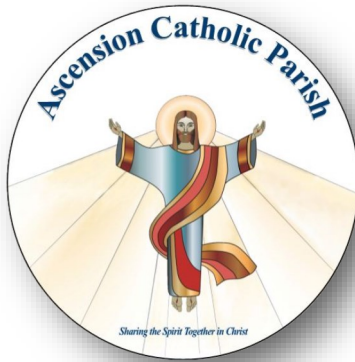


# ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

June 1 - 2, 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 116: I will lift up the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.**

## CORPUS CHRISTI - MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Dear friends,

Today we have yet another special day, the Solemnity of "Corpus Christi", the Body and Blood of Christ. What a beautiful day to receive 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion! Our Masses this month have been blessed with the joy of the boys and girls who received Jesus for the first time. Let's continue to pray for them!

It was good to speak about our belief in the *real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist* during the Easter Season. It is a call to love Jesus ever more deeply.

In many parts of the world, there are large processions honouring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. I remember participating, during my time in Europe, in the Eucharistic procession with St Pope John Paul II in Rome; in the historical processions of Orvieto and Bolsena, also in Italy; and an equally impressive procession through the streets of Cologne, Germany. You may wish to look them up on the computer and take a peek. It lifts one's spirits!

Why do we have processions in honour of our Lord? It is one way of bearing public witness to our belief, not only that Jesus is truly present in the Host, but also that he is worth praising and extolling, because he is our God and Lord. And so, this weekend we will have a Eucharistic procession at 2pm. It will begin with some adoration in the Church, after which we will accompany the Lord with song as we process around our Church property. You are *most* welcome!

Also this weekend, we will be completing the diocesan Renewal survey together. Please, I heartily ask that you join us, taking 10-15 minutes together after Mass, to fill out the survey on your cellphone. In the end, it is so that Bishop McGrattan and that we, at Ascension Catholic Parish, might know you better, to serve you better. On the little card in the pews you will find the QR code with the image of Christ, the Good Shepherd. Why was this image chosen? "I know my sheep," says the Lord.

He knows us. On this Sunday, the Solemnity of his Body and Blood, we rejoice that he remains so close to us, so that we, too, might know him ever more intimately.

Blessings-

Fr. John (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. John (JP)  
Luxbacher**

**Vicar: Fr. Adrian Martens  
(Sundays)**

**Deacon: Patrick Woo**

**Admin Assist: Jenn Pashula**

**Sacraments: Linda Hengen**

**Communications: Sophia  
Nelson**

**Bookkeeper: Cindy Kreutzer**

**Resource: Connie Raz**

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday

9:30am - 4:00pm

**Closed for Lunch 12pm—1pm**

Saturday

9:30am - 1:00pm

## FACTS OF FAITH

**Corpus Christi**

St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon (1193-1258) was a nun and mystic who had a series of visions in which she was instructed by Our Lord to establish a liturgical feast for the Holy Eucharist. After years of petitioning Pope Urban IV, he instituted Corpus Christi for the Universal Church in 1264. The original office of this feast day was written largely by St. Thomas Aquinas and is considered one of the most beautiful of the Roman Breviary (a liturgical book that contains the daily service for the divine office, the official prayer of the Roman Catholic Church)

**Eucharistic Prayer**

This weekend we celebrate Corpus Christi (Body of Christ) in honour of the real presence of the body of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we hear the Eucharist Prayer, which is a prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification and the center of the eucharistic celebration. It contains: the preface, expressing thanksgiving in the name of the entire people of God; the acclamation or sanctus (holy, holy, holy), which is recited by the Priest and people or sung; the eucharistic prayer; the invocations for the Church, the epiclesis (the liturgical invocation of the Holy Spirit); narration of the institution and consecration of the bread and wine in the words of Christ; the fulfillment of the command given by Christ to the Church to carry on this mystery of the sacrifice, called the anamnesis; the offering of the victim to God the Father in the Holy Spirit; the intercessions for the living and the dead and for the faithful present; the final doxology and concluding Amen.

cc Catholic Faith Guide 2005

**SPRING CLEANING PROJECTS**

Our **Property Management Team** has some **Job Jar Projects** needing your help. Some require experience in areas like carpentry, cleaning and some just need your time and skills in everyday areas. Most projects are one-time jobs and some are routine. We have the materials, and we seek your time and talents.

**Current Job Jar Projects:**

- topping up gravel in our parking islands on the west side
- window cleaning inside and out – spring and fall
- carpet cleaning – sanctuary, hallway and office.
- shampooing hall chairs – overdue
- minor repairs to hall chairs
- fence and post removal – 67' rectory fencing.
- storage shelf construction (carpentry skill required)
- small stair installation HVAC floor
- organizing – R&M supplies
- painting touch-ups

Please email [property@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:property@ascensionparish.ca) or text **403-457-0507** with your name, contact number and advise your interest and experience.

**Many hands make the work light!**

## SACRAMENTS

Registration for the Sacraments of School aged Baptism, Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Sacraments for Teens are open on our [website](#).

**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.

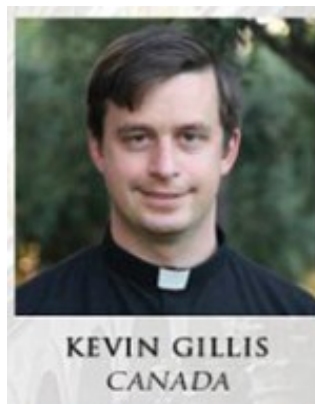
**Sacraments for Teens** is open for students who are in Grade Seven or higher.

**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](mailto:sacraments@ascensionparish.ca) or visit our [website](#) to register. Welcome students to your path of faith!!

*Welcome Fr. Kevin Gillis!*

Fr. Kevin Gillis LC, born in Halifax NS, Canada is the last of eight children. He has three sisters and four brothers. Fr. Kevin was ordained in Nova Scotia on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 and was really influenced by a book about Padre Pio that his mom gave him at 13. He was struck that Jesus did it all for him. He saw the need of souls to have real friendship with

Christ like he had found. At 16, he visited a minor seminary and was impressed by the others there. He joined it for a year and left for two years before returning for the Legion of Christ novitiate at 19. He worked in the San Jose area as a brother: working behind the scenes and offering Catholic formation at Canyon Heights Academy.

Fr. Kevin will be assisting Fr. John (JP) throughout the month of June. Please extend a warm welcome to Fr. Kevin when you see him!

## Missionary Disciples Spotlight



Hi, I'm Tamara Georgies. I have been serving as Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion with our Parish for over five years now.

We started attending Masses at this Parish in 2015 and

since then we have become more actively involved in the Church, starting with my daughter Maria who has been serving as an altar server and my husband Ghassan as Eucharistic Minister. He then encouraged me to follow his path in serving Christ and His people. Finally, my son Andrew is now also serving as an Altar server.

I believe leading by example is key when dealing with life's circumstances, especially in bringing more people to the kingdom of God. It will always bring joy to my heart especially if I am able to help others in experiencing the love of God.

Sharing the love of God with others is a priceless reward and to me, is the best part of my volunteering.

If you are still not sure or ready to volunteer, know that it is never too late to answer God's call.

### FINANCE COUNCIL

With the summer season approaching students will be enjoying long awaited holidays with their parents; working adults and retirees will also no doubt be enjoying vacation. We kindly ask that parishioners continue to support the needs of the Parish in regards to upkeep, maintenance and mortgage payments while you are away. If you are at the moment not using our Pre-Authorized Donation (PAD) please consider filling out the form located on our website under "Giving". You are able to decide the amount of the donation on a monthly basis.

Thank you for considering supporting the Parish while you are away or on holidays.



### Diocesan-wide Pastoral Renewal Survey

Your voice matters! Help shape the future of our parish community and our journey of discipleship. The Pastoral Renewal Survey for our parish is now **LIVE** until **June 14**.

Complete the Survey now using this URL - [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/RENEW-P2](https://tinyurl.com/renew-p2) or scan the QR code below.



### MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 1 - 8, 2024

June 1	5pm	For the special intention of DeeDee Hedley
June 1	7pm	For the soul of Ruthsana Ortt
June 2	8am	Mass for Parishioners
June 2	10am	For the soul of Mirianne Folefac
June 2	12pm	For the souls of Taylor & Hailey Johnson
June 2	4pm	For the Souls in Purgatory
June 3	9am	For the souls of Varga Anka & Guro Varga
June 4	9am	For the soul of Valentine De Jesus
June 5	9am	For the soul of Rosemary Gauthier
June 5	6pm	For the souls of Bert & Lillian Lai
June 6	9am	For the soul of Jorge Lozano
June 7	9am	For the soul of Jacy Reyes
June 8	9am	For the special intention of Figredo Family

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**MY DAILY VISITOR:  
EUCCHARIST BOOKLET**

This handy devotional with forty reflection themes helps you to pray and reflect on the source and summit of our faith. You can purchase this booklet for \$5 at the Knights table after the weekend Masses.



Due to unforeseen circumstances, the June 7<sup>th</sup> event has been rescheduled to the fall of 2024. If you've already purchased tickets, please email Cindy, our bookkeeper at [finance@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:finance@ascensionparish.ca) for instructions on how to obtain a refund or to keep your tickets for the rescheduled Fall event. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding. Thank you for your continued support!

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 9:30am - 1:00pm

**CONFESSIONS**

Tuesday - Saturday:  
 8:15am - 8:45am  
 Saturdays: 4:00pm - 4:45pm  
 or by appointment

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Please call the office at  
 403.275.2240  
*When prompted  
 Press 2 for Fr. John (JP),  
 Administrator*

# The Body and Blood of Our Lord

Today we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.



At the Last Supper, Jesus changed bread and wine into His own Body and Blood. He has the power to do this because He is God. He did this because He wanted to stay with us even after He died and went into Heaven.

Jesus comes to us in every Mass. The priest takes the place of Jesus, saying the words that Jesus said at the Last Supper, and the bread and wine become the real Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus even though they still look like bread and wine.

## How do I receive Communion well?

1. Be ready! Think about what is going to happen. Make sure that you don't have any big sins on your soul. If you do, then go to confession first.
2. Don't eat or drink anything other than water or medicine for an hour before going to Holy Communion. This is a sign of respect for Our Lord.
3. After receiving Holy Communion, take some time to thank Jesus for coming to you and talk to Him. He is your best friend and loves spending time with you!

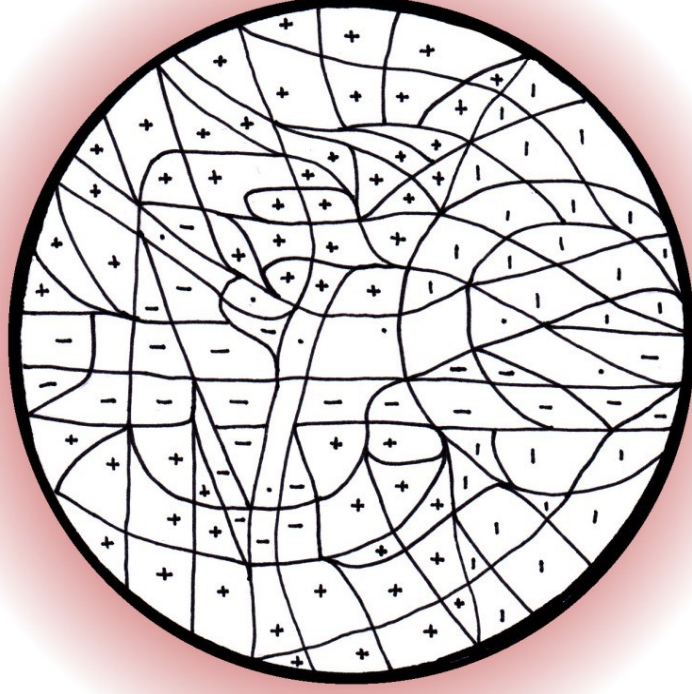


ANSWER TO WORD-FIND: MY LORD AND MY GOD

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

# The Kids' Bulletin

*Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ*  
*June 2nd, 2024*



*What does the bread become when the priest consecrates it at Mass?*

*Use the colour code to find out:*

- grey    · skin colour

! brown    + blue

# Blessed Anna Maria Taigi

June 9

ANNA MARIA WAS AN ITALIAN GIRL IN THE LATE 1700'S. SHE WAS A GOOD WORKER BUT LIKED TO DRESS UP AND BE SEEN.



What do you think about this dress?

SOON SHE GOT MARRIED. AFTER THREE YEARS SHE WENT TO CONFESSION AND TURNED HER LIFE TOWARD GOD.



I've been so self-centered... I must go to Confession!

ANNA MARIA OFTEN HAD TO MAKE PEACE BETWEEN HER PARENTS AND HER HUSBAND.



It's not worth arguing with them, dear!

Here, Take this to the neighbour and make sure her bed is comfortable.



SHE RAISED THEIR CHILDREN TO LOVE GOD AND CARE FOR THE SICK.

SHE WENT TO MASS EVERY DAY UNLESS SHE HAD TO CARE FOR A SICK PERSON.



ANNA MARIA WORKED HARD TO PROVIDE FOR HER FAMILY BY SEWING UNTIL HER HANDS HURT.



Sure, I'll have time to mend these shirts!

GOD ALLOWED HER TO SEE PEOPLE'S SOULS AND KNOW WHEN THEY WOULD DIE, AS WELL AS SOULS IN PURGATORY. SHE PRAYED AND SUFFERED FOR THEM.



You are going to die very soon. I will bring you a priest.

BECAUSE OF THE INSIGHT THAT GOD GAVE HER, BLESSED ANNA MARIA WAS ABLE TO HELP MANY PEOPLE TO LIVE GOOD LIVES AND DIE HOLY DEATHS. WE SHOULD PREPARE FOR OUR OWN DEATHS BY LIVING FOR GOD, SO THAT WHEN WE DIE WE WILL BE READY TO GO STRAIGHT TO HIM LIKE BLESSED ANNA MARIA.

# Body and Blood of Christ

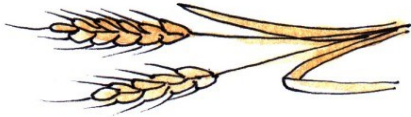
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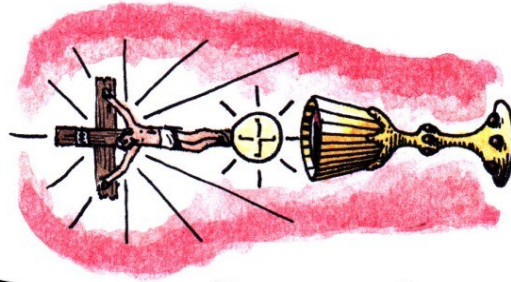
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See if you can find all the words written in CAPITALS.

Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks to make a little prayer you can say at Mass!



At the LAST SUPPER, after he had GIVEN thanks, JESUS took BREAD and said, "Take and EAT. THIS is my BODY." Then, taking the chalice of WINE, he said, "Take this, all of YOU, and DRINK from it. This is the CHALICE of my BLOOD, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be Poured out for you and for MANY for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in MEMORY of me."



That was the first MASS. When you go to HOLY COMMUNION, you really receive the Body, Blood, SOUL and DIVINITY of CHRIST, who is GOD!