

Ascension Catholic Parish

Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ

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"God, be merciful to me a sinner!"

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*)

How can we know if our prayer is pleasing to God or not? The prophet Hosea, who spoke in God's name, said: "I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6). The prayers and sacrifices we make to God mean nothing to him if they do not spring from a heart of love for God and for one's neighbor. How can we expect God to hear our prayers if we do not approach him with humility and with a contrite heart that seeks mercy and forgiveness? We stand in constant need of God's grace and help. That is why Scripture tells us that "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6; Proverbs 3:34).

Why did the Lord accept one person's prayer and reject the other's prayer? Luke gives us a hint: despising one's neighbor closes the door to God's heart. Expressing disdain and contempt for others is more than being mean-minded. It springs from the assumption that one is qualified to sit in the seat of judgment and to publicly shame those who do not conform to our standards and religious practices. Jesus' story caused offense to the religious-minded Pharisees who regarded "tax collectors" as unworthy of God's grace and favor. How could Jesus put down a "religious person" and raise up a "public sinner"? Jesus' parable speaks about the nature of prayer and our relationship with God. It does this by contrasting two very different attitudes towards prayer. The Pharisee, who represented those who take pride in their religious practices, exalted

himself at the expense of others. Absorbed with his own sense of self-satisfaction and self-congratulation, his boastful prayer was centered on his good religious practices rather than on God's goodness, grace, and pardon. Rather than humbling himself before God and asking for God's mercy and help, this man praised himself while despising those he thought less worthy. The Pharisee tried to justify himself before God and before those he despised; but only God can justify us. The tax collector, who represented those despised by religious-minded people, humbled himself before God and begged for mercy. His prayer was heard by God because he had true sorrow for his sins. He sought God with humility rather than with pride.

This parable presents both an opportunity and a warning. Pride leads to self-deception and spiritual blindness. True humility helps us to see ourselves as we really are in God's eyes and it inclines us to seek God's help and mercy. God dwells with the humble of heart who recognize their own sinfulness and who acknowledge God's mercy and saving grace. *I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit* (Isaiah 57:15). God cannot hear us if we boast in ourselves and despise others.

Do you humbly seek God's mercy and do you show mercy to others, especially those you find difficult to love and to forgive?

Don Schwager - www.dailyscripture.net



Luke 18:9-14

Let us Pray:

"Lord Jesus, may your love and truth transform my life - my inner thoughts, intentions, and attitudes, and my outward behavior, speech, and actions. Where I lack charity, kindness, and forbearance, help me to embrace your merciful love and to seek the good of my neighbor, even those who cause me ill-favor or offense. May I always love as you have loved and forgive others as you have forgiven." Amen



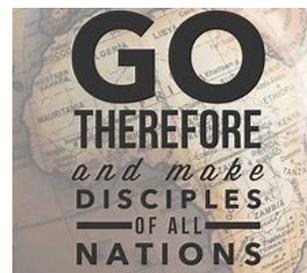
All are invited to **The Ascension CWL Fall Market** being held on **Saturday, November 2, 2019** in the Main Hall from **10:00 AM to 3:30 PM**. A variety of vendors will be on-site selling quilting, crocheted, woodcraft and wellness products, jewelry, live plants, and more! There are prizes to be won and food will be sold. Admission is \$2/person; kids under 12 are free.

If you are interested in booking a table or would like more information please contact us at ascensionfallmarket@gmail.com



Catechesis Corner

(For the week of Oct 26-Nov 1, 2019)



Are we all called to be missionaries?

Yes. Every Christian is called to be a missionary as every Christian is called to live and be missionaries as Christ himself says (Mat. 28).

Pope Francis has asked that this month, October 2019, be a month where we recognize that we are missionaries and also realize that we need to help all other missionaries. The below are prayers that can be said with your family or alone for the month which are prayed this Sunday:

- For all Catholics to see themselves as missionaries, we pray to the Lord, Lord hear our prayer
- For our schools to be places of missionary activity and the preaching of the Gospel, we pray to the Lord, Lord hear our prayer
- For the work on missions in Canada, that the Lord would find good clergy and laity to preach the Gospel to farthest reaches of Canada, we pray to the Lord, Lord hear our prayer
- For the work of missions abroad, that the Lord would continue to spread his Word to all nations, we pray to the Lord, Lord hear our prayer



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Pumpkin Carving** event on **Sunday, October 27th after the 12:00pm Mass**. You're invited to bring your family to the main hall between 1:00-3:00pm to carve a pumpkin.

Mass Intentions

October 26th - November 1st, 2019



A Mass for people with special needs will be held on **Sunday, November 3rd at the 4:00pm Mass**. A reception, hosted by The Knights of Columbus, will follow.

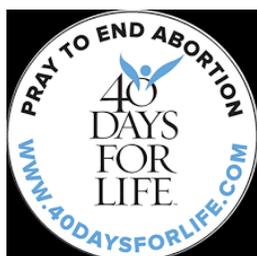
Store Cards are available in the narthex every weekend. Your participation helps to support Parish Ministries and the needy. A portion of the proceeds goes towards our Building Fund.

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Saturday	October 26	9:00 AM	Gerardo & Filomena De Santis (+)
Saturday	October 26	5:00 PM	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	October 27	8:00 AM	SI of Jins Joseph Family
Sunday	October 27	10:00 AM	Lucille Relland (+)
Sunday	October 27	12:00 PM	Ed Lutzko (+)
Sunday	October 27	4:00 PM	Maddalena Antonio (+)
Monday	October 28	9:00 AM	Paul Le & Nghi Nguyen (+)
Tuesday	October 29	9:00 AM	Lacap Family Members (+)
Tuesday	October 29	6:30 PM	John Aranha (+)
Wednesday	October 30	9:00 AM	Ronald Hinds (+)
Wednesday	October 30	6:30 PM	Maryann Gonzales (+)
Thursday	October 31	9:00 AM	SI of Jerry Reyes
Thursday	October 31	6:30 PM	Genevieve Vos (+)
Friday	November 1	9:00 AM	Mike & Lucia Sorbara (+)
Friday	November 1	6:30 PM	Valentine De Jesus (+)



Catholic Education Sunday will be celebrated November 3rd within our Diocese. It is a day to recognize and celebrate the gift of Catholic education for our students. Catholic education teaches the students that God is present in everything we do.

On the weekend of November 2nd & 3rd, a special collection will occur at each Mass. The community is called to support the gift of Catholic education in our community and to ensure the present and future needs of our students are met. The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the learning experience for the over 58,000 students in the 116 schools of the Calgary Catholic School District. A portion of the collection is also committed to St. Mary's University, St. Joseph's Seminary at Newman Theological College as well as the Catholic schools of the Franco-sud school board. Thank you for your support of Catholic Education.



40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign is from September 25 to November 3

The current fall campaign continues for another week and it has been amazing here in Calgary! More people are willing to sacrifice their time in order to participate in the peaceful vigil in front of the Kensington abortion clinic at 2431 5 Ave NW, Calgary. Everyone involved needs to know that there are definite options available to them to save them from making this life-altering decision.

It has been proven that at the last minute babies can be saved. Since 2009 more than 16,000 babies have been saved, 100 abortion facilities have been closed, and 200 employees have quit the industry with no plans to go back.

To participate in the vigil visit the website: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/calgary>. If you are looking for more information email 40daysforlife.calgary@gmail.com or call us at 403-870-3905.

We ask St. Joseph the patron saint of Canada to pray for us.

Finance Report - at a glance...

Gifts to the Parish	October 2019	
	Week	42
Offerings for the Week:	15-Oct-19	21-Oct-19
	Last Week	YTD
General Collections:		
Collections	17,860	488,726
Operating Cost	14,300	614,900
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Operating Cost	3,560	(126,174)
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage):		
Building Fund Collections	9,381	385,703
2019 Pledges	7,968	103,004
Donor Wall	2,500	122,500
Weekly Loan Payment	12,400	503,150
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	7,449	108,057
Diocesan Annual Campaign:		
Together In Action		
2019 Collections	1,170	37,220
2019 Target		57,093
Remaining towards 2019 Goal		19,873
Collections in our Diocese:		
Holy Childhood	467	10,688

All Saints' & All Souls' Day Masses

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day within the Catholic Church, celebrated annually on November 1st. This day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, who have entered Heaven.

All Souls' Day is a holy day set aside for honoring the dead on November 2nd and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Masses will be celebrated at our Parish on

Friday, November 1st at 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM – All Saints' Day

Saturday, November 2nd at 9:00 AM – All Souls' Day

Effective Co-Parenting: Putting Kids First

In partnership with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary, our Parish is offering a five-week parents' education program to help parents, children, and families cope with separation and divorce. Learn how to manage shared parenting situations, resolve family conflicts, and improve communication between separated or divorced parents. Classes will take place on **Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Youth Hall on October 30, November 6, 13, 27 & December 4.**

Cost is \$30/person. To register please contact Alida Allen at alida.allen@calgarydiocese.ca or at 403-218-5505.

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 closed for 2019. Please register your child in September 2020.

First Reconciliation (Gr. 2 & up): Registration is closed for 2019. Please register your child in September 2020.

Confirmation (Gr. 6 & up): Registration is open on October 1, 2019 on our Parish website. Please register your child by October 26, 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

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