

ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

APRIL 23 & 24, 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: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

God's love for us is unlimited. Easter is the ultimate demonstration of that. So why do we sometimes limit what we can receive from God? When Jesus appeared to the disciples, they were afraid and uncertain. He brought them the comfort and sense of purpose they needed. Thomas was not present for this encounter, but he too was probably afraid and longed for reassurance. He had seen Jesus perform miracles and knew that Jesus was capable of rising from the dead. The disciples' words could have been enough for Thomas to receive the peace and purpose that Jesus wanted to give him. Instead, he chose to remain in fear and doubt for a whole week longer than everyone else. Jesus didn't give up on Thomas. He came back just for him. This time, Thomas responded eagerly and open-heartedly. Let us have an eager and open faith and guard against fear and doubt so that we can enjoy the limitless gifts God has for us.

Kate Larson, Living with Christ.



CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - Saturday:

8:15am - 8:45am

Saturdays: 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Sundays: 7:00am - 7:45am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office at
403.275.2240

When prompted
Press 2 for Fr. Avinash
Press 3 for Fr. Naveed

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

1100 Berkshire Blvd NW Calgary, AB T3K 3M3

Phone 403.275.2240 | Fax 403.274.3969 | www.ascensionparish.ca

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



SYNOD

Synod In-Person Listening Session

April 26th at 6:30pm at the Church.

Pope Francis wants to hear from you about our Catholic Church!



If you would like to learn more about the Synodal process, please go to this website.
<https://www.synod.va/en.html>.

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 is coming up quickly. The **Second Annual Online Auction**. Your support of the Online Auction goes directly to the Building Fund and helps reduce our mortgage. 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. 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 Lucy Reyes. I currently volunteer as a Eucharist Minister of Holy Communion, Sacristan, Greeter, and Chair of RSVP (Requesting Servants for a Vibrant Parish). I have been a volunteer at the Parish since 1991 and have worked with Pastoral Care, Social Justice, Building Fund and Parish Council. I



I joined the volunteers at our Parish as part of my personal and community goals following my graduation from the Master's program at the U of C. I decided it was now time to give back to the Lord for all the gifts that were bestowed upon me. I volunteer because I have a passion for serving the Lord and others. I find volunteering rewarding, by getting to know other parishioners and by trying to be a humble servant of God by doing ordinary things for the Church. I am always conscious of how I act and deal with the community and I hope the small accomplishments that I do might shed some light to other parishioners, with a special focus to our Filipino Community. As an immigrant, I want to be active member to the communities I belong to, as my Filipino values of Bayanihan can be a good example of service. If other community members see me actively involved with the ministries, then I hope this will motivate them to join as well. I understand that people are busy, but I want to be an example and show others that I am able to balance these volunteer activities. I know that the Church is my second home and being involved around the home is an ordinary experience that yields positive results in my faith life. The best part of volunteering is seeing the great teamwork and fun it is, while being a role model for others. If anyone is unsure about volunteering, I would offer to have a personal chat with them. To the world you might just be one of many millions, but to God you are a very special child! My favourite quote is from Martin Luther King, "The time is always right to do what is right."

BISHOP MCGRATTAN'S MESSAGE FOR EASTER



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RCIA

Congratulations to our newly Baptized and Confirmed and those who have made their Profession of Faith into the Catholic Faith this Easter Season. A huge thank you to our RCIA team for all their work. God bless you all!

#010 Ascension Bulletin			
Gifts to the Parish			
Year 2022		Week : 15	
Offerings for the Week:	9-Apr-22	to	15-Apr-22
General Collections	Last Week		Y-T-D
General Collections	\$10,623.78		\$203,233.84
Operating Cost (Actuals)	-\$491.63		-\$215,070.48
Over/(Shortfall) YTD Op Cost	\$10,132.15		-\$11,836.64
Central Fund Loan	Last Week		Y-T-D
Building Fund Collections	\$3,209.63		\$128,303.21
2019 Pledges	\$0.00		\$33,144.99
Donor Wall	\$0.00		\$35,000.00
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Weekly Loan Payment	-\$9,927.46		-\$148,911.92
Over/(Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	-\$6,717.83		\$47,536.28
Diocesan Annual Campaign:			
Together in Action	Last Week		Y-T-D
Collections	\$140.00		\$18,971.15
2022 Target			\$50,348.00
Remaining towards Goal			\$31,376.85
	Last Week		Y-T-D
Special Collections Received for Diocese	\$600.00		\$6,176.57

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, which will begin in 7 days! Stay tuned.

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

MINISTRY CONTACTS

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SERRA CLUB

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus.

What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to Priesthood, Diaconate, or Consecrated Life? If God is calling you, check out www.catholicyc.ca/vocations



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 Meta-J.



DID YOU KNOW

Cards and bookmarks were created by the students in our schools with Easter wishes. Members of our Parish Pastoral Council delivered them to all our senior facilities. Thank you to the students for your beautiful artwork and thank you to the PPC for sharing our Easter joy.

In the face of this pandemic, what is **Pope Francis** requesting?



HE IS ASKING GOVERNMENTS AND HEALTH INSTITUTIONS:

- To prioritize the construction of a quality health care system available to all.
- To make a serious political commitment to social justice, without focusing exclusively on economic aspects.



HE IS ASKING CATHOLICS:

- To pray that governments and local communities support the commitment of health care workers with their own personal commitment: **true prayer opens hearts and hands, leading to action.**

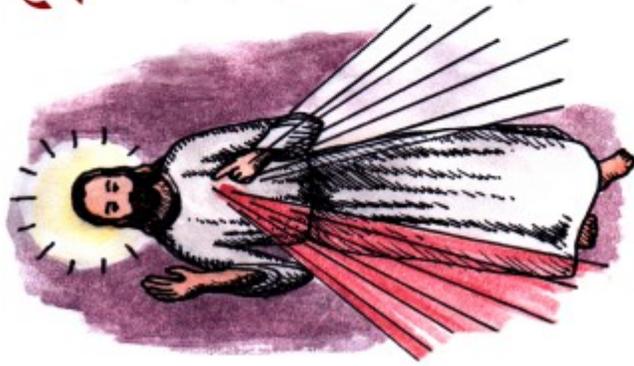
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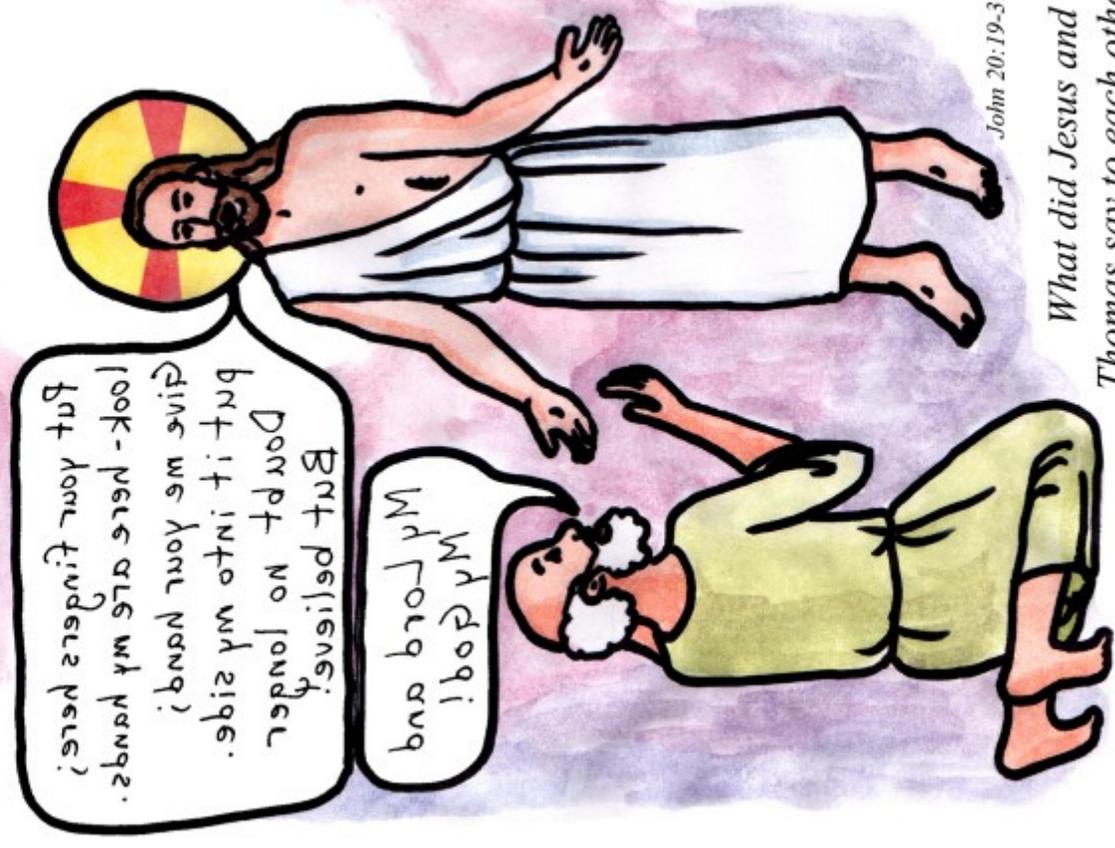
Divine Mercy

The Kids' Bulletin

In today's Gospel we hear about the first time that Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. He breathed on them and told them that they had the power to forgive sins. Jesus had just given us the Sacrament of Confession- now a priest could take God's place to hear our sins and tell us that we are forgiven.



Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 24th, 2022



John 20:19-31

What did Jesus and Thomas say to each other?
Look in the mirror to find out!

Today, the second Sunday of Easter, is also the feast of Divine Mercy. Mercy means being treated well even though we don't deserve it. God is so merciful that He wants to forgive ALL our sins, no matter how bad. All we have to do is be sorry and go to Confession.

God's Divine Mercy is so great that even the worst sinner in the world can be saved from Hell if he asks for it. But even our little sins hurt Jesus, so we need to ask God for mercy too. Don't ever imagine that God can't forgive you when you are sorry- remember, Jesus died on the cross so that you would be able to go to Heaven!

Jesus, I Trust in You!

Answers to True or False:
1.true 2.false 3.false 4.true 5.true 6.false 7.true

www.thekidsbulletin.com

Saint Louis Marie de Montfort

April 28



LOUIS MARIE GRIGNON WAS BORN TO A LARGE FAMILY IN MONTFORT, FRANCE, IN 1673. HE WAS A VERY GOOD STUDENT AND VISITED THE CHURCH OFTEN.



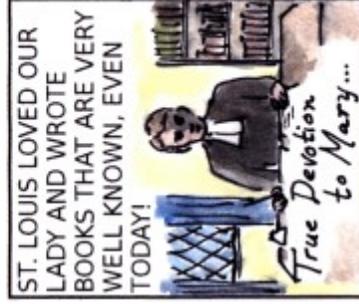
LOUIS GAVE ALL HE HAD TO THE POOR, WENT TO THE SEMINARY, AND BECAME A PRIEST AT AGE 27.



FR. LOUIS TRAVELLED AROUND, PREACHING. MIRACLES BEGAN TO HAPPEN ...
Nothing ever grew in that field before!



Jesus did not come to earth to leave us in our sins...
MANY PEOPLE CONVERTED FROM THEIR WRONG BELIEFS.



ST. LOUIS LOVED OUR LADY AND WROTE BOOKS THAT ARE VERY WELL KNOWN, EVEN TODAY!
True Devotion to Mary...



ST. LOUIS SUFFERED MUCH. HE WAS CHASED OUT OF MANY PLACES, MADE FUN OF, AND LIED ABOUT. *Kill Montfort!*
Get rid of him!
Ugh! Haha!



There's something in this...
What's wrong, Father?

HIS ENEMIES POISONED HIS BROTH AND HE DRANK SOME BEFORE HE REALIZED IT WAS POISONED. HE DIDN'T DIE RIGHT AWAY, BUT WORKED FOR A FEW MORE YEARS.

SAINT LOUIS DIED WHEN HE WAS 43 YEARS OLD. HE HAD WORKED VERY HARD TO HELP EVERYONE TO TURN TO GOD. WHAT DO YOU THINK HE TOLD THE PEOPLE WAS THE BEST WAY TO GROW CLOSE TO GOD? THROUGH MARY! NOBODY WAS EVER CLOSER TO GOD THAN MARY WAS. TALK TO MARY TODAY!

True or False: When Jesus Came to the Apostles



1. When Jesus first came to the Apostles after His resurrection, He said "Peace be with you" twice. True or False?
2. When Jesus rose from the dead, you couldn't see the marks from the nails in His hands and feet any more. True or False?
3. The Apostles panicked and ran away when they saw Jesus because they thought he was a ghost. True or False?
4. Jesus breathed on the Apostles and told them that they now had the power to forgive people's sins. True or False?



5. The Apostle Thomas was not with the others when Jesus first came to them after He rose from the dead. True or False?
6. Thomas believed that they had seen Jesus, so he wasn't surprised when Jesus came again a week later. True or False?
7. Jesus told Thomas to put his fingers in the nail-holes in His hands and put his hand in Jesus' side where the spear had gone in. True or False?