

ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

JANUARY 15 & 16, 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

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

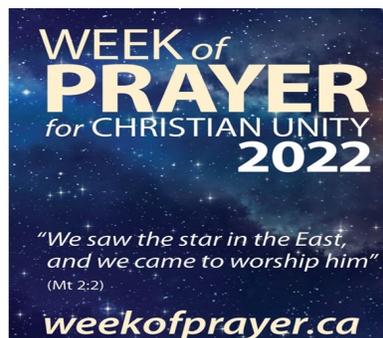
Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus performs His first miracle by turning the water-filled jars into the finest wine. What is Jesus inviting us to learn from this wonderful miracle?

Jesus' focus is on preserving the dignity and honour of this joyous occasion. He wants to show us that at the heart of being His disciple is the loving and tender care for the needs of our sisters and brothers. When His mother says to the servant, "Do whatever He tells you," she is also speaking to us. She is calling us to be more compassionate and merciful in serving and caring for the poor, the marginalized and suffering within our families, our communities and in our world.

Let us pray to be open to the presence of the Holy Spirit inviting us to use our gifts in quiet service for the common good. United in Christ's love and friendship we reach out, listening and responding with tender hearts to the cries of a broken world. *Source: Living with Christ*



January 18 – 25, 2022

Join us for evening prayer
at Ascension Catholic
Parish or via live stream
on
January 25th at 6:00pm

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.

1100 Berkshire Blvd NW Calgary, AB T3K 3M3

Phone 403.275.2240 | Fax 403.274.3969 | www.ascensionparish.ca

SURVEY REMINDER

Our Parish has partnered with the [Flourishing Congregations Institute](#) at [Ambrose University](#) as part of a larger study of Catholic and Protestant Churches across Canada. Part of their work with us includes a survey of our Parish. **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>.

**ONLINE AUCTION**

Ascension Parish is excited to host its 2nd Annual Online Auction from April 29 to May 14, 2022. All funds raised will be directed to the Building Fund. For this initiative to be a success, we need help from our Parish community to reach out to your network of family, friends and colleagues to help us secure auction items. *Do you know anyone who owns a business that might donate an item or a service? Or maybe you know someone who would purchase an item and donate it to the auction?*



We are looking for 110 new items including unique experiences, electronics, gift cards, golf (green fees, golf bag, clubs), staycations, wine, etc. If you are interested in donating an auction item or would like ideas, please contact Holly at hollyd@telus.net.

DIOCESAN NEWS**Employment Opportunities**

- Human Resources Manager
- Pastoral Ministry Coordinator

Visit catholicyc.ca/careers for more information.

Share your Photos

Got a great photo? Whether it's of Parish, Ministry or home life, the Diocese of Calgary is wanting to promote daily Catholic life in action. Submit your photo here: [PhotoSubmission - Formstack](#)

Donate your Christmas Cards

The Diocesan Mission Council is in need of used and unused greeting cards for their card-making program which supports overseas missions. Parishes will collect these cards on behalf of the Catholic Pastoral Centre. For inquiries, please call Sr. Mariflor at 403-218-5521 or Mariflor.Jacob@calgarydiocese.ca

**SACRAMENTS**

We are excited to begin the New Year with our Sacrament Programs. In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus performed his first miracle and the disciples began to believe in him. Our Sacraments are the way to believe in Christ. With each Sacrament, we come to Jesus in worship and receive the grace of the rite.

Sacraments for Teens - The program continues with 18 students immersing themselves into an in-depth study of the Sacraments. They are preparing to receive some or all the Sacraments from Baptism to Confirmation. Sessions will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 19 from 6—8pm.

Reconciliation - Our last sessions were held this past week. Our prayers go out to the families as they continue the final preparation in their homes. The Reconciliation Retreat Jan. 22 will be an in-home Family Faith Day. On Jan. 23, the Family Faith Day will continue as they begin the Divine Mercy Novena in preparation for their Reconciliation Service. Parishioners are invited to join in the Divine Mercy Novena to pray for their intentions and for the Reconciliation Students. The Novena has been posted on the website.

Confirmation - Candidates will be attending Mass the weekend of Jan. 22/23 to receive a special blessing. Our 'Information Night' will be held on Jan. 20 at 6:30pm for all parents and candidates not able to attend the sessions in December. Sessions will continue in-person the week of Jan. 24. We have added a third class to help with family schedules and reduce the number of participants at each session. Please check your emails for further information.

First Holy Communion—We welcome the families and students as they begin preparing. They will be attending Mass the weekend of Feb. 5/6 to receive a special blessing. Sessions will begin in-person the week of Feb. 7. We have added a third class to help with family schedules and reduce the number of participants. Please check your emails for further information.

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.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Hello, I am Jenn Pashula and I am the Administrative Assistant. I have worked at the Parish since 2015 and have held many positions; Capital Campaign Manager, Baptism Coordinator, Sacramental Preparation Coordinator, and now Admin Asst. My work at Ascension is exceptionally interesting because of the amazing people I work with, the people I meet at the Parish and the wonderful volunteers who give of their time and talents so generously at the Parish.



I was born in Calgary and grew up on a small farm outside of Airdrie along with my five sisters and two brothers. We learned that faith is important, hard work pays off, and sleeping past 6am is not necessary.

My husband Ray and I have 3 incredible children. Robyn and Chris live in Calgary, and Daniel and his wife Christine live in Saskatoon. My hobbies include hiking, biking, traveling and sports. My favorite quote is from Mother Teresa; "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness." May you find God's peace, kindness and happiness today.

PIANISTS REQUIRED



If you are an accomplished pianist, we are looking for your help! If you are able to share your talents and can help enrich the Weekend Masses with music, please contact DeeDee at ddhedley@shaw.ca.



RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION AND PERSECUTION

"Let us pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family."
- Pope Francis -

Challenge for humanity and for the mission of the Church – January 2022

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Here's a reminder of ways you can donate to the Parish in 2022:

- ◆ Pre-Authorized Donations (PAD)
- ◆ Online donations
- ◆ Weekly envelopes
- ◆ E-transfer
- ◆ Donor wall
- ◆ Publicly traded securities



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

Gifts to the Parish		
Year 2022	Week : 1	
Offerings for the Week:	1-Jan-22	to 7-Jan-22
General Collections		
	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Collections	\$18,242.10	\$18,242.10
Operating Cost(Budget)	-\$12,792.92	-\$12,792.92
Over(Shortfall) YTD Op Cost	\$5,449.18	\$5,449.18
Central Fund Loan		
	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Building Fund Collections	\$10,812.83	\$10,812.83
2019 Pledges	\$5,450.00	\$5,450.00
Donor Wall	-\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Toonie	\$0.00	\$0.00
Weekly Loan Payment	-\$9,927.46	-\$9,927.46
Over(Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	\$1,335.37	\$1,335.37
Diocesan Annual Campaign:		
<u>Together in Action</u>		
	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Collections	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
2022 Target		\$50,348.00
Remaining towards Goal		\$48,848.00
Collections in our Diocese		
<u>National Collections:</u>		
	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$0.00	\$0.00
World Mission Sunday	\$5.00	\$5.00
<u>Second Collections:</u>		
Good Shepherd Sunday	\$0.00	\$0.00
Catholic Education Sunday	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Approved Collections:</u>		
Mission Mexico	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Other (Optional):</u>		
Holy Childhood	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disaster Relief	\$0.00	\$0.00

MINISTRY CONTACTS

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SACRAMENTS

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**Remember
that the Christian life
is one of action;
not of speech
and daydream.**

**Let there be few
words and many
deeds, and let them
be done well.**

St. Vincent Pallotti

CALGARY CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2022 CASH RAFFLE



Support publicly funded Catholic education by participating in the **CCEF 2022 CASH Raffle with 50/50 Add-On**. Tickets on sale until February 28 starting at \$10. All net proceeds support school grants. \$2500 Early Bird Prizes on January 14 and February 11. Grand Prize Draws of \$10,000 & \$15,000 on March 1, 2022.

50/50 Add-on with a pot of up to \$50,000!

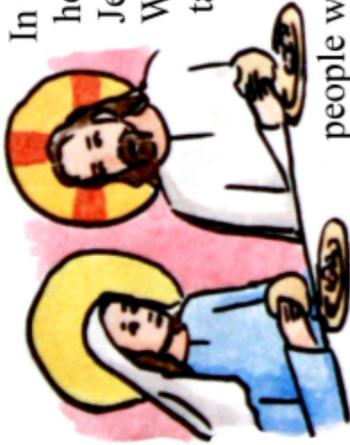
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Mary asks Jesus for a Miracle



In today's Gospel we hear the story of Jesus' first miracle. Wine was an important part of a wedding, and Our Lady felt bad for the people when they ran out.

When Mary hinted to Jesus to do something, Jesus said that the time wasn't ready yet. But do you know what? He did what His mother wanted anyway! He told the servants to fill six big jars with water, and when they did it turned into wine! And not just ordinary wine, but the very best.

We can learn from this story that we should listen to our parents. Jesus is God and even He obeys His mother!



Here's another thing: if you need Jesus to help you with anything, pray to His Blessed Mother to ask Him for it. You know He will listen to His Mother!

Answers to Crossword: Across: 1. six 2. woman 4. now 8. feast 9. tells 10. said 11. servants 13. wine 16. everyone 17. Jesus 18. when 19. do Down: 1. signs 3. mother 5. was 6. wedding 7. became 12. serves 13. water 14. where 15. good

Answer to front page: Do whatever He tells you.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 16th, 2022



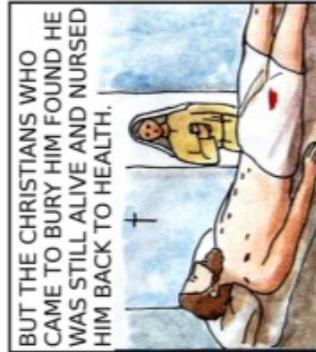
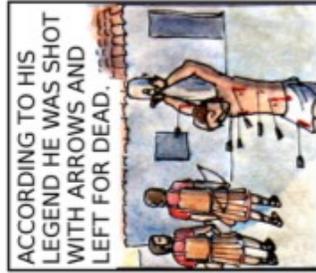
Do you know what Mary said to the servants at the wedding feast at Cana?

Sort out the letters by their numbers to find out!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20				

SAINT SEBASTIAN

January 20



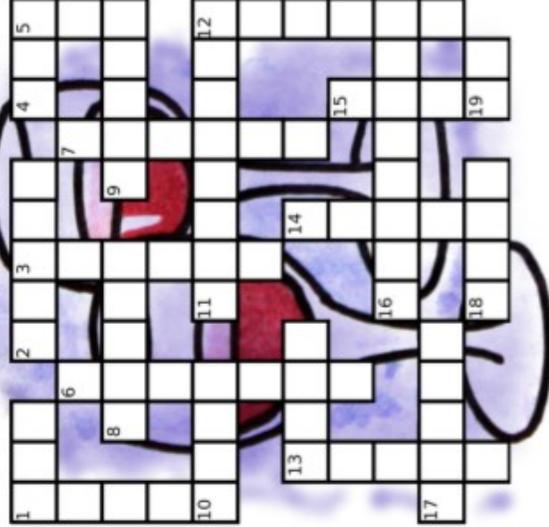
AT FIRST THE EMPEROR THOUGHT SEBASTIAN WAS A GHOST, BUT WHEN HE REALIZED HE WAS REALLY ALIVE HE HAD HIM BEATEN TO DEATH WITH CLUBS. THIS STORY REMINDS US NOT TO GIVE UP ON OUR FAITH EVEN WHEN THINGS ARE VERY HARD. IF YOU FEEL LIKE GIVING UP, JUST THINK OF SEBASTIAN!

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The Miracle at Cana Crossword

ACROSS:

- How many water jars were at the wedding at Cana?
- "_____, what has this to do with us?" (Jesus' words)
- What had been water was _____ wine.
- Mary and Jesus were invited to the wedding _____.
- "Do whatever He _____ you." (Mary's words)
- Jesus _____
- Fill the jars with _____ water."



- Who filled the jars with water?
- They had run out of _____ at the wedding.
- "_____ else serves the good wine first, but you have saved it till now."
- _____ and His disciples were also at the wedding.
- Mary turned to Jesus _____ she saw there was no more wine.
- "_____ whatever He tells you."

DOWN:

- Jesus did this first of His _____ in Cana in Galilee.
- The _____ of Jesus was at a wedding in Cana.
- Jesus _____ also there.
- They were guests at the _____ wine.
- The water _____ the good wine first, but you have saved it until now."
- They filled the jars with _____.
- Cana in Galilee was _____ Jesus did His first public miracle.
- "You have saved the _____ wine until now."