



**1ST DEGREE**  
 JAN 17 - ASCENSION  
**2nd/3rd DEGREE.**  
 JAN 11 / 17 -ST. CECILIA



**COUNCIL MEETING**  
 JAN 11, 2016 7:00PM



**27 JANUARY**  
**4 VOLUNTEERS**  
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**MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
 1 JANUARY

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 activities

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On New Year's Day, the octave day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God, the divine and virginal motherhood of the Blessed Virgin.

It is the highest title of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Theotokos, Mother of God. This title was given to Mary at the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D. The council taught, however, that the humanity and divinity of Jesus could not be separated and that they exist in one person, with the momentous implication that we can rightly give Mary the title of Mother of God. Mothers bring life, a gift from God, into the world. That's why you sometimes hear the Church referred to as "Mother". The Evangelist, Luke, describes her as the silent Virgin who listens constantly to the Eternal Word, who lives in the Word of God.

This feast is the celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus and is the oldest feast of Mary celebrated by the Catholic Church. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38).

Elizabeth proclaims: "Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior. -

**[www.marypages.com/SolemnityofMary.htm](http://www.marypages.com/SolemnityofMary.htm)**

## RORATE MASS



The Rotate Mass is a traditional Advent devotion where a dawn Mass is offered in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Many thanks to the 15 Brother Knights who rose early to prepare and serve a hot breakfast to 175 parishioners.

***"Have patience with all things - but first with yourself. Never confuse your mistakes with your value as a human being. You are perfectly valuable, creative, worthwhile person simply because you exist. And no amount of triumphs or tribulations can ever change that."***

***St. Francis de Sales***

## Parish Gala Dinner

Ascension Council will be supporting the Renovation Committee by participating in the Parish Gala. This premiere fundraising event will take place on 10 February 2017 at the Calgary Italian Club. Our Council will provide a KofC Honour Guard and will purchase a Table. Tickets are available at the Council's table for \$175 a person and they can be purchased after every mass if you would like to attend.

## KofC Basketball Free Throw Competition

Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14. The competition starts at the local level and winners move on to the district, regional and provincial levels. Ascension Council will again host this well attended event. If you would like to help out, contact Brother Karl for more information.

## Coats for Kids

This program was very successful and supported a desperate need in our community. In total, 51 coats were distributed to 4 schools within our Parish Community and another 45 coats were distributed to inner-city children. Thanks to the funds raised, largely through the store card program, Ascension Council was able to contribute \$1900 towards this program.



## 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

## First Degree - 10 December

Ascension Council welcomed four new Brothers into our Council on 10 December. This Degree Ceremony was the debut of the new joint 1st Degree Team and was held at St. Paul's in Airdrie. A very warm welcome back to Br. Jerry Reynolds, Br. Wayne Heather, Br. Dominic Anamali and Br. Eric Oracoy.



## Past Grand Knight Recognition

As is the tradition of the Knights of Columbus, past Grand Knight Br. Karl Senger, was honoured by Ascension Council for his leadership, dedication and charitable service to our Council and the Knights of Columbus. Along with a ceremonial Gavel, Br. Karl was presented with a miniature Grand Knight Jewel and a Past Grand Knight Lapel Pin. Thank you Br. Karl for guiding our Council to its many successes over the past three years.



## Support for Vocations RSVP

RSVP is the primary program through which councils provide financial and moral support to men and women preparing for the priesthood or religious life. Ascension Council will be looking to support one or two seminarians this year. Our RSVP seminarians will be introduced in the new year when more information becomes available.

## Padre's Contingency Fund

Ascension Council affirmed its commitment to charitable works in our community by renewing our pledge to support the Padre's Contingency Fund. For the second year in a row, Ascension Council has donated \$5000 to sustain this fund which provides the resources our Padres use to assist the needy in our parish community. Pictured below is Br. Karl Senger, Br. Larry Molnar, Br. Chris Rappell, Fr. Avi, GK. Kevin Power and Br. Larry Cox.



## 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.

## Men's Breakfast Club

A Men's Breakfast Club and Support a Group for unemployed and under-employed men of our parish will begin meeting weekly at the parish. Ascension Council has been asked to help support this event and dates and times, along with more details, will be announced shortly.

## Parish News and Events

As announced in the Ascension bulletin on January 1st, the new 2017 theme for Ascension is Service. Each year, from December through November, Ascension focuses on one of the four elements of our mission statement: Worship, Catechesis, Fellow and Service. Over the last three years, we focused on Worship, Catechesis and Fellowship. Next year, our theme will return back to Worship to start the four year cycle again. Being a servant and serving, are fundamental pillars in a vibrant community. Our Parish would be drastically different if we did not have willing and joyful servants. We already have many parishioners serving others through our ministries, both in the Liturgy and beyond into our community. These servants have a big impact and illustrate the spirit and power of God, alive and active in our Parish community.

St. John Paul II said "To celebrate the Eucharist "to eat His flesh and drink His blood", means to accept the wisdom of the Cross and the path of service. It means that we signal our willingness to sacrifice ourselves for others, as Christ has done."

The Together in Action Campaign is coming to a close in mid-January with a final blitz on the weekend of January 7-8. If you haven't contributed yet, please consider making a donation. The parish is required to contribute an amount specified by the diocese, so they will have to access regular collection funds if the amount is not reached.

## Ascension KofC Golf Shirts



Ascension Council will be placing an order for a high quality 'golf style' dress shirt that members can proudly wear at mass, at KofC activities and in the community. The cost of the shirt has not yet been finalized but it is anticipated to be held in the \$30 - \$40 range. Stay tuned for more details and ordering information.



## Nativity Scene Raffle

Congratulations to James Dubash who was this year's winner of the KofC Nativity Scene Raffle.

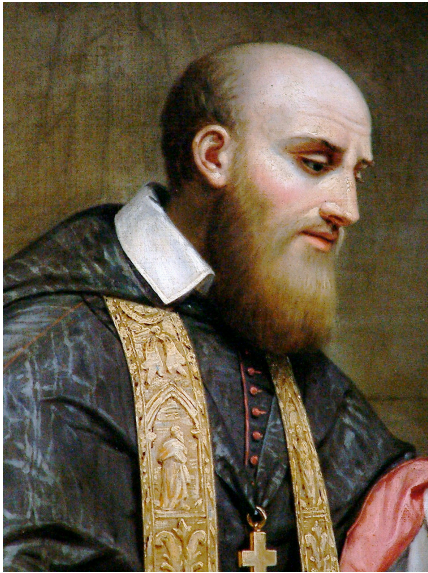


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"...they're different colors, have strange names, but all learn to live together in the same box."

## St. Francis de Sales - Feast Day 24 January



***Patron Saint of  
Journalists and Writers  
1567 - 1662***

A brief biography and video of St. Francis de Sales is available by clicking on the following link: [www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=51](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=51)

### **Quotes by Saint Francis de Sales:**

"Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: 'The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me and I in Him.'"

"What we need is a cup of understanding, a barrel of love, and an ocean of patience."

"Half an hour's meditation each day is essential, except when you are busy. Then a full hour is needed."

"Don't get upset with your imperfections. It's a great mistake because it leads nowhere - to get angry because you are angry, upset at being upset, depressed at being depressed, disappointed because you are disappointed. So don't fool yourself. Simply surrender to the Power of God's Love, which is always greater than our weakness."

"Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength."

"The highest degree of meekness consists in seeing, serving, honouring and treating amiably, on occasion, those who are not to our taste, and who show themselves unfriendly, ungrateful, and troublesome to us."

"I have made a pact with my tongue, not to speak when my heart is disturbed."

**Knight's Reflection:** "The everlasting God has in His wisdom foreseen from eternity the cross that He now presents to you as a gift from His inmost heart. This cross He now sends you He has considered with His all-knowing eyes, understood with His divine mind, tested with His wise justice, warmed with loving arms and weighed with His own hands to see that it be not one inch too large and not one ounce too heavy for you. He has blessed it with His holy Name, anointed it with His consolation, taken one last glance at you and your courage, and then sent it to you from heaven, a special greeting from God to you, an alms of the all-merciful love of God. - St. Francis de Sales - [www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=52](http://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=52)

### 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>

