

ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

FEBRUARY 12 & 13, 2022



Sharing the Spirit
Together in Christ



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

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus repeatedly overturns our comforting expectations. He tells us that the poor, the hungry and those who weep are blessed, but woe to those who are rich, well-fed and laughing. "Woe to you when all speak well of you." Jesus is not laying down moral principles here; He is speaking directly to me.

This is not what I want to hear on a cold Sunday in February. The winter has been long, and I am anxious for spring to arrive. I am glad to have a warm home, good food and good company, but I still want more. I always want more of the good things of life. But Jesus says, "You have received your consolation."

In two and a half weeks, Lent will begin. My goal for this season should be to go deeper than prayer, fasting and almsgiving. While essential, those are externals. Rather, such practices should help me grow more deeply into Christ.

My solidarity with Jesus includes a solidarity with the poor, the hungry and the sorrowful. Solidarity means more than a feeling of unity in my heart; it means that I, in some way, experience what the marginal ones are experiencing. Authentic practices can nurture that experience. Better still is to have an encounter with those who suffer. Through this encounter, February will become spring.

Source: *Living with Christ*, Glen Argan



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

Monday to Friday

9:30am - 4:00pm

Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

2021 TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE

Tax receipts are now available to pick up at the office during regular office hours. They can also be picked up in the hall after Mass on the weekends of February 12th & 13th and February 19th & 20th.

REGULAR 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
Press 3 for Fr. Naveed

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SURVEY CLOSING SOON

The time to submit your responses for the survey will be closing soon. Please help our

Parish and the research team by taking up to 15 minutes to complete a survey on your perceptions and experiences at Ascension Catholic Parish:

<https://bit.ly/survey-AB2>.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to provide this very important feedback for our Parish!

**ONLINE AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED**

April 29 – May 14, 2022

A heartfelt thank you to our parishioners who have supported the auction with very generous donations. Guy Blasetti and Joan Barton have donated four tickets to Stage West, a 10k gold necklace and a Food Saver. Christina Dao donated a Will Package for a couple and Bruce Lamb donated two tickets to a Calgary Flames game for a pre-auction draw. Stay tuned for details.

To date, we have secured 38/110 auction items so we still have a long way to go to reach our target. This is an opportunity for everyone in the Parish to get involved by reaching out to your network of family, friends and colleagues to help us secure items. Click [here](#) to see our wish list. If you are interested in donating a new item, please contact Holly at hollyd@telus.net.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2! We have planned many Lenten activities, including Friday Stations of the Cross and a Lenten Mission. More details will be coming. We encourage everyone's participation. Now is a good time to reflect on how we can worship God in preparing for Easter. Have we received the Sacrament of Reconciliation recently? Have we been supporting the children of our Parish through prayer as they go through the Sacraments? Are we supporting our Parish by sharing our time and talents by serving in a ministry? Are we supporting our Parish financially? Are we planning our works of mercy during Lent? Bishop McGrattan has some advice, on ways to incorporate spiritual and corporal works of mercy, which can be found on the Calgary Diocesan [website](#). We pray that you will reflect on ways to worship God and serve your fellow man at the same time.

SACRAMENTS

We are a vibrant Parish offering Sacrament programs from birth onward. 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 in full union 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 for children between the ages of seven and twelve. **The spring session is currently taking registrations and classes will take place at the Parish on March 19th and March 26th.**

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.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Hello! My name is Holly Davidson and I have been a member of Ascension Catholic Parish for more than 25 years. I have always been involved as a volunteer and it has been a very fulfilling experience to be part of the Ascension Parish community. I have learned so much about my faith and I have met some of the most amazing people who have become life-long friends. I am currently involved in a number of Ministries – Chair of Special Events Fundraising, leading the Online Auction, and I also serve as a Sacristan and a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion at the 8 am Mass.

I was born in Prince Albert, SK and my family moved to Calgary when I was in Grade 7. I have a brother and sister, both who live just outside of Calgary. My father passed away three years ago but I feel blessed that my mom is healthy and active. Her faith and her family are the most important things in her life and she has instilled this in her children. My faith is central in my life and it brings meaning to each day. I have two wonderful daughters and two amazing grandsons.

I have been privileged to work for UNICEF Canada for 25 years raising funds to ensure that all children, especially those in the hardest to reach places, grow up safe, healthy, educated, and loved. When I am not working, I love to travel. Just before COVID, I was able to take a trip to the UK with my youngest daughter. We had a great time visiting family and seeing the sights.

Helen Keller said "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." For me, this is the power of being a volunteer.

Health is God's great gift, and we must spend it entirely for Him. Our eyes should see only for God, our feet walk only for Him, our hands labor for Him alone; in short, our entire body should serve God while we still have the time. Then, when He shall take our health and we shall near our last day, our conscience will not reproach us for having misused it.

St. John Bosco

SERRA CLUB



Vocation Seeds

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, Religious or Priesthood. If God is calling you to be a Priest, Religious or Deacon, check out www.catholicyc.ca/vocations

POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2022

Let us pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



FOR RELIGIOUS SISTERS AND CONSECRATED WOMEN

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- Pope Francis -

Gifts to the Parish		
Year 2022	Week : 5	
Offerings for the Week:	29-Jan-22	to 4-Feb-22
General Collections	Last Week	Y-T-D
General Collections	\$17,243.96	\$71,763.52
Operating Cost(Budget)	-\$12,792.92	-\$63,964.60
Over(Shortfall) YTD Op Cost	\$4,451.04	\$7,798.92
Central Fund Loan	Last Week	Y-T-D
Building Fund Collections	\$10,708.73	\$32,073.78
2019 Pledges	\$4,925.00	\$17,063.33
Donor Wall	\$1,000.00	\$3,061.00
Toonie	\$0.00	\$0.00
Weekly Loan Payment	-\$9,927.46	-\$49,637.30
Over(Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	\$6,706.27	\$2,560.81
Diocesan Annual Campaign:		
Together in Action	Last Week	Y-T-D
Collections	\$1,634.00	\$5,079.00
2022 Target		\$50,348.00
Remaining towards Goal		\$45,269.00
Collections in our Diocese		
National Collections:	Last Week	Y-T-D
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$0.00	\$0.00
World Mission Sunday	\$0.00	\$5.00
Second Collections:		
Good Shepherd Sunday	\$0.00	\$0.00
Catholic Education Sunday	\$0.00	\$0.00
Approved Collections:		
Mission Mexico	\$1.00	\$1.00
Other (Optional):		
Holy Childhood	\$0.00	\$100.00
Disaster Relief	\$0.00	\$0.00

MINISTRY CONTACTS

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please take a moment to check out the volunteer page on our website to see the different opportunities available to get involved. Feel free to reach out to the leaders listed to ask them more information. You're also welcome to give us a call at the office and we'd be happy to assist in guiding you toward the opportunity that would suit you best based on your availability and interests.

Get involved today!

BEAUTIFUL ATTITUDE WITH THE BEATITUDES

Please join us Saturday February 26th from 2:00pm, to Sunday February 27th at 2:00pm for our young adult's retreat at Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre, Cochrane.

The retreat theme is focused on the Beatitudes Christ shared during His Sermon on the Mount. Please contact us if you need a ride to this retreat.

Sign-up link: <https://forms.gle/i2EyNL9G1jH24hXK7>

This retreat will feature 3 speakers, fellowship and meals together, perpetual adoration, opportunity for confession, a prayer walk, and Sunday Mass.

Please contact for further information:

maritzachouza@gmail.com or clara.nguyen@ucalgary.ca

MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY



February is traditionally devoted to the Holy Family, an ideal time to strengthen our own family and its connection to Jesus's family.

Here are [12 ways you can align your family to the Holy Family this February.](#)

(Source: Aleteia)

Stay up to date by visiting our Social Media

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

Hidden Blessings

AAA!

I'M SO

HUNGRY!



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that people who are poor, hungry, or sad are blessed! Do they sound blessed to you?

Bad things that happen to us have hidden blessings in them. If you are poor then your family and friends are more important to you than money and things. If you are hungry then you appreciate food more. If you are sad then sometimes it's easier to remember to pray.

But things that seem bad have another hidden blessing in them- when you are suffering, you can give your sadness or hurt to Jesus. Tell Him you are offering it up along with Him on the cross. He will give you grace to make your soul stronger. You can offer things up for other people too, and God will use your gift to help them!

Next time you feel unhappy about something, try to find the hidden blessing!



Answers to Cross-Word puzzle:
Across: 3. who 5. trusts 8. cursed 10. year 11. that 13. barren
14. but 17. beings 19. roots 21. heat
Down: 1. green 2. is 4. his 6. stream 7. human 9. distress
11. tree 12. he 14. beside 15. Lord 16. from 17. bush 18. in
20. it

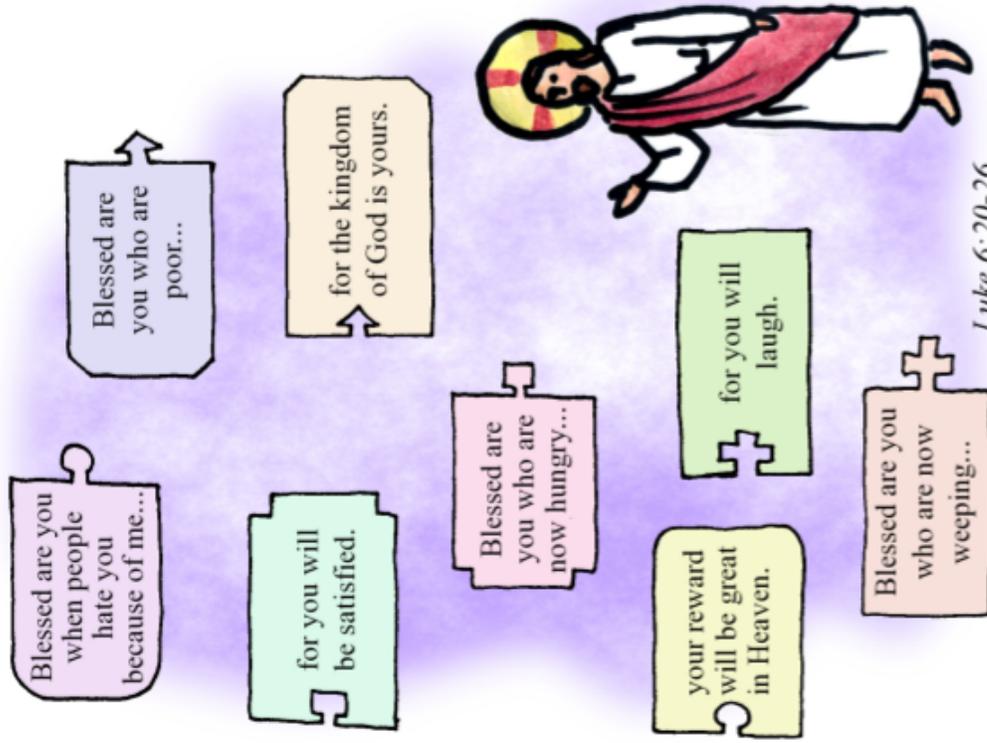
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The Kids' Bulletin

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 13th, 2022

Can you match up the pieces in this puzzle?



Luke 6:20-26

Saint Bernadette Soubirous

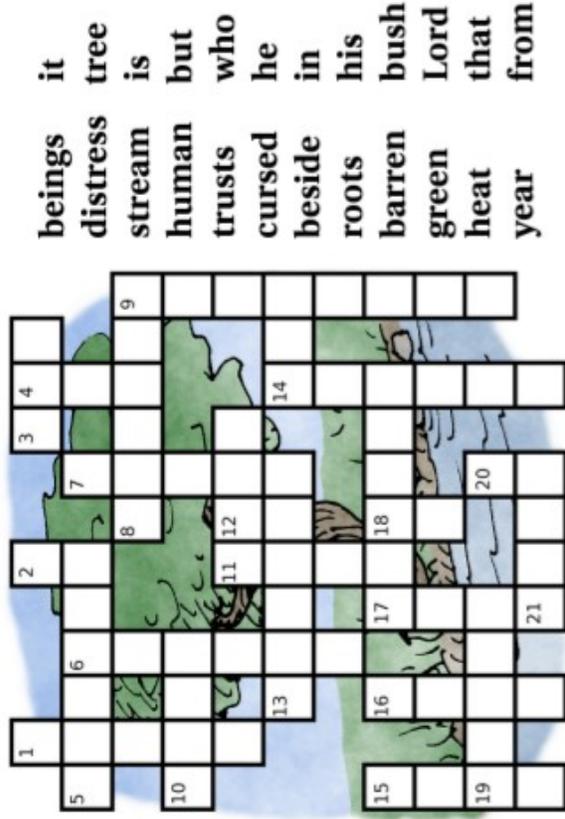
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BECAUSE BERNADETTE WAS HONEST, SHE WAS ABLE TO BRING OUR LADY'S MESSAGES TO THE WORLD. THROUGH HER OUR BLESSED MOTHER TOLD THE WORLD THAT SHE WAS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-THAT SHE NEVER HAD ORIGINAL SIN. ARE YOU HONEST ENOUGH TO SHARE THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD?

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Trust in the Lord Cross-Word



- beings
- distress
- stream
- human
- trusts
- cursed
- beside
- roots
- barren
- green
- heat
- year
- it
- tree
- is
- but
- who
- he
- in
- his
- bush
- Lord
- that
- from

Here is today's first reading, from Jeremiah.
Fill in the blanks using the words from the list and fit them into the puzzle.

Thus says the Lord:

- 8a is the one who trusts in 7d 17a
- 3a seeks 4d strength 18d flesh, whose heart turns away 16d the Lord.
- 12d is like a 13a 17d in the desert
- 11a enjoys no change of season, 14a stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who 5a in the Lord, whose hope is the 15d.
- He 2d like a 11d planted 14d the waters that stretches out its 19a to the 6d: it fears not the 21a when 20d comes; its leaves stay 1d in the 10a of drought it shows no 9d, but still bears fruit.