

ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

APRIL 9 & 10, 2022



*Sharing the Spirit
Together in Christ*



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 (Sundays)

Deacon: Patrick Woo

Seminarian: Ian Mahood

Admin Assist: Jenn Pashula

Sacraments : Linda Hengen

Bookkeeper: Nora Alzamora

Resource: Connie Raz

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Saturday

9:30am - 4:00pm

Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

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

Psalm 118: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

April 17th - 8am, 10am (live stream) 12pm, 2pm, & 4pm

Easter Message from the Staff

Happy and joyous Easter! May the light of the Risen Lord illuminate brightly in your life. This is a time to remember and know how deeply God loves us. May the blessings that He sends forth remain in our hearts and give us a renewed hope, as we celebrate together.

As the spring starts to bring forth new life, our Parish also experiences new life with Masses, celebrations and activities that occurs in-person. We are grateful for all our volunteers who are working to ensure our liturgies, Sacraments and events are celebrated well.

Next Sunday, we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with Adoration and Confessions from 2 – 3pm. This is a Feast of God's great Mercy for the world, and we invite you to join us. The Novena, which starts on Good Friday and is prayed for nine consecutive days, and it can help us prepare our hearts for His Divine Mercy. The link can be found on our website.

Our Easter season continues for 50 days until Pentecost Sunday. May the risen Christ shine His peace on us, and may we have the courage to form our lives

We have an agreement with the City parking lot. We encourage you to use it especially on the weekends.



CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - Saturday:

8:15am - 8:45am

Saturdays: 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Sundays: 7:00am - 7:45am

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Please call the office at

403.275.2240

When prompted

Press 2 for Fr. Avinash

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SYNOD

Synod In-Person Listening Session**April 26th at 6:30pm at the Church.**

The Synodal process provides an opportunity to discern together how to move forward on the path towards being a more synodal Church in the long-term. We will gather at our in-person session as a large group, then break out into smaller groups. In those smaller groups, we will listen with open hearts as each person answers two questions. At the end of the listening round, the small group will arrive at a consensus as to the important points that emerged from the listening rounds. These points will be shared with our Bishop. The listening process will be repeated for the 2nd question. The small groups will then come back together for the closing remarks and a final Blessing.

If you would like to learn more about the Synodal process, please click here:

<https://www.synod.va/en.html>. Our Diocese has great information as well:

<https://www.catholicyc.ca/synod.html>

We want you to be a part of this, so please sign up on our website www.ascensionparish.ca.

BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Building Fund Committee would like to express our appreciation to the parishioners that support the Parish with regular donations. These recurring donations are what sustains the Parish.

A major event for the Building Fund which is the **second annual online auction** is coming up quickly. Your support during the online auction goes directly to the Building Fund and helps reduce our renovation debt. The auction is exciting and runs online from April 29th to May 14th.

We have had several requests to provide a payment plan option for plaques on the Donor Wall. As of May 1st, you will have an option to purchase a plaque over a 10-month period. The details of the plan are now included with the form to purchase a plaque and can be found in the Narthex or online. The Donor Wall is a permanent monument in the Narthex and consists of 506 blocks ranging in sizes and donations from \$2,500 to \$100,000. All Donor Wall plaque sponsors receive a tax receipt for their payment.

The coloured dots on each plaque represent the year it was purchased. The colours will be up for a few months and then going forward, just new plaques will be highlighted. Have a look while all the colours are still up!

SACRAMENTS

We are a Parish offering Sacramental programs to those in our community. We invite all persons, couples and families who are seeking one of the Sacraments to contact the office for more information.

Reconciliation / First Holy Communion: In the Diocese of Calgary, children receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion must first receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Therefore, preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are combined in the same school year. *Registration for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Sessions for 2022 / 2023 will open June 2022.*

Confirmation: Children in grade 6 and up can register for the preparation of the Sacrament of Confirmation if they have been Baptized, have been prepared for Reconciliation and have received First Holy Communion.

Registration for 2023 will open in June 2022.



Sacraments for Teens: Do you have a teenager that has missed one or more of their Sacraments? *Sacraments for Teens* is designed to prepare them for their missed Sacraments and to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. The program consists of six sessions, and runs from November to April. *Sessions will begin in November 2022 and registration will open in June 2022.*

Baptism for School Aged Children: In collaboration with our Catholic Schools, we offer Baptism for School Aged Children between the ages of seven and twelve. The spring session is now closed. Please contact baptism@ascensionparish.ca for information on when this will be offered next.

Baptism for Infants: Baptisms are celebrated 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 10am. 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 Parish office.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLE SPOTLIGHT

My name is Rob Kehrig, and I have been involved in the RCIA ministry since 1998, as a sponsor, as a Team member and the last four years as the Coordinator. RCIA is a process for welcoming newcomers into the Church and for instructing them in the beliefs and practices of the Catholic faith. It also provides an opportunity to grow spiritually and to develop a closer relationship with God. A small team works with me in this ministry.



People may want to join the Catholic Church for many reasons. Often, they are searching for answers for themselves and for their children to the many questions that life poses. We try to answer their questions, to help them understand the word of God, as well as the traditions and practices of the Church.

Personally, I find my faith enhanced every year by the encounters and experiences that I have with the people who are on the RCIA journey. For me and my team, the Easter Vigil is the highlight of the year, when the people who have been learning about Christ are Baptized, Confirmed and receive their first Holy Eucharist. It is always a time of great joy!

We are always in need of sponsors for people who want to join the Church. A sponsor is a person who is a practicing Catholic who accompanies the inquirer on their journey. Sponsors are a key part of the RCIA journey and how inquirers are incorporated into the life of the Parish. Sponsors give the inquirer a tangible example of the love of Christ and the fellowship of the Church. Sometimes people feel that they have to be experts in theology to be a sponsor, but really it is just about making a new friend, and accompanying them on their faith journey. Sponsors often tell me that they learned a lot, and that their own faith was greatly enhanced by the experience.

One of my favorite scripture passages is 1 Peter 3:15 - "Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you." To me this means that as Catholics we are meant to be people of hope, full of joy and loving kindness. When other people see how we are living, they will want to

share in that life, and then we can share with them our faith in Jesus Christ and His Church. For me, this is the basis for the ministry of RCIA.



PPC MESSAGE FOR EASTER

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He has been raised, as He said. Come and see the place where He lay." – Matthew 28: 5-6

Parish Pastoral Council wishes you and your family a Blessed Easter. Christ's Resurrection reminds us that He is there to help us through our tough times. We can put forth our trials and troubles before Him and believe that He will be there to guide us through the storm and into the light.

Pope John Paul II reminds us in one of his Easter Blessings, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song".



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Gifts to the Parish			
Year 2022 Week : 14			
Offerings for the Week:	<u>2-Apr-22</u>	to	<u>8-Apr-22</u>
General Collections	<u>Last Week</u>		<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Collections	\$20,573.67		\$192,610.06
Operating Cost (Actuals)	-\$13,951.64		-\$214,578.85
Over/(Shortfall) YTD Op Cost	\$6,622.03		-\$21,968.79
Central Fund Loan	<u>Last Week</u>		<u>Y-T-D</u>
Building Fund Collections	\$16,233.16		\$125,093.58
2019 Pledges	\$770.00		\$33,144.99
Donor Wall	\$2,500.00		\$35,000.00
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Weekly Loan Payment	-\$9,927.46		-\$138,984.46
Over/(Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	\$9,575.70		\$54,254.11
Diocesan Annual Campaign:			
Together in Action	<u>Last Week</u>		<u>Y-T-D</u>
Collections	\$7,321.15		\$18,831.15
2022 Target			\$50,348.00
Remaining towards Goal			\$31,516.85
	<u>Last Week</u>		<u>Y-T-D</u>
Special Collections Received for Diocese	\$2,896.66		\$5,576.57

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ONLINE AUCTION UPDATE

Ascension Catholic Parish 2nd
 Online Auction
April 29 – May 14, 2022.

We are now busy preparing the auction website for this incredible event! Stay tuned for more details coming soon!



Special thanks to our generous donors for providing amazing auction items.

Good FRIDAY
 IS A DAY OF **Fasting**
 1 REGULAR MEAL + 2 SMALLER MEALS THAT TOGETHER DO NOT EQUAL THE REGULAR MEAL IN SIZE.
 AND A DAY OF **Abstinence FROM MEAT**

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YOUTH GROUP

Are you in Grade 5-8?

If so, we have GREAT news for you!! We are starting up a junior high youth group called "Metanoia Junior" or "Meta-J". Sessions will take place every 2nd Thursday **from 6:30pm-8:00pm**. Upcoming dates are April 28, May 12 & 26, & June 9. The evening will include games, faith formation and small group discussions.

If you are looking to grow closer to Jesus and experience true Christian JOY, come check out



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
 April 24, 2022

Mass Schedule
 8am, 10am, 12pm, 4pm

Divine Mercy Adoration
 2pm – 3pm
 Confessions available

Jesus, I trust in you

Stay up to date by visiting our Social Media

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

Jesus is Risen!

Alleluia!



Today we celebrate the greatest feast day in the year! Jesus has come back to life! Alleluia!

Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday to take away our sins. But He didn't just die- He came back to life again so that we could come back to life one day too.

The Apostles were afraid when Jesus was killed. They were very sad and tried to comfort each other. Imagine their surprise when Mary Magdalene came rushing in and told them that the body of Jesus was gone from the tomb! Peter and John ran to see. When they saw the empty tomb they knew what had happened.

Jesus had come back to life!

Answer to Word-Find Puzzle: Jesus was raised from the dead.

Jesus is Alive!

Answer to puzzle on Front:

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin



Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022



John 20:1-18

What are we celebrating on Easter?
Unscramble the letters
to fill in the blanks!



Alleluia!