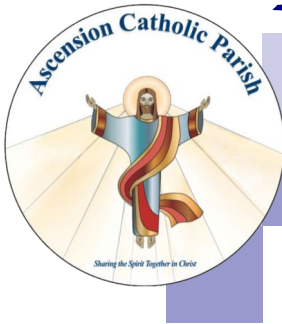


Third Sunday of Lent

March 23/24, 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*)

TOGETHER IN ACTION 2019

Isaiah 61:1
THE LORD
HAS ANOINTED
ME TO BRING
good news
TO THE POOR.



TOGETHER
IN ACTION 2019

Where Does the Money Go?

Your contribution and generosity make a real difference in the lives of thousands of people. Together in Action supports diocesan ministries and programs in the 68 parishes across southern Alberta. It funds grants for almost fifty local charities and national and international partners. Last year our Parish contributed \$61,355.00 to the TIA campaign. **This year our TIA Parish Target is \$57,093.00.** In the event that we exceed our target for our 2019 campaign, the surplus collected will be utilized for our building fund.

Thank you for responding

Your gift is a source of mercy and love in the life and mission of the Church. **Donation packages are available next to the bulletin pick-up.** Through your prayers and generosity to your parish's campaign, you increase our impact on the common good of our local communities, our country and our world at large.

Thankful Notes & Photos



**FORT MACLEOD
KIDS FIRST FAMILY
CENTRE**

Our vision is that all children and families have equitable access to community supports and services. We are very thankful for the assistance to provide parenting education that reduces child neglect and abuse to ensure the healthy growth of children and families.



**BETWEEN
FRIENDS
ADVENTURES**

Thank you for seeing the value in giving adults with disabilities an opportunity to have adventures and make friends in an environment where they feel safe and accepted. Your gift enriches the lives of so many unique individuals who bond and grow at our programs.



**ST. DISMAS
PRISON SOCIETY**

St. Dismas helps with prisoner reintegration and aftercare programs, services and support. With your generosity, we have changed lives, healed communities and expanded our outreach and effectiveness. Together we have been a part of answering Jesus' call in Luke 15 to help return the lost sheep to the flock. Thank you!



**CATHOLIC
FAMILY SERVICE**

The Families & Schools Together Program is designed to reduce factors associated with school failure, juvenile delinquency and substance abuse in later adolescence through collaborating with elementary schools and families. Thank you for your help!

Catechesis Corner

(For the week of March 23-29, 2019)



Called to Serve

The Breaks in Lent and Missionary Discipleship

There are three large “breaks” in Lent: St. Joseph’s Day (March 19), The Annunciation of the Lord (March 25), and the Fourth Sunday in Lent (March 31). Each day signifies the fact that despite the penance of Lent we still have great hope in the redemption of human beings by Christ through making them missionary disciples. The first holiday, which has already passed for us signified that all are to follow the example of the Fatherhood of St. Joseph, who left everything for Jesus and St. Mary. The second holiday, which is coming up this Monday, The Annunciation of the Lord, which is traditionally called “Lady Day”, remembers the great “yes” St. Mary gives to the Angel who announces that she

will bear Jesus Christ. In the same way we are called to follow the Lord, by saying “yes” to go onto to mission and tell all about our joy as Catholics. The last “break” from Lent is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, or traditionally “Rejoice” Sunday. The name for the Sunday comes from the traditional entrance hymn, which reminds us that God is in control and he will one day return and bring the new Jerusalem: “Rejoice, O Jerusalem”. The traditional colour of “Rejoice” Sunday signifies this day by mixing the white of Easter into the purple of Lent, making the colour look pink (which is actually called “Rose”). This reminds us that despite our missionary duties of Lent and forthcoming despair of Good Friday, that God is truly the only one in control and that Easter will come.



STATIONS of the CROSS

The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus’ Passion and Death. Please join us.

Mass: 6:30 PM

Stations of the Cross: Fridays during Lent at 7:00 PM



Support the Knights of Columbus **40 Cans for 40 Days Lenten Food Drive** by dropping off non-perishable food items or purchasing store cards for perishable items. A list of needed items can be picked up at the Knights table and your food items can be left at their table. We are hoping to fill the St. Vincent de Paul Hamper Room.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Statistics for February 2019

14 Calls
13 Hampers
24 Adults & 21 Children

Financials for February 2019

Donations	\$ 1,964
Gift Cards donated	\$ 0
Groceries Purchased	\$ 540
Gift Cards Purchased	\$ 0
Utilities	\$ 650
Rent	\$ 0
Property & Equipment	\$ 0
Office Expense	\$ 334
Gift Cards Given Out	\$ 435
Bank Balance	\$ 7,679

Thank you for your Generosity!!

We are grateful for all donations.

Special Thanks to:

The Knights of Columbus for their initiative of 40 Cans for 40 days in support of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Share Sunday

No donation is too small. Thank you for your generosity.

Police Checks

Every member must have their police check done. Please contact Davina Janssens.

New members welcome

If you are interested in becoming a member please contact Davina Janssens at davinamj@telus.net

Mass Intentions

March 23rd - 29th, 2019

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Sat. & Sun	March 23 - 24	All Masses	Masses for Parishioners
Monday	March 25	9:00 AM	Paul Le & Nghi Nguyen (+)
Tuesday	March 26	9:00 AM	SI of Ken & Carol Taylor
Wednesday	March 27	9:00 AM	Nicolino & Rosa Cassetta (+)
Wednesday	March 27	6:30 PM	Donato Grossi (+)
Thursday	March 28	9:00 AM	SI of Kathleen Kwong
Friday	March 29	9:00 AM	SI of Emily Mitchell

Ascension Catholic NEW Parish Pledge Program

Last weekend the Capital Campaign Team launched the new 3 year pledge program to help our Parish meet its financial needs. It's called "Ascension Catholic Parish Pledges" and takes over from the Commitment Card program. The new pledge program is needed to meet the funding requirements of our new mortgage. The approach, as always, is "Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice." For the next three years we all need to go above and beyond what we are giving today to help our Parish flourish. Your support is needed more than ever. If you have any questions please contact the Coordinator Mark Holland at markholland@shaw.ca

Finance Report - at a glance...

Gifts to the Parish	March 2019	
	Week	11
Offerings for the Week:	12-Mar-19	18-Mar-19
	Last Week	YTD
General Collections:		
Collections	11,272	116,808
Operating Cost	14,300	157,300
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Operating Cost	(3,028)	(40,492)
Central Fund Loan:		
Building Fund Collections	10,037	128,176
2019 Pledges	50	50
Weekly Loan Payment	11,350	124,850
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	(1,263)	3,376
Diocesan Annual Campaign:		
Together In Action		
2019 Collections	672	4,151
2019 Target		57,093
Remaining towards 2019 Goal		52,942
Collections in our Diocese:		
Holy Childhood	156	2,047



Holy Week Masses

PALM SUNDAY April 13/14	Regular Mass Times
Chrim Mass April 15	St. Mary's Cathedral 7:30 PM
HOLY THURSDAY April 18	9:00 PM w/Adoration to 11:00 PM
GOOD FRIDAY April 19	12:00 PM & 3:00 PM
EASTER VIGIL April 20	9:30 PM
EASTER SUNDAY April 21	8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM



Penitential Service

Thursday, March 28th starting with Mass at 6:30 PM. Confessions start directly after Mass (Note time change from 7:30 PM).



PRAYING TO SAVE BABIES

40 Days for Life invites you to be part of this worldwide pro-life movement to make abortion unthinkable. Almost in 400 cities around the world, we pray and participate in a vigils in front of the abortion facilities. It is proven, 40 DFL campaigns save lives. It is the last chance that those moms can change their minds so they can keep their babies alive. We are the generation who is ending abortion. Please join us. For more information call 403-870-3905 or go to 40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/calgary/

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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