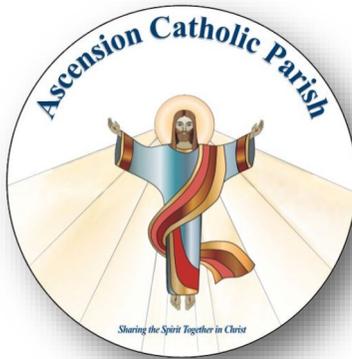
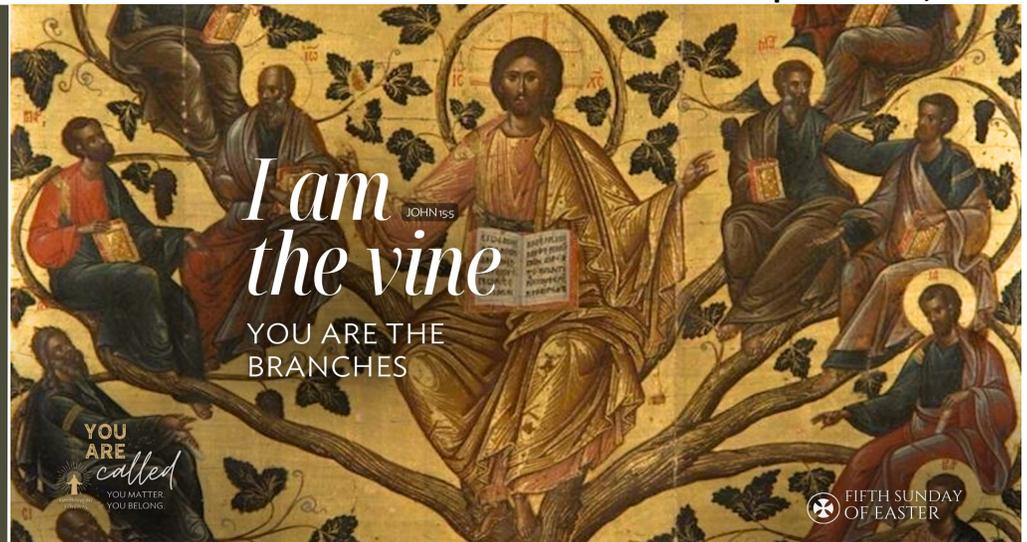


ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

April 27 - 28, 2024



*Sharing the Spirit
Together in Christ*



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"To be Missionary Disciples"

We invite you to encounter Christ deeply in the Eucharist within a vibrant Catholic Community where you can use your gifts and talents to spread the Gospel message with joy.

Psalm 28: Lord, from you comes my praise in the great congregation.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear friends,

I remember reading a page in a book that went something like this: Jesus comes down to earth, and knocks on our door. "Jesus, is that you?!" He looks you in the eye and says, "I would like to ask for your help." Our reaction would be of awe and eagerness. "What can I do for you, Lord? What do you want to ask me?" In the book, the author suggests how disappointed we would be if He were to say, "I need one hour of your time." "Lord," we might reply, with a look of reproach, "just one hour?? But I could give you so much more! Let me clear my schedule!"

The author's point was: if we could see Jesus with our very eyes and hear His voice with our ears, if we knew that we could really work at His side, if we realized He was close and loves us... how differently we might live our lives!

As we continue to preach the Sunday Series about the Eucharist, I couldn't help but think that there are some dispositions we can foster to receive the Lord with more love and intimacy. **Faith** would be one of them. There are many prayers asking for a greater awareness of who we receive when we receive communion. Here is an excerpt from one of them:

Jesus living in the Eucharist, come and live in me.

Jesus healing in the Eucharist, come and heal me.

Jesus sacrificing yourself in the Eucharist, come and suffer in me.

Jesus rising in the Eucharist, come and rise to new life in me.

Jesus loving in the Eucharist, come and love in me.

United with you in our love for the Risen Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist,
Fr. JP

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Saturday: 9:00am

Wednesday: 6:00pm

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm & 7:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am;

12:00pm & 4:00pm

PARISH STAFF

**Administrator: Fr. JP
Luxbacher**

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Deacon: Patrick Woo

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Bookkeeper: Cindy Kreutzer

Resource: Connie Raz

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Saturday

9:30am - 4:00pm

Closed for Lunch 12pm—1pm

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - Saturday:

8:15am - 8:45am

Saturdays: 4:00pm - 4:45pm
or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office at 403.275.2240

When prompted

Press 2 for Fr. JP, Administrator

FACTS OF FAITH

Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third divine Person of the Blessed Trinity, the personal love of Father and Son for each other. Also called the Paraclete (Advocate) and Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit is at work with the Father and the Son from the beginning to the completion of the divine plan for our salvation.

To believe in the Holy Spirit

One cannot believe in Jesus Christ without sharing in his Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who reveals to men who Jesus is. For “no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit,” who “searches everything, even the depths of God No one comprehends the thoughts of God, except the Spirit of God.” Only God knows God completely: we believe in the Holy Spirit because he is God.

Prayer is a vital necessity. Proof from the contrary is no less convincing: if we do not allow the Spirit to lead us, we fall back into the slavery of sin. How can the Holy Spirit be our life if our heart is far from him?

Nothing is equal to prayer; for what is impossible it makes possible, what is difficult, easy.... For it is impossible, utterly impossible, for the man who prays eagerly and invokes God ceaselessly ever to sin.

Source: CCC – Catechism of the Catholic Church



Prayer Source: USCCB

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.**

Let us pray.

**O God, who have taught the hearts of the
faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly
wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SACRAMENTS

Ascension Catholic Parish will be opening registrations for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation on **June 1st, 2024.**

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

The Diocese of Calgary requests that students receive their First Reconciliation prior to their First Holy Communion. We offer both Sacraments together in the school calendar year. Open for students who are in Grade Two or higher.

Confirmation and Sacraments for Teens

Confirmation is open for students who are in Grade Six or higher.

Sacraments for Teens is open for students who are in Grade Seven or higher.

School Age Baptism is a program that our Parish is offering for students who are attending our Catholic Schools and have not been Baptized.

Sacrament Requirements

Students who are preparing for Reconciliation, Communion and/or Confirmation are to be Baptized and are required to submit a Baptism certificate with their registration.

Students who are preparing for School Age Baptism are required to submit a birth certificate and their parents Baptism certificate. For further information please email sacraments@ascensionparish.ca or visit our [website](#) to register. Welcome students to your path of faith!!

International Exhibition

THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

OF THE WORLD

Miracles of the Eucharist are miraculous divine interventions that are aimed at confirming faith in the real presence of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the Eucharist. Miracles of the Eucharist are intended to confirm this faith, which is based on the words of Christ, according to which what seems like bread is no longer bread and what seems like wine is no longer wine.

Our Parish is hosting The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition from **May 8th - 17th**! This captivating exhibition showcases the miracles that have taken place around the globe. We warmly welcome you to experience this extraordinary display with us.

Please visit our [website](#) for the various timeslots available for the exhibition.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We need volunteers to help us with various tasks during the exhibition from greeters to book sales. Sign-up forms are available in the Narthex.

A CALL TO SERVICE

MISSIONARY DISCIPLE - SPOTLIGHT



“What have I done with what God has given me?”, is the question that has puzzled me for years. I have the desire to volunteer in our Parish but the feeling of not being worthy enough, talented enough and

excuses that life is busy have hindered me from being the Missionary Discipline that God has called me for.

God used an instrument for me to answer that call. For me, it was Jenn, our beloved, very patient and talented Admin Assistant. I started helping out in our Parish office and Pastoral Care Ministry, assisting during the Masses at St. Marguerite Manor for over a year now, and a few months ago, I joined the Saturday, 7pm choir.

Volunteering at Mass gives me the chance to receive Jesus during Holy Communion and I get to encounter Jesus in a very intimate way through the Eucharist. What a joy it is to answer God’s call and to be His hands and feet to all those lonely elderly I meet and greet in the Senior Resident Home.

Let’s become Jesus’ feet, hands and heart in our Parish. Don’t worry about not being worthy, or talented enough because God didn’t choose the equipped; He equipped those He chose. You are an essential part of the Body of Christ and together we can make a difference in our Parish, community and the world. Volunteerism, being a Missionary Discipline and doing sanctified work truly gives you real unfathomable joy and happiness and nourishes your soul with love, hope and peace!

-Jessica Cenabre-

50/50 WINNING TICKET!!!

PLEASE CHECK YOUR TICKETS AND CLAIM YOUR PRIZE AS THIS IS THE FINAL REMINDER!

The total raised was **\$4,390**. One half of this amount, **\$2,195**, is the winning number prize.

Please contact the Parish office at **403-275-2240** to claim your prize.



MASS INTENTIONS APR 27 - MAY 4, 2024

Apr 27	5pm	For the special intention of Joseph Thanh Nguyen
Apr 28	7pm	For the special intentions of Greg & Christina Johnson
Apr 28	8am	For the soul of Jacob Paracken
Apr 28	10am	For the special intention of Josephin & Justin Amaldas
Apr 28	12pm	For the special intention of Marilyn Anyanwu Azichoba
Apr 28	4pm	Mass for Parishioners
Apr 29	9am	For the special intention of Eromosele Okodugha
Apr 30	9am	For the soul of Elena Monterola
May 1	9am	For the souls of Jonathan, Regina & Ronald Chia
May 1	6pm	For the soul of Amparo Pedro
May 2	9am	For the special intention of Jessica Jaramillo
May 3	9am	For the soul of Elena Monterola
May 4	9am	For the soul of James Gomes



Come celebrate our Ascension Feast Day with us on May 12th, following the 12pm Mass. Bring your family and enjoy a day filled with fun activities, prizes and delicious food! We'll also be honoring all mothers with a special celebration in conjunction with Mother's Day. **Don't forget to wear white!**

Don't miss out on this fun and joyful event!!!

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YOUTH GROUP - METANOIA

Looking for an awesome way to connect, have fun, and grow together?
 Join our youth group, Metanoia! Our next meet-up is happening on **May 2nd** at **6:30pm** in the Parish hall, and you won't want to miss out!
 Come be a part of an incredible group where friendships are formed, faith is strengthened, and memories are made. See you there!



Beloved Daughters
 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
 HOSTED BY BELOVED DAUGHTERS

WORTHY
and
MADE NEW

Revelation 21:5
 MAY 3, 2024
 7 PM - 9:30 PM
 MAY 4, 2024
 8:30 AM - 6 PM

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH
CALGARY, AB
GUEST SPEAKERS
CRYSTALINA EVERT
FR. ANTHONY SORTINO, LC
 SCAN FOR MORE DETAILS



Mission Cards
 available **this weekend**

Beautifully **crafted cards** by Diocesan volunteers
 Proceeds to **people in Need** within our Diocese

In collaboration with the CWL



Mission cards will be sold this weekend of **April 27th - 28th**.
Bursary announcement: The Ascension Catholic Parish Council CWL has a bursary available to grade 12 students attending Notre Dame High School. If you are graduating high school this spring and planning to attending post-secondary school in the fall, please consider applying. For more information and for an application form, please contact Twila at tmtayfel@yahoo.com. Applications will be accepted until **June 30th, 2024**.

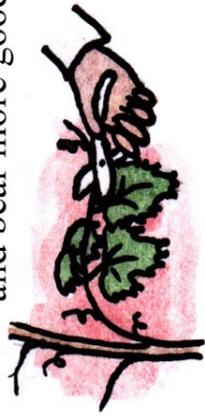
Jesus is the True Vine

Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. Branches grow out from a vine and receive their food from the main stem. They grow leaves and bear fruit. Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay united with Him then our souls are healthy and able to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.



Doing a serious sin is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut off! The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's life coming into it.

Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger and bear more good fruit. Next time you are suffering, remember that God might be using this time to make your soul stronger!



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

The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28th, 2024



Jesus tells us
that He is the
true vine and we
are the branches.

But something needs
to be done to the branches so
that they will bear good fruit.
Follow the dots to find out what
it is. (Start at the little grapes!)



Saint Zita

April 30



SAINTE ZITA IS THE PATRON SAINT OF HOUSEKEEPING. WHEN THE OTHER SERVANTS OR THE FATIGNELLIS WERE MEAN TO HER, SHE OFFERED UP HER SUFFERINGS TO GOD. WHEN THEY BEGAN TO RESPECT HER, SHE WORKED JUST AS HARD AND REMAINED HUMBLE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO WORK WELL, FOR GOD!

SAINTE PAUL: TRUE OR FALSE

How much do you know about Saint Paul when he first became a Christian?

1. Saint Paul's name used to be Saul. True or false?
2. Before his conversion, Saint Paul hated the Christians. True or false?
3. The disciples in Jerusalem were afraid of Paul when he first came. True or false?
4. Barnabas told the other Christians that Saint Paul had seen our Lord on the way to Damascus. True or false?
5. It took a long time before Saint Paul began to speak about Jesus in public. True or false?
6. When Saint Paul told some people about Jesus, they tried to kill him. True or false?
7. The other disciples would not let Saint Paul travel around to preach about Jesus. True or false?



Don't forget to check your answers on the back page!