

# ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

January 14 – 15, 2023



*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

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. John Gannon

Associate: Fr. JP Luxbacher

Vicar: Fr. Adrian Martens (Sundays)

Deacon: Patrick Woo

Admin Assist: Jenn Pashula

Sacraments : Linda Hengen

Bookkeeper: Nora Alzamora

Resource: Connie Raz

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Saturday

9:30am - 4:00pm

*Closed for Lunch 12pm - 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 40: Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.**

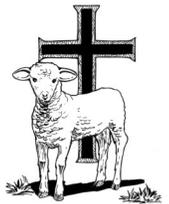
## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John the Baptist's favorite title for Jesus is the "Lamb of God." It also became one of John the Evangelist's favorite titles. He uses it here in his Gospel, and then he used it again, twenty-nine times, in the Book of Revelation. It brings together three images that would have been familiar to the Jews of those times. And so, by calling Christ the "Lamb of God," St John is telling us that those ancient images are fulfilled in Jesus.

The first image: In the Old Covenant, God required the Jews to sacrifice a lamb twice a day to expiate the sins of the people (cf. Exodus 29:39). So, the lamb symbolized the price to be paid for sin.

The second image: The primary holy day of the Jews was (and remains) the Passover. In the Passover ceremony, each family sacrifices and eats a lamb to recall their liberation from Egypt in the days of Moses. On that night, God allowed the death of all the firstborn children and animals of the Egyptians but spared those of the Hebrews. In order to indicate which households the angel of death was to skip over, God commanded the Hebrews to kill a lamb and mark their doorposts with its blood. Thus, the Passover lamb signified God's merciful and saving love.

The third image: Finally, a lamb going silently and docilely to be slaughtered is one of the images used to describe the coming Messiah. He was going to take Israel's sins upon Himself and wipe them away through His suffering obedience. And so, by calling Jesus the "Lamb of God," John reminds us that all of these Old Testament symbols had been pointing towards Christ the true Savior. Fr. John



## CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - Saturday:  
8:15am - 8:45am

Saturdays: 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Sundays: 7:00am - 7:45am  
or by appointment

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office at 403.275.2240

When prompted

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### VOLUNTEER RETREAT

For all our volunteers we'd like to invite you to the first Volunteer Retreat called, "Renewing the Spirit." There are 2 days for you to choose from either, Friday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm or Saturday, Jan 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am. We hope all our valued volunteers will join us. Sign-up on our website. <https://www.ascensionparish.ca/volunteer.html>

### YOUTH GROUP - METANOIA

Begins on **January 19th, 6:30pm-8:00pm** in the Church hall and will be held every two weeks after that. There will be games, snacks and faith activities from the Conquest program. It is open to students grades 5 and up. If you are interested, please contact the youth group leaders at [youth@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:youth@ascensionparish.ca) or to register go to [www.ascensionparish.ca](http://www.ascensionparish.ca).



### VOCATION CHALICE



Our Parish continues praying for Vocations with a traveling Chalice. Each weekend, the Chalice is presented to a family to use as a focal point while praying daily for an increase in Religious Vocations. Sign-up to have the Chalice in your home is on our [website](http://www.ascensionparish.ca).

### HORIZONS OF HOPE

The Diocese is offering a program called Horizons of Hope which is a resource to help understand and reflect upon end-of-life issues and to promote the need for excellent palliative care. Ascension Parish will host the 4-module program, beginning Monday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. To register and for more information please go to our [website](http://www.ascensionparish.ca) or join us in the Parish Hall.

Dates and Sessions:

**Monday, Jan. 16 (7pm to 9 pm)** | Module: Discerning and Making Decisions at the End of Life

**Monday, Jan. 23 (7pm to 9 pm)** | Module: Accompanying Those at the End of Life

**Monday, Jan. 30 (7pm to 9 pm)** | Module: Supporting and Integrating Within the Wider Community

### CWL

Thank you to all our women who signed up for the Catholic Women's League last weekend. We look forward to working with you and growing in our faith together. If you would like more information go to <https://www.ascensionparish.ca/catholic-womens-league.html>

### SACRAMENTS

Confirmation classes begin next week. If you have a child in grade 6 and older and would like them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact the office right away.

**Reconciliation/First Holy Communion:** Registration is closed for this year. Registration for the 2023-2024 year will open on June 1, 2023.

**Confirmation:** For children in grade 6 and up. Registration for preparation of the Sacrament of Confirmation will open on June 1, 2023.



**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.

**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. Fall classes are completed. Our next session is in June; please register online.



**Baptism for Infants:** Baptisms are celebrated Saturday at 10am and Sunday at 2pm. Please call Linda at 403.275.2240 ext 6 or email [baptism@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:baptism@ascensionparish.ca) to register.

**Baptism Preparation Class:** Preparation classes take place on the **1st Saturday** of each month beginning with Mass at 9am. Baptism celebration will be booked after you attend the class. Please call Linda at 403.275.2240 ext 6 or email [baptism@ascensionparish.ca](mailto: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.

**Adult Confirmation:** If you are over 18 years old and have been Baptized, you can register for our Adult Confirmation sessions. Fall sessions are completed. Our next session will begin in the spring. Please contact the Parish office for more information.

**RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**  
For more information contact the Parish office.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR SACRAMENTS

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our Sacrament programs. Please contact [sacraments@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:sacraments@ascensionparish.ca) if you are interested in helping.

## A CALL TO SERVICE

### MISSIONARY DISCIPLE SPOTLIGHT

Hello, my name is Andrea Holowka. I am currently a Lector at the 4:00pm Sunday Mass. I began my ministry in Collection Counting when I was a mother to small children and did not feel that I could leave their side during Mass. I worked in this ministry for around 5 years, then moved to be a Lector, which I have done



for approximately 8 years. I have also served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for several years in the past. I have always felt connected to serving in the Parish and recognized the importance of giving back in whatever way that was possible during that time in my life. I have witnessed the tremendous dedication of others to the Parish activities and recognize that I should contribute in any way possible. Since making that commitment, my participation has allowed me to gain further understanding and connection to the Mass when I am serving and when I am not.

Service is an important component of our faith. Others have served before me and as I have the time and capacity to give back, I believe I am called to do so at this time. I have been able to feel more connected to the Parish community and have been able to meet some wonderful people who also serve during the Masses I attend. There are so many committed to our Parish and it is wonderful to get to know them better.

Volunteering has helped me to understand the parts of the Mass to a greater extent. Now, as a Lector, I am more attuned to the meaning within each reading, the connection between the readings of the Mass, and the ways in which the Priest is able to weave these meanings into a homily.

If you feel called to serve but are unsure if you are prepared, know that there are kind and experienced people who will guide and support you as you step into this space. And of course, God will guide you on this journey and provide you with the strength you need to be successful.

Serving at Mass is an amazing way to extend and enrich your faith while being in service to the Parish. It benefits you as much as it hopefully can benefit others.

"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." Matthew 7:7-8 God will always take care of you. Have faith, but do not be passive in your pursuit of fulfillment. Service is part of faith in action.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### BUILDING FUND

We have had five new Donor Wall plaques donated in December which really helped with the year-end financials. All the new plaques are on the wall and marked with coloured stars if you want to stop by and have a look. All the money collected from the donor wall goes directly to reduce our mortgage. Thank you to our new Donors! If you are considering purchasing a plaque on the Donor Wall please contact the office for more information.



The role of the Building Fund Committee is to help the Parish reduce our renovation debt. We have a great facility for Celebrating the Eucharist, enhancing our spiritual development and other community building, but we also have a significant mortgage to address. The sooner we address the mortgage debt, the sooner we have funding for other programs and for the Diocese to develop other facilities. Our main fundraising project for debt reduction remains the Donor Wall, which has the potential of raising over five million dollars. In 2023 we are also looking at options for a fundraising event around the time of our feast day, in May, looking into charitable grants which may be available to Ascension and planned giving programs coordinated with the Diocese.

#### MASS INTENTIONS JAN. 14 - 21, 2023

January 14, 2023	5:00 PM	For the Special Intentions of Amala
January 14, 2023	7:00 PM	For the soul of Mr & Mrs Pham
January 15, 2023	8:00 AM	For the soul of Arvanitis Family
January 15, 2023	10:00 AM	For the Special Intentions of Alan Exley
January 15, 2023	12:00 PM	For the Special Intentions of our Parishioners
January 15, 2023	4:00 PM	For the Special Intentions of Pat Counsel
January 16, 2023	9:00 AM	For the Special Intentions of Caoimhe (Kweeva) Conway
January 17, 2023	9:00 AM	For the Special Intentions of Robert Hoepfer
January 18, 2023	9:00 AM	For the soul of John Bruse
January 19, 2023	9:00 AM	For the soul of Ann Belliveau
January 20, 2023	9:00 AM	For the Special Intentions of Aurielle Terke
January 21, 2023	9:00 AM	For the soul of Betty Oliphant

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### TRANSITIONS

The Diocese of Calgary is offering Transitions, a 15-week peer led support group for individuals who are working through the pain of separation and divorce toward growth and new life. Every Tuesday, from **January 17, 2023 to April 25, 2023**, from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 – 17th Avenue SW, Calgary).

No fee registration. Register at

[catholicyc.ca/transitions](http://catholicyc.ca/transitions)

or call 403-218-5500.

### WAYS TO GROW IN FAITH

Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz.

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

YEAR A Monthly Liturgical

Calendar [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)

**Apps for your phone:**

Laudate

Living with Christ

Hallow

### HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

[Notre Dame High School](#)

**Open House**

Date: February 2, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

[Bishop Carroll High School](#)

**Open House**

Date: January 26, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

[St. Francis High School](#)

**Open House**

Date: February 7, 2023

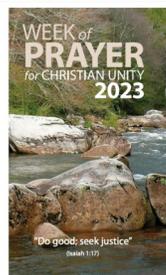
Time: 6 - 8 pm

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

**January 18 - 25, 2023**

The 2023 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "Do good,; seek justice." (Isaiah 1:17).

The Week of Prayer is a time set aside for Christians to recognize that the divisions between our churches cannot be separated from divisions within the wider human family. Praying together for Christian unity allows us to reflect on what unites us and to commit ourselves to confront oppression and division amongst humanity.



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# John the Baptist:

## Was He the Messiah?

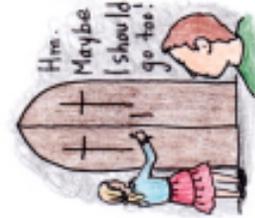


Everybody thought that John the Baptist was a great preacher and prophet. Some people thought that he might even be the Messiah who would save their people. But John knew that was not his job. When Jesus came to him at the river to be baptized, John pointed at Him and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" He told the people that he was not the great one; Jesus was.



Saint John the Baptist is an example to all of us. If we are really good then our lives will show other people the way to Jesus.

John the Baptist taught the people by telling them to repent of their sins and be baptized. God wants some people to teach about Him by teaching and preaching to the people. But for most of us, the best way to teach others about God is by living a good life and loving



God. If you really do your best to love God then your life will be like St. John the Baptist's and point the way to Jesus.

What is something that you can do today to lead someone to Jesus?

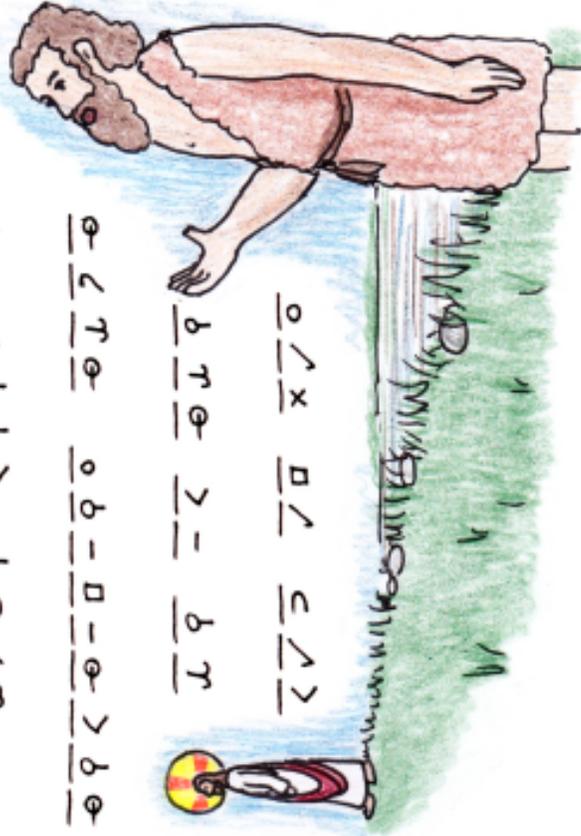
Answer to puzzle on front: I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God.  
 Answer to Psalm 40 Word-Find: O Lord I come to do Your will.

# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 January 15th, 2023

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What did Saint John the Baptist say about Jesus?

Use the code to figure it out!

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# POPE SAINT FABIAN

JANUARY 20



WE CAN LEARN FROM THE STORY OF SAINT FABIAN THAT GOD CAN DO GREAT WORK WITH ORDINARY PEOPLE. SAINT FABIAN DID NOT EXPECT TO BECOME POPE, BUT WHEN HE DID HE WORKED HARD FOR THE CHURCH. IF YOU EVER GET CHOSEN TO DO A BIG JOB REMEMBER THAT GOD WILL HELP YOU DO IT.

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# PSALM 40

## Word-Find

H O L O C A U S T O  
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See if you can find all the words that are in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

I have WAITED, waited for the LORD, and He stooped TOWARD me and HEARD my cry. And He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God.

SACRIFICE or OFFERING You wished not, but EARS OPEN to OBEDIENCE You gave me. HOLOCAUST or sin-offerings You sought not; then I said, "Behold I COME."

"In the WRITTEN scroll it is prescribed for me, to do Your will, O my God, is my DELIGHT, and Your law is WITHIN my HEART!"

I announced Your JUSTICE in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as You, O Lord, know.

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