



**1ST DEGREE**  
TBC  
**MAJOR DEGREE**  
MAR 24 - TBC



**COUNCIL MEETING**  
MARCH 14, 2017  
7:00PM CORPUS  
CHRISTI PARISH



Blood Donor Clinic  
**MARCH 2-VIVOS 4-6PM**  
CONTACT GK. KEVIN  
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**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**  
MARCH 19

## "The Last Supper"

**By: Leonardo da Vinci, (1495-1498)**

"Created during the period 1495-98, Leonardo da Vinci's mural painting known as The Last Supper - a masterpiece of the Italian High Renaissance and one of the best-known works of Christian art - illustrates the scene from the last days of Jesus Christ, as described in the Gospel of John 13:21. Flanked by his twelve apostles, Jesus has just declared that one of them will betray him. ("Verily I say unto you: one of you will betray me.") The picture depicts the reaction of each disciple to the news. The picture measures 15 feet x 29 ft, and occupies an end wall in the dining hall at the convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan."

<http://www.visual-arts-cork.com/famous-paintings/last-supper-leonardo-davinci.htm>



To watch a 7 mins video on da Vinci's "The Last Supper", click on the link below.

[https://youtu.be/iV6\\_wTrkd70](https://youtu.be/iV6_wTrkd70)

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This is always an exciting and busy time of year for our Parish and Council as we prepare ourselves for Easter. This year we are particularly excited to move into our new facilities as Phase One of our renovations are completed. We will keep you posted on our meeting dates, times and locations.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers for your help in contributing to another successful Shrove Tuesday at Ascension of Our Lord School. We were able to serve over 800 students, teachers and staff in record time. What an unbelievably efficient team! A special thanks to Br. Trevor Bloski for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Ascension Council and Ascension of Our Lord School hosted our annual Basketball Free Throw Competition February 1st. We enjoyed record attendance again this year with 117 participants and several hundred parents in attendance. Again, many thanks to Br. Karl Senger and all the volunteers who make this event possible. We have several students who will now be advancing to the Chapter and State level; we wish them well in the upcoming competition. We will keep you posted on the results.

I wanted to remind all of our Council Members that we will be running our '40 Cans for 40 Days' Program for Lent again this year. Please note that all of the donations collected this year will be staying here in Ascension Parish and will be used to stock our new SSVP Pantry. A list of needed

items and Store Cards can be obtained at the Knights Table after weekend masses. The '40 Cans for 40 Days' is one of our Premier Family Programs for 2018. We look forward to your continued support!

Reminder, 2018 Membership Cards are ready for pickup from the Knights Table. You can pay your membership dues by cash, cheque, debit or credit card. This year we are asking all members to complete the 2018 Program Volunteer Form with your dues. This information is critically important to our Program Coordinator, Deputy Grand Knight – Dale Rundell. Please take a couple of minutes over the next few weeks to drop off your form at the Knights Table.



Lastly, we are still looking for a couple more volunteers to provide Security for the Outdoor Way of the Cross on Good Friday, March 30th at St. Mary Cathedral. Bishop McGrattan has specifically asked the Knights of Columbus to fill this very important role. If you are interested please contact: [gk10065@kofc.ab.ca](mailto:gk10065@kofc.ab.ca)

Vivat Jesus,

GK Kevin Power



### Shrove Tuesday at Ascension of our Lord School

Thank you to Br. Wayne and his wife Viv, GK Kevin, Br. Selvin, Br. Trevor, Br. Michael and Br. Terrence for volunteering your time to make our Shrove Tuesday breakfast a special moment for the teachers and staff at Ascension of Our Lord Elementary School.





## Chaplain's Report by: Fr. Avi

Lent attractively offers all believers an annual time to recommit to ardent works of charity. Our Knights of Columbus are pure examples of practicing the faith through works of charity. I am truly humbled by the commitment of our Brother Knights to our Parish and the generous amount of service that is being provided on a regular basis.

Knowing that the Knights of Columbus were walking by our side, we were able to meet and exceed the challenges that we were faced with at the beginning of our renovations. We are almost ready now to move into our completed phase one. The great news is, we will not change the Mass timings since we will be able to accommodate everyone in the hall and the meeting rooms.

On August 4th 2018, the re-dedication of our Parish building with Bishop William McGrattan will herald the news that our new Sanctuary is complete.

Let us pray for one another especially during this time of Lent so that we could commit to God's ways by Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Wishing you a Happy and Holy Lent, and a Holy Easter.

## 2018 Wives Appreciation Dinner Jubilations Dinner Theatre







## Field Agent Report

Robert Pettigrew, Field Agent



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Since no man knows the future, who can tell him what is to come? (Ecclesiastes 8:7 NIV)

### **KofC Agency News**

- KofC rated A+ (Superior) by A.M. Best for 41st consecutive year. KofC is now rated at 880 of Fortune 1000. We are #10 in number of MDRT members. We now have 1492 Field Agents with KofC.
- \$109B.- in-force insurance, with over \$21B. In assets, issued \$8.78B. In insurance in 2017.
- RRSP season has ended for 2017 but that does not mean it has to be your only saving instrument. TFSA's offer other saving strategies without penalties. Open a RRSP or TFSA with KofC Today. Don't let the CRA be your best paid beneficiary from your estate, use KofC whole life insurance and dual life policies to ensure you leave an inheritance to your family and not to the tax man.
- In 2016, 1% of term policies were claimed in Canada, while only 11% of all life insurance owned was whole life, 13% was Universal Life, & Individual & Group Term insurance made up 76% of all life insurance held by Canadians.
- There are 22M Canadians owning life insurance, which means that approximately 167,200 term policies were paid out from over 16.72M term policies being held in Canada. KofC had over \$400M. In claims in 2017.
- Make sure you have a WHOLE LIFE Policy in place to protect your family!
- In 2015, the ENTIRE Canadian Life Insurance Providers donated \$59M. to charities, the KofC donated \$175,079,192 in 2015! In 2016 this was reduced to \$55M. and KofC donated \$177 500,673!

### **Fraternal**

- Membership is changing rapidly within the KofC. More changes coming later this year along with on-line membership going nationwide.
- State Convention will be April 27-29 at the Westin Hotel Calgary.

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/insurance/annuities.html>

**Parish News and Events: Br. Mark Holland**



We have started the Lenten season now and are journeying through to Easter at the end of March. With the annual return to Lent we might as “What about giving something up for Lent?” The Loyola Press covered the topic in a brief article:

*"Many of us might remember giving up candy for Lent when we were children, and it seemed like a real sacrifice. As we grew up, it was often more difficult to decide what special thing to do to make Lent a special season, to get our attention and to prepare ourselves to give up judging others. For others, it could be giving up a bad habit we've developed. Still others will have different answers to the question "What will help me grow in freedom?"*

*For many of us, the choice may not be to give something up, but to add something to our daily lives during Lent. We may commit ourselves to extra prayer time. We may decide to do some service for the poor once a week during Lent.*

*Whether fasting, abstaining, or doing other acts of penance, the whole desire we should have is to use these means to help us grow closer to our Lord and prepare ourselves, in the words of the first preface of Lent, "to await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure."*

*May our Lord bless us all on this journey."*

A focus for the Parish during Lent is the “Together in Action” program from the Diocese. All Parishes participate and are allocated a specific amount they must collect. Ascension Parish would like to complete the program during Lent so we can move on to other important programs during the reset of the year. You can find the “TIA” information envelopes in all the pews. Please give generously to this campaign that supports numerous programs in the Calgary region.

Our Parish bulletin reminds us to “Rejoice in God’s Mercy” through the sacrament of Reconciliation. The sacrament is available at Parishes throughout the diocese during Lent every Wednesday evenings from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

**2018**

**Ascension KofC Service Programs**

**Church**

- Keeping Christ in Christmas
- Support for Vocations RSVP
- Alter Servers' Appreciation
- Building the Domestic Church

**Community**

- St. Dismas Prison Ministry
- Blue Mass
- Mustard Seed
- Shrove Tuesday Breakfast

**Council**

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

**Culture of Life**

- March For Life

**Family**

- Pumpkin Carving
- 40 Cans for Lent

**Youth**

- Coats for kids
- Basketball Free Throw

## Ceremonial Degrees

Congratulations to Br. Ikenna Affam who received his First Degree at St. Paul's in Airdrie. Br. Ikenna is joined by Br. Robert, GK Kevin, Br. Nnamdi and Br. Michael.





## Installation of Br. Mark Drapal as an Acolyte



Br. Mark Drapal, Ascension Council's RSVP Seminarian, was installed at an Acolyte on 13 February at St. Cecelia's Parish. Above; Fr. Lucas Drapal, Mr. & Mrs Drapal, Br. Mark Drapal, Bishop William McGrattan, Fr. Paul Raj and extended Drapal family.

Left: Fr. Irudaya Paul Raj, Br. Mark Drapal, GK Kevin Power



*"I want you to have a new concept of holiness. You've got to be holy where you are: washing dishes, at the office, at school. Wherever you are, you can be holy there."*

*- Mother Angelica*





**Padre Night  
8 Feb 2018  
Hosted by the  
Knights of  
Columbus**

Thank you to all Br. Knights who supported the Calgary Chapter's annual Padre Night. The Knights of Columbus hosted a fantastic evening, where in the spirit of fraternity, we could say thank you to Fr. Avinash, Fr. Rodel, Fr. Anthony and Fr. Marino.







## Ascension Council Well Represented in Laughlin, Nevada

Br. Pete Jemus and Br. Al Soloski were accompanied by Br. Dale Rundel and Br. Joe Faubert



### 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>

