. During Lent look for bulletin inserts telling the stories of organizations that benefitted from our 2017 Together in Action Campaign. Thank you and God bless you.

MASS INTENTIONS:

February 24th – March 2nd, 2018

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Sat	Feb 24	5:00pm	SI of Mary Francis De Koning
Sat	Feb 24	7:00pm	Samuel Jumawid (+)
Sun	Feb 25	8:30am	Francisco Sorbara (+)
Sun	Feb 25	10:30am	SI of Julio & Teresa Linares
Sun	Feb 25	12:30pm	Henry Kriaski (+)
Sun	Feb 25	5:00pm	Mass for Parishioners
Mon	Feb 26	9:00am	Milagros Calderon (+)
Tue	Feb 27	9:00am	Scott Allan (+)
Wed	Feb 28	9:00am	Gail Payne (+)
Wed	Feb 28	6:30pm	Leo Grossi (+)
Thur	Mar 1	9:00am	Joseph Rino (+)
Fri	Mar 2	9:00am	Richard Blaskin (+)

50/50 CASH DRAW

SUPPORT OUR RENOVATION

Starting March 3rd, the Capital Campaign Committee will be selling 50/50 cash draw tickets after all Masses for three weekends. All the proceeds will go to our renovation fund. **Tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10 and 10 for \$20. Final draw will be after the 5:00 pm Mass on March 18, 2018.** Please help build our new building.

OFFICE CLOSED – FEBRUARY 25th & 28th

The office will be closed Monday, February 25th for electrical upgrades and from 12:00-4:30 pm on Wednesday, February 28th for the staff to attend a Lenten Retreat. Please keep the staff and our renovation in your prayers.

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: 6:15pm (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 (Gr. 2 & up): Registration March 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

First Reconciliation (Gr. 2 & up): Completed for 2017.

Confirmation (Gr. 6 & up): Holy Hour - Wednesday, February 28th 7:00-8:00 pm. This event happens once; please plan accordingly. **Attendance is mandatory.**

Marriage: By appointment, 6 months in advance

Marriage Preparation Class: Upcoming Dates: **Mar. 17, Apr. 21 & May 19.** 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.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help teach our New Sacramental Program beginning this fall. The program is already prepared and we will have several other adults helping to teach the children. No previous experience is needed and all training will be provided. We need many hands to make this program work for our Parish. If you can volunteer or would like more information, please contact Vicki at sacraments@ascensionparish.ca.

WESTERN CANADIAN CATHOLIC HOME SCHOOL CONFERENCE

All parents & young adults are welcome to attend the Western Canadian Catholic Home School Conference, March 22-24 at Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton. The theme: Anchoring the Family in this Cultural Storm will be addressed by Archbishop Smith, Louis Rouleau, and other speakers. Also, enjoy wine and cheese on Friday night as we discuss home schooling. Info: www.wcchsc.net, Veronica 780-467-8410 or email wcchscreg@shaw.ca.

CANADIAN MARTYRS LENTEN MISSION

All are invited to attend Canadian Martyrs Parish Mission (835 Northmount Drive NW) March 11th to 14th from 7:00-8:00 pm featuring the Redemptorist team Deacon Bob Williston and Joan Williston. Deacon Bob completed his Master of Divinity degree from Newman Theological College in Edmonton. He and Joan, his wife, were Lay Missionaries of the Most Holy Redeemer, working for 30 years with the Redemptorist Mission Team. Their Mission will cover the following topics over the four nights:

1. Sunday evening - Receive the Mercy of God.
2. Monday evening - Give Thanks for God's Mercy.
3. Tuesday evening - Our Brokenness Needs the Merciful Touch of Jesus.
4. Wednesday evening - Sharing the Mercy of God with a World in Need.

K of C - 40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS

Inspired by Christ's fasting in the desert for 40 days, the 40 Cans for 40 Days helps us to connect with the three pillars of Lent; Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. We encourage each family to prayerfully give up one daily pleasure and give one non-perishable food item per day for the 40 days of Lent. The 40 Cans for 40 Days is a real tangible way for families to live and practice their Catholic faith in a truly meaningful way.

Last year we collected over 5 Tons of food and over \$6,000 in Store Cards which was donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We are very confident that we can exceed those numbers this year. Store Cards can be purchased from the Knights Table so that families can purchase perishable items such as: Milk, Meat, Produce, Cheese, etc. Your store card donations can be placed in the SVDP envelopes for a tax receipt. Your hampers of food can be left at the Knights Table. And a list of Needed Items can be picked up at the Knights Table. Thank you and God Bless!

REJOICE IN GOD'S MERCY

In addition to the regular Parish schedule, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at Parishes throughout the Diocese of Calgary all the Wednesdays of Lent 7:30-8:30 pm. While Peter tells Jesus "it's good to be here", he is also genuinely terrified. The work of a Christian calls for our courage, trust, and faith. The challenges of Christian living bring us out of complacency and into authentic discipleship where we encounter Christ in one another. **Action: Go outside of your comfort zone. Ask the Holy Spirit to identify Christ to you in people you may have overlooked.**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

ASCENSION'S DAY OF PRAYER

Ascension's Day of Prayer is on Thursday, March 22nd. Please sign up in the Narthex this weekend for Ascension's Day of Prayer as we pray to end abortion. Join other volunteers to witness in prayer at the Kensington (Abortion) Clinic: 2431 5th Ave. NW. Vigil hours are 7:00am to 7:00pm.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

LENTEN PRAYER CAMPAIGN

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

Through the ultrasound initiative, since 2009, state and local Knights of Columbus councils had funded more than 700 ultrasound machines, costing over \$200 million, for placement in pro-life pregnancy centres in US and Canada. There is a project to also bring this initiative to Calgary.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who experience conflict, boredom, disillusionment or frustration. You can learn to use the communication tools they teach by registering for the program starting on Mar. 9-11, 2018. For info access our website at www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com or call **403-879-7893** if you have further questions.



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary **Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for February 25th, 2018** **Second Sunday of Lent**

LENTEN REFLECTION – REDUCE FOOD WASTE – Laudato Si' is a call to conversion and action, an invitation to change direction by taking on the task of caring for our common home. Did you know that most households throw away 50% of the food that is purchased? This week as a Lenten "Fast for Creation" commitment, make a list before you go shopping, look in your fridge and cupboards, and make a list of only those items you need. Not only will you save money on your grocery bill, but you will also reduce the amount of food that you throw out that ends up at the landfill.

TRANSITIONS – A transition 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 Wednesday, February 21, 2018. There is still availability to participate. For more information or to register, call 403-218-5505.

YOUTH RALLY 2018 – The Youth Office invites all youth ages 12 - 18 to participate in this year's Youth Rally on April 21 at Catholic Central High School East, Lethbridge. Come and join Michael Chiasson, Fr. Cristino Bouvette and the Nun and Nunner for a day filled with music, awesome talks and great fun. To register, go to <http://www.theyellowtree.ca> or ask your Youth Group Coordinator or your Parish Priest. For more information, call Harriett at 403-218-5507 - harriett.cariaga@calgarydiocese.ca

FAITH ENRICHMENT FOR SENIORS – The Diocesan Religious Education Office will resume the Faith Enrichment for Senior's group on Mondays, March 5, 12, 19, and 26 at St. Joseph's Parish from 1 pm to 3 pm. No registration is necessary and all are welcome. For further information contact Norline at 403-218-5503 or e-mail norline.johnson@calgarydiocese.ca

ALZHEIMER WORKSHOP – The Diocesan Health Care Apostolate will be hosting an Alzheimer Workshop on March 3 from 9 am - 2:30 pm at Mary Mother of the Redeemer Parish, Calgary. This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias. Registration fee: \$25, lunch included. 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

OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS – VOLUNTEERS – 35th Annual Outdoor Way of the Cross – on March 30 has a few more positions to fill - available for groups / individuals. If you would like to take part as a cross bearer, lost person attendant or in crowd control it's not too late! Please visit www.wayofthecross.ca to learn more and complete the online registration form. If you have questions, contact outdoorwayofthecross@calgarydiocese.ca or call 403-218-5500. Orientations begin soon so don't miss the chance to participate in this moving faith event sponsored by the Office of Social Justice.

PROJECT RACHEL POST ABORTION COUNSELLING – The ministry offers a journey of healing and reconciliation for women and men who are suffering from a past abortion experience. Clients will be referred to a professional counselor who specializes in dealing with the trauma associated with this grief. For more information call Project Rachel at 403-218-5506 or toll free at 1-877-597-3223. You may also e-mail: info@projectrachel.ca

RETRouvaille CALGARY WEEKEND – A Lifeline for Marriages. Two people are joined together in marriage. Along life's journey, we may lose our way and start to grow apart. Retrouvaille provides a 'road map' to help us find our way again by teaching communication skills and providing the tools to improve our relationships. Call for help today, 403-879-7893, coordinator@RetrouvailleCalgary.com or www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com. Next weekend: March 9 - 11.

COURAGE, UNITY, FAITH: GOD SQUAD 2018 ANNUAL MEN CONFERENCE – Attention Catholic Men: You are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ who are filled with courage and conviction. Recognize God's calling "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14), and face the challenge against the Catholic faith, identity and practice. Speakers: Fr. Raymond DeSouza, Fr. Cristino Bouvette, and Fr. Jerome Lavigne. Join us at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church on March 16 and 17. Register at: <https://godsquad.ca/>

LENTEN MISSIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF CALGARY

LENTEN MISSION WITH FR. EUGENE O'REILLY at ST. PIUS X, CALGARY – When: Mon, Feb. 26 to Thurs, Mar. 1, 7:30 – 8:30pm. Where: St. Pius X Parish, 2424 - 24 AVE NW, Calgary. Speaker: Father Eugene O'Reilly, CSsR. Information: www.stpiusx.ca

LENTEN MISSION WITH PETER THOMPSON at ST. JOSEPH, CALGARY – When: Mon. to Wed. (Mar. 5, 6 & 7) at 7pm (Holy Mass each night). Where: St. Joseph's Parish, 640 19th Ave NW, Calgary. Speaker: Peter Thompson. Info: www.stjosephcalgary.com

DIVINE MERCY LENTEN MISSION at ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, CALGARY – When: Tuesdays March 6, 13, and 20, beginning with Mass at 7 pm each night. Where: St. Michael's Church at 800 85 St SW, Calgary, AB. Speakers: Fr. Jerome Lavigne, Fr. Cristino Bouvette, and Sharon van der Sloot. Information: www.saintmichael.ca/lent

LENTEN MISSION WITH FR. JULIAN STUDDEN at MARY, MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER, CALGARY – When: Sunday, March 11 (begins with Mass at 11 AM), and Monday to Wednesday (March 12, 13, 14) at 7 pm each night. Where: Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church at 1714 14 Ave NE, Calgary. Speaker: Father Julian Studden. Information: www.mmredeemer.ca

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ALBERT THE GREAT PARISH – St. Albert the Great Parish is celebrating its 20th anniversary as a parish, and 15th anniversary of the church building, with a special mass on Sunday March 18 at 11 am. The mass will be celebrated by Bishop William McGrattan. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special occasion – especially former parishioners.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION/ACCOMPANIMENT RELATIONSHIP - FREE OF CHARGE – The participants in FCJ Christian Life Centre's spiritual direction training program (SDTP) will begin their practicum in spiritual direction this fall. As part of this segment of the program, we are looking for people they can meet monthly from October 2018 to May 2019. Call 403-228- 4215 or e-mail madeleine.gregg@fcjcentre.ca before May 31, 2018 and say that you would like to participate in the SDTP as a volunteer directee.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIOCESE OF CALGARY

Support Staff - Casual Work- Elizabeth House, Calgary - **NEW**

Full time - Sacrament Coordinator - Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary - **NEW**

Part time - Youth Ministry Coordinator - Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary - **NEW**

Full time or Part time Secretary - Canadian Martyrs Parish, Calgary - **NEW**

Full Time Maintenance/Caretaker - St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary

Full Time Receptionist - Ascension Parish, Calgary

Part Time Office Assistant - St. Anthony's Parish, Calgary

For more detailed information, please see the Diocesan website: www.CalgaryDiocese.ca under Careers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 3: OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP LENTEN PARISH RETREAT (400 Edmonton Trail NE)

9:00am: Mass
 10:00 - 11:00am: Eucharistic Adoration
 11:15 - 4:30pm: Lenten Retreat (A total of 3 Talks - Schedules will be posted on the day at the front entrances of Church/Upper Hall).
 4:30 - 5:00pm: Stations of the Cross
 Lead by: Fr. Francis Ching
 Place: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish **Upper Hall**
 All parishioners are welcome. Please visit the OLPH's website at <http://www.myolph.org/> for more details.

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2017 TAX RECEIPTS: 2017 tax receipts for Church donations have been mailed. Thank you for your generous support of our Parish throughout 2017.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: St. Luke's Parish - Fridays, February 23, March 2, 9, 16 & 23 after the 7:00 pm Mass.

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

SILENT RETREAT – Feb. 28, 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". 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 or email: mtfrancis@shaw.ca

WOMEN'S SERENITY WEEKEND – Mar. 9-11, 2018. To register contact: Karen C. at 403-479-6883 or ckcleans@gmail.com

WOMEN'S WEEKEND – Mar. 23-25, 2018. To register contact: Teresa Grice at 403-329-8967 teresa.grice2@alumni.uleth.ca or Jane Gainer at 403-854-3543 or jgainer@ualberta.ca

WEEK-LONG RETREATS - June 18-24, 2018

6-Day Preached Retreat "A Radical Spirituality for Our Times: With Jesus As Model" facilitated by Fr. Robert Mitchell, and the Retreat Team. Cost \$600.00, Retreats begin with Supper at 5:30 on Monday

July 22-29, 2018 - "Grace" 7-Day Directed Retreat facilitated by Retreat Team. An individual Director will accompany you on your spiritual journey. Cost \$650.00, Retreats begin with Supper at 5:30 on Sunday.

To register call 403-932-2012 or Email: mtfrancis@shaw.ca. Booking deposit of \$50.00 is required for each retreat

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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.