



Third Sunday of Easter

May 4/5, 2019

Ascension Catholic Parish

Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ

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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: 6:00 PM

Sunday:
9:00 AM, 11:00 AM
& 4:00 PM

Reconciliation:

Tuesday - Saturday:
8:30 AM - 8:55 AM

Tuesday - Thursday:
6:00 PM - 6:25 PM

Saturday:
5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

Sunday:
8:00 AM - 8:45 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*)

"Do you love the Risen Lord Jesus above all else?"

Why did Jesus perform this miraculous catch of fish after his third resurrection appearance to the apostles? By looking back to the first miracle of the great catch of fish, we can recognize the significance of Jesus repeating this miracle again for his apostles. The first miracle took place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee when the Lord called Peter to leave all and follow him. After Peter had fished all night and caught nothing, Jesus commanded him to lower his nets. When his nets began to break under the weight of the great haul, Jesus then spoke to Peter and gave him a new calling and mission - from now on he would be "catching people" for the kingdom of God. Jesus repeats this miracle for Peter to remind him that he must continue his mission of "catching people" and "making disciples" for the kingdom of Christ.

In his third appearance to the apostles, Jesus prepared a breakfast for them and ate with them. Peter's prompt response to draw near to the Lord and eat breakfast with him stands in sharp contrast to his previous denial and distancing himself from his Master during the night of Jesus' arrest and trial. Why did Jesus question Peter's love and loyalty three times in front of the other disciples? It must have caused Peter pain and sorrow since he had publicly denied Jesus three times previously. Now Peter, full of remorse and humility, unequivocally stated that he loved his Lord and Master

and was willing to serve him whatever it might cost.

When Jesus asked Peter "do you love me more than these?" he may have pointed to the boats, nets and other fishing companions. He may have challenged Peter to let go of his career as a fisherman for the task of shepherding the people whom Christ would call to be his disciples. Jesus may have also pointed to the other apostles and to Peter's previous boast: "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away" (Matthew 26:33). Peter now makes no boast or comparison but humbly responds: "You know I love you." The Lord Jesus calls each one of us, even in our personal struggles, weakness, and sin, to draw near to him as our merciful Healer and Savior. He invites us to choose him as our Lord and to love him above all else. What can hold us back from giving him our undivided love and unqualified loyalty? Nothing but our own sinful pride and stubborn will, and blind fear can hold us back from receiving his gracious forgiveness, loving-kindness, and faithful love. God's abundant grace (favor and blessing) is a free and unmerited gift, far beyond what we deserve or could possibly hope to obtain through our own means. We can never outmatch God in generosity and goodness. He loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace (unmerited favor) and mercy.

Don Schwager www.dailyscripture.net



John 21:1-19

Let us Pray:
"Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your merciful love and remove everything that is unkind, ungrateful, unloving and unholy, and that is not in accord with your will. May I always seek to love you above all else and follow you wherever you wish to lead me." Amen.



Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide apostolic organization of ordinary Catholic lay men and women with over 3 million active members in almost every country of the world. Their purpose is to become better Catholics through prayer and active service to the Lord and His Church. They take their inspiration from Mary, the Mother of God, Mother of the Church, and our Mother. In all that they do, they try to imitate her in humility, prayer, mortification, purity, patience, wisdom, and above all faith and love for her Son, Jesus. Spiritual works of mercy comprise their service. Legionaries seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all their apostolic work. **All are welcome to attend our weekly meetings every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 PM.**

Catechesis Corner

(For the week of May 4-10, 2019)



White & Gold

Why do we keep wearing white and gold?

This was a question a student once asked a Priest. “Isn’t white and gold supposed to be the greatest of the Church’s colours, then why does the Priest and Deacon keep wearing it?” And the student is right. It is the most joyous and wonderful of the Church’s colours. In periods of the church’s history some people would spend years sewing the most beautiful of the church’s vestments. The reason why we

do not take off white is that Jesus is still with us into His Ascension into heaven (which our church is named after). Therefore be happy and rejoice, since Jesus is still with us until His Ascension. Wear white and gold!

Application: Buy white or gold flowers for your dining room table and have them up until the Ascension of Our Lord on June 2nd to celebrate the glorious Season of Easter!



The next CWL meeting is Wednesday, May 8th at 7:00 PM. All women from 16 years old, Catholic and non-Catholic, are welcome to join us. For more information please contact cwl.ascension@gmail.com



Altar Server Training

Our Altar Servers help the people of God worship by assisting the Priest during Mass. Children in Grade 3 and older who have received their First Holy Communion are able to serve in this Ministry. If you would like to be an Altar Server please email server@ascensionparish.ca to sign up for the training session on **Sunday, May 19th at 12 PM in the Sanctuary.**



Youth Ministry Flower Sale

After all Masses on the weekend of May 25th and 26th the youth are selling a variety of bedding plants and beautiful hanging baskets. All proceeds support our Youth Ministry!



The **40 Cans for 40 Days** Campaign, an initiative of the Ascension Council of Knights of Columbus, in support of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul was a **great success**. Through the generosity of the parishioners, with the donations of groceries of about 500 pounds, the Society was able to stock the shelves of the Hamper Room! Our sisters and brothers in Jesus Christ are extremely grateful for your generosity and support which enabled us to serve the least fortunate among us.

Mass Intentions

May 4th - 10th, 2019

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Saturday	May 4	6:00 PM	Alessandro Esposto (+)
Sunday	May 5	9:00 AM	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	May 5	11:00 AM	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	May 5	4:00 PM	Dennis Nielson (+)
Monday	May 6	9:00 AM	Paul Le & Nghi Nguyen (+)
Tuesday	May 7	9:00 AM	Pat & Florence Bibby (+)
Tuesday	May 7	6:30 PM	Ethel St. Jean (+)
Wednesday	May 8	9:00 AM	Maureen O'Sullivan (+)
Wednesday	May 8	6:30 PM	Holy Souls in Purgatory (+)
Thursday	May 9	9:00 PM	Dolores Westgeest (+)
Thursday	May 9	6:30 PM	Millicent Amuche Obiegbu (+)
Friday	May 10	9:00 AM	Isabelo Reyes (+)
Friday	May 10	6:30 PM	Udo Kanngiesser (+)

Life Week - May 2019 - Sponsor Our Priests at Knights Table

Mass for Life: On Monday, May 6, you are invited to St. Mary's Cathedral for Eucharistic Adoration from 5:30 to 7 pm followed by an annual Mass for Life presided by Bishop William McGrattan. For more information, please call 403-218-5516.

March for Life: The 12th Annual Alberta March for Life will be taking place at Noon on Thursday, May 9 at the Alberta Legislature Building in Edmonton. The Knights of Columbus have arranged for buses to Edmonton, leaving Calgary at 8:00 AM and arriving back at approximately 6:30 PM. If you, your family and friends wish to reserve a complimentary seat, please call 403-271-7249. For more information about the Alberta March for Life, schedule details and the list of speakers, check out <https://albertamarchforlife.com>.

Hike for Life: Saturday, May 11th – 8:30 AM to Noon – Princes Island Park. You can support the program by participating in this fun-filled family hike or by **sponsoring our Pastor** who has generously offered to be the main hiker for Ascension Parish. Funds are raised to support a Pro Life education program to help teach our children about "Respect for Life". Sponsorship donations and pledges can be made before and after Mass at the Knights of Columbus table in the narthex. See www.calgaryprolife.com for pledge sheets and more information.

Finance Report - at a glance...

Gifts to the Parish	April 2019	
	Week	17
Offerings for the Week:	23-Apr-19	29-Apr-19
	Last Week	YTD
General Collections:		
Collections	15,622	197,764
Operating Cost	14,300	243,100
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Operating Cost	1,322	(45,336)
Central Fund Loan:		
Building Fund Collections	9,665	188,933
2019 Pledges	100	14,535
Weekly Loan Payment	11,350	192,950
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	(1,585)	10,518
Diocesan Annual Campaign:		
Together In Action		
2019 Collections	1,460	18,771
2019 Target		57,093
Remaining towards 2019 Goal		38,322
Collections in our Diocese:		
Holy Childhood	578	3,924

Save the Date - June 1st Ascension Feast Day!!

Date: June 1, 2019
Mass Time: 10:00 am



Feast of Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ



BBQ catered by "God Squad":

- Hamburgers, hotdogs, sausages, chips...
- Free will offering

Family Activities:

- Photo booth, balloons, candy guessing jars, games, with prizes, treasure hunt, karaoke.
- 50/50 tickets

Celebration: 11:00 am



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50/50 Raffle

A 50/50 Raffle will be held as a fundraiser in support of our Feast Day Celebration. Tickets will be available in the Narthex after all weekend Masses for 3 weekends starting next weekend, May 11th & 12th and including June 1st. The tickets are priced at 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10 and 10 for \$20. The draw will be held on June 1st.

RCIA Sponsors Needed

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program continues to grow at our Parish. Please consider journeying with an individual and learning about your faith as a sponsor. You don't need to have the answers, we have resources and training available. If you have interest in journeying with our group at the new RCIA time of Sunday morning following 9:00 AM Mass, please contact Barbara Fouillard at barbarafouillard@shaw.ca

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**
- 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 Saturdays** of each month at 10:00 AM (except during Lent). 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 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 in September, 2019.

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

Confirmation (Gr. 6 & up): Registration is closed. Please register your child in November, 2019.

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

Marriage Preparation Class: 3rd 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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 Youth Ministry: Vicki Hayles | youth@ascensionparish.ca
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