



1ST DEGREE
FEB 4- ST. PAUL'S
2ND/3RD DEGREE
25 MARCH TBC



COUNCIL MEETING
FEB 8, 2016 7:00PM



24 FEBRUARY
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES
11 FEBRUARY

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Our Lady of Lourdes

The pilgrimage of Lourdes is founded on the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin to a poor, fourteen-year-old girl, Bernadette Soubiroux. The first apparition occurred 11 February, 1858. There were eighteen in all; the last took place 16 July, of the same year. Bernadette often fell into an ecstasy. The mysterious vision she saw in the hollow of the rock Massabielle was that of a young and beautiful lady. "Lovelier than I have ever seen" said the child. But the girl was the only one who saw the vision, although sometimes many stood there with her. Now and then the apparition spoke to the seer who also was the only one who heard the voice. Thus, she one day told her to drink of a mysterious fountain, in the grotto itself, the existence of which was unknown, and of which there was no sign, but which immediately gushed forth. On another occasion the apparition bade Bernadette go and tell the priests she wished a chapel to be built on the spot and processions to be made to the grotto. At first the clergy were incredulous. It was only four years later, in 1862, that the bishop of the diocese declared the faithful "justified in believing the reality of the apparition". A basilica was built upon the rock of Massabielle by M. Peyramale, the parish priest.

In 1873 the great "national" French pilgrimages were inaugurated. Three years later the basilica was consecrated and the statue solemnly crowned. In 1883 the foundation stone of another church was laid, as the first was no longer large enough. It was built at the foot of the basilica and was consecrated in 1901 and called the Church of the Rosary. Pope Leo XIII authorized a special office and a Mass, in commemoration of the apparition, and in 1907 Pius X extended the observance of this feast to the entire Church; it is now observed on 11 February. www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints/O/ourladyoflourdes.asp



Knights of Columbus Alberta and NWT Council of the Month

Congratulation Brothers! Our Council is being recognized for the charitable work we are doing in our parish and our community. This month, Ascension #10065 is being featured on the State Website: www.kofc.ab.ca

Thank you Brothers, for your commitment to our 2017 Service Programs, for the many volunteer hours each of you contribute and for your dedication to our Council and the Knight's of Columbus.
- GK Kevin Power



Support for Vocations RSVP

At our last council meeting, we had the privilege to meet and talk with Our sponsored RSVP Seminarian Br. Mark Drapal. Br. Mark shared with us a brief glimpse into his life as a Seminarian and expressed his gratitude for the support he is receiving from our council. Br. Mark is pictured here, being presented with a cheque for \$1000 from Ascension Council. We look forward to another opportunity to talk to Br. Mark and he has request our prayers.

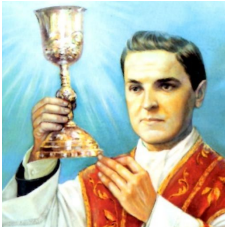


KofC Basketball Free Throw Competition



This year's KofC Basketball Free Throw is being held on February 2nd at Our Lady of Grace School. The competition is open to boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14. Participants start at the local level and winners move on to the district, regional and provincial levels. If you would like to help out, contact Brother Karl for more information.

Padre Night



Padre Night will be held on 23 February 2017. This annual event honours to the priests and deacons in our diocese. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased through GK Kevin.

Parish News and Events - By: Br. Mark Holland

The Parish is looking for help in three ministry areas: St. Vincent de Paul, Pastoral Care and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. These three areas have been included in the announcements at all the masses recently. Please check the January 21-22 Parish bulletin on the Parish web site for all the contact information.

Every Friday evening during Lent, different ministries or groups in the parish volunteer to prepare and serve a soup and bread meal before the Stations of the Cross. The soup is served at 6:00 PM and the prayers start at 7:00 PM sharp. It's a nice routine for every Friday during Lent. Join in the meal and get to know some other parishioners and then join together with the whole community to relive the journey of Jesus to Calvary.

Please watch the parish bulletin for an announcement about our upcoming Lenten mission. Details are being finalized. It will be a great opportunity to prepare for the Easter season.

Ascension KofC Service Programs

Church

Keeping Christ in Christmas
Support for Vocations RSVP
Alter Servers' Appreciation
Parish Gala Dinner

Community

St. Dismas Prison Ministry
Blue Mass
Catholic Citizenship Essay
Shrove Tuesday Breakfast

Council

Blood Donor Clinic
Wives' Appreciation
Stampede BBQ
Monte Carlo
Rorate Mass
Christmas/Easter Mass Setup

Culture of Life

March For Life

Family

Pumpkin Carving
40 Cans for Lent
Ascension Summer BBQ
Bishop's BBQ at Bowness
Park

Youth

Coats for kids
Basketball Free Throw
Substance Abuse Awareness
Scholarship Program

Youth Poster and Essay Contests



As part of our contribution to Catholic Youth formation, the Knights of Columbus sponsor several Youth Service Programs. Our Council has subscribed to four of these programs. If you have an interest in assisting with any of these contests please contact GK Kevin.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Substance Abuse Awareness Program

Scholarship Program

The **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** has been completed at the Council level. Three participants, Kristen, Kathleen and Martina, will have their posters advance in the competition at the District level. We would like to offer a special thank you to Our Lady of Grace School for helping with this year's event.



There are many people who can do big things, but there are very few people who will do the small things.

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Fourth Degree Exemplification - 28 January 2017

Congratulations to Ascension 4th Degree Knights - Fraternal Advisor SK Robert Pettigrew, SK Raymond Gramlich, Grand Knight, SK Kevin Power, SK Cory Veno, Advocate, SK Larry Cox. The Fourth Degree Exemplification was held Saturday, 28 January at Mary Mother of the Redeemer Church.





St Andrew Corsini **Feast Day February 2017**

St. Andrew Corsini's mother had a dream when he was born. She saw herself give birth to a wolf, which then ran into a church and was changed into a lamb.

Andrew lived his early life as a wolf of sorts—he lived in 14th century Italy and spent his time with troublesome friends pursuing vice and extravagance. His mother never stopped praying for him, however, and told him that he had been dedicated to the service of God through the intercession of Mary.

The rebukes from his parents shamed him, and gave him a desire to live up to their expectations. He went to pray in a Carmelite monastery, and was so moved by grace that he decided to enter that order. His friends tried to convince him to leave and rejoin them, but he stayed.

Andrew was ordained a priest in 1328, and after traveling and preaching, as well as furthering his education, he was chosen to lead the monastery he had joined. He was known as a holy man who could foresee the future and heal the sick. He healed people who were suffering from moral sickness as well—one of his cousins was a hardened gambler who converted his ways thanks to Andrew.

Andrew was also known to be able to effectively resolve conflict, so the pope sent him to a nearby region where the nobility were quarrelling with the people and he was able to make peace.

St. Andrew died at the age of 71, and so many miracles happened around his death that he was immediately declared a saint by popular demand.

<http://faith.nd.edu/s/1210/faith/interior.aspx?sid=1210&gid=609&calcid=53511&calpgid=10745&pgid=17961&crd=>

Knights Reflection: St Andrew Corsini had a wild youth, his biographers say. Whether that meant he ran with the wolves or was rebellious or what, we do not know. But what is essential to know is that he became a Carmelite priest and miracle worker. The reason it is important to know that God used him for extraordinarily great things is to remind us that no matter what we've done or failed to do God doesn't hold it against us when we amend our lives. There is no sin that can keep us from being great saints-miracle workers, holy men and women. One of the classic approaches the devil uses is really so simple-to convince us that we can never be holy-that we missed our chance and we should settle for mediocrity and be happy that we have at least that.

<http://www.holyrosarycedar.org/blog/2014/02/04/daily-reflection-st-andrew-corsini>

Links to K of C Publications

Columbia Magazine <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/index.html>

Knightline <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/publications/lc/knightline/index.html>

Chaplain's Report <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/officers/chaplains/index.html>

