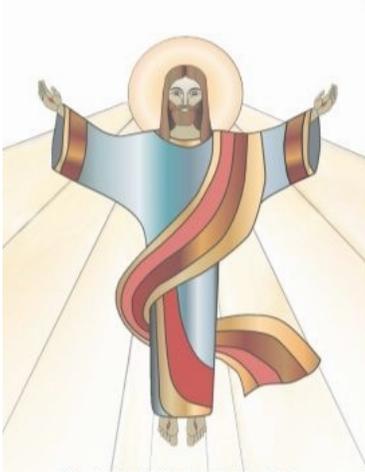


ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

MARCH 26 & 27, 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

PSALM 34: *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

We tend to focus on what we want instead of what we need. Today's Gospel about the prodigal son is a good example of this. While he was out pursuing his interests, this younger son pursued his wants but lacked an understanding of his important needs. Our spiritual needs are fulfilled through God when we accept the unconditional love that He provides for us.

This parable reminds us that on our own we do not possess a full understanding of the benefits of God's redeeming love. When we fall short, we need to turn to God with confidence and an open heart to seek His forgiveness. When we turn to God with sorrowful and humble hearts, we experience His grace as unconditional love. Then, everything becomes new as it did for the prodigal son who returned to His welcoming father.

How do we build on this? We need to be ambassadors for God, like the loving father in the parable who welcomed and celebrated with his son, or like Jesus who ate with tax collectors and sinners and showed us the way. We can begin by looking deeply at how our words, actions, and thoughts affect others and strive to be ambassadors for God; faithful to God who gave His only son to wash away our sins.

Living with Christ – Ildiko O'Dacre

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - Saturday:
8:15am - 8:45am
Saturdays: 4:00pm - 4:45pm
Sundays: 7:00am - 7:45am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office at
403.275.2240
When prompted
Press 2 for Fr. Avinash
Press 3 for Fr. Naveed

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

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Bookkeeper: Nora Alzamora

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
9:30am - 4:00pm

Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

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LENT AT ASCENSION

Stations of the Cross : Every Friday of Lent

Mass: 6:30pm | Stations: 7:00pm



Parish Mission

March 29

Mass: 6:30pm | Talk: 7:00 - 8:30pm

Featuring: Michael Chiasson

March 30

Mass: 6:30pm | Talk: 7:00pm

Featuring: Fr. Naveed Arif & Ian Mahood

Penitential Service: 7:30pm with visiting Priests

PRACTICING THE HABIT OF CHARITABLE GIVING

Pope Benedict XVI said *“Almsgiving, according to the Gospel, is not mere philanthropy; rather it is a concrete expression of charity, a theological virtue that demands interior conversion to love of God and neighbor, in imitation of Jesus Christ, who, dying on the cross, gave His entire self for us”.*

Let us focus on helping one another to discover forms of charitable giving that we can perform as an individual or as a family.

Let us consider volunteering our time in a homeless shelter, making a dinner for a family in need, giving money to the Church or a charity in need, or running an errand for someone.

SYNOD LISTEN SESSION

April 26, 2022 @ 6:30pm

How have YOU experienced journeying together as the Church?

What steps does the Holy Spirit invite US to take in order to grow in our “journey together?”

We want to hear from you, please sign up to attend on our website www.ascensionparish.ca.

ONLINE AUCTION UPDATE

Our Parish is excited to host its 2nd Online Auction from April 29 – May 14, 2022.

The deadline to donate is March 28!

If you are interested in supporting our efforts to help reduce the Parish mortgage by donating a new item, please contact Holly at hollyd@telus.net.

Click [here](#) to go to our *wish list* and purchase a popular item that will help us get to our goal.

SACRAMENTS

We are a Parish offering Sacramental programs to those in our community. We invite all persons, couples and families who are seeking one of the Sacraments to contact the office for more information.

Reconciliation / First Holy Communion: In the Diocese of Calgary, children receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion must first receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Therefore, preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are combined in the same school year. *Registration for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Sessions for 2022 / 2023 will open June 2022.*

Confirmation: Children in grade 6 and up can register for the preparation of the Sacrament of Confirmation if they have been Baptized, have been prepared for Reconciliation and have received First Holy Communion. *Registration for 2023 will open in June 2022.*

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. The program consists of six sessions, and runs from November to April. *Sessions will begin in November 2022 and registration will open in June 2022.*

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. The spring session is now closed. Please contact baptism@ascensionparish.ca for information on when this will be offered next.

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.



MISSIONARY DISCIPLE SPOTLIGHT

My name is Eneyo Eyo, and I am involved in the Greeter Ministry and as the Coordinator. I have been volunteering in the Parish as a Greeter for the past three years, since 2019. I was on the fence for a while about volunteering, but Fr. Avi encouraged me and invited me to this ministry. I'm glad that I joined, because there is a need for this ministry, and it draws me closer to my faith.



The best part of volunteering for me is knowing my contribution adds to a working process which helps and encourages the community to strengthen their faith. The advice I would give to anyone thinking of volunteering is everyone has a talent they can share. Making yourself available to serve is very rewarding, as you immediately see your contribution help the community grow in their faith and this ultimately ensures that our Parish doors can remain open.

My favorite quote is from Maya Angelou, who said, "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style." I like this because it reminds me that while I'm alive, I can always try to make a difference and treat others how I want to be treated.

INDIGENOUS DELEGATIONS TO MEET THE POPE

Catholics across the country are invited to join in collective prayer as a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, Knowledge Keepers and young people travel to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from March 28 to April 1. The journey, organized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, represents an important moment in the ongoing journey of healing and reconciliation. As announced in late October, the delegation will also help inform the planned pilgrimage of the Holy Father to Canada at a future date. For more information, please visit www.cccb.ca

Bishop William McGrattan and Edmonton Archbishop Richard Smith are among the Canadian Bishops set to accompany the delegates. Please keep them in your prayers.

YOUTH GROUP

Are you in Grade 5-8?



If so, we have GREAT news for you!! We are starting up a junior high youth group called "Metanoia Junior" or "Meta-J". Our first session will be held on **Thursday, March 31st from 6:30pm-8:00pm** at Ascension Catholic Parish. The evening will include games, faith formation and small group discussions.

If you are looking to grow closer to Jesus and experience true Christian JOY, come check out Meta-J.

FINANCE COUNCIL

This week, you will notice that our weekly reporting has changes. Previously, we reported on the collections received in comparison to our budgeted operating costs. Going forward, we will report on the collections received in comparison to our actual operating costs. What this means is that our operating cost figure will fluctuate on a weekly basis depending on the needs of the Parish. Reporting the actual operating expenses will increase transparency to our parishioners and give a clear picture of how your donations are working.

Thank You

Gifts to the Parish		
Year 2022	Week : 11	
Offerings for the Week:	<u>12-Mar-22</u>	to <u>18-Mar-22</u>
General Collections	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Collections	\$18,906.15	\$158,011.40
Operating Cost(Actuals)*	-\$1,551.78	-\$148,449.37
Over/(Shortfall) YTD Op Cost	\$17,354.37	\$9,562.03
Central Fund Loan	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Building Fund Collections	\$8,736.85	\$97,327.71
2019 Pledges	\$4,578.33	\$32,374.99
Donor Wall	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
Toonie	\$0.00	\$0.00
Weekly Loan Payment	-\$9,927.46	-\$109,202.08
Over/(Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	\$3,387.72	\$50,500.62
Diocesan Annual Campaign:		
Together in Action	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Collections	\$2,201.00	\$11,205.00
2022 Target		\$50,348.00
Remaining towards Goal		\$39,143.00
	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Special Collections Received for Diocese	\$0.00	\$216.00

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Each year we collect funds for Together in Action (TIA) that go back to the Diocese for various organizations like Elizabeth House, Catholic Family Services, Vocations and many others. This year it will also support the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Our TIA Parish goal is to raise \$50,348 for the year. If we exceed our goal for the 2022 campaign, the surplus collected will be used towards our Central Fund Loan. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support. Full details can be found on our website.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The KofC Charities Appeal Raffle is now open. There is a guaranteed Jackpot of at least \$50,000 with half the proceeds going to the winner. The draw will be on April 23rd. The link to purchase tickets is here:

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/kocab/107>

UKRAINE EMERGENCY RELIEF

Development & Peace

Development and Peace is joining the Caritas Internationalis family, the CIDSE network, and organizations like the Catholic Near East Welfare Association in responding to Caritas Ukraine's call. **Donations may be made through the following ways...**

Online: <https://www2.devop.org/en/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=3&gl=24360>

Phone: 1 888 664-3387

Mail: mailing a cheque written out to Development and Peace and marked **Emergency Ukraine** – Development & Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd West, 3rd Floor, Montréal, Québec Canada, H3G 1T7.

Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA Canada)

The Ukrainian Bishops of Canada are working together with their Churches to join CNEWA's campaign. **To donate,** go to <https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/>

Stay up to date by visiting our Social Media

www.facebook.com/ascensionparishcalgary <https://twitter.com/RCAscensionYYC> <https://www.instagram.com/ascensioncatholic/>

The Son who was Sorry



Today's Gospel reading tells us about God's forgiveness. We are like the son who ran away and wasted all his money whenever we don't use our gifts or talents to serve God or others.

God is like the father in this story. He lets the younger son do whatever he wants, but he loves him even when he chooses to be bad. All he wants is for his son to come home and be sorry. He is ready and waiting to forgive the prodigal son.

God is waiting to forgive us too, in the sacrament of Confession. He wants us to be sorry for our sins and tell Him we are sorry so He can take them away.

Try to make sure you go to confession before Easter so your soul will be clean and ready for the great celebration!



Answer to Front Page: Father I have sinned. Answers to Cross-Word: ACROSS: 1.his 3.let 6.it's 8.humble 9.praise 10.that 13.from 16.name 17.together 18.answered DOWN: 2.soul 4.times 5.glorify 7.set 10.fastic 11.terrors 12.sec 14.on 15.make

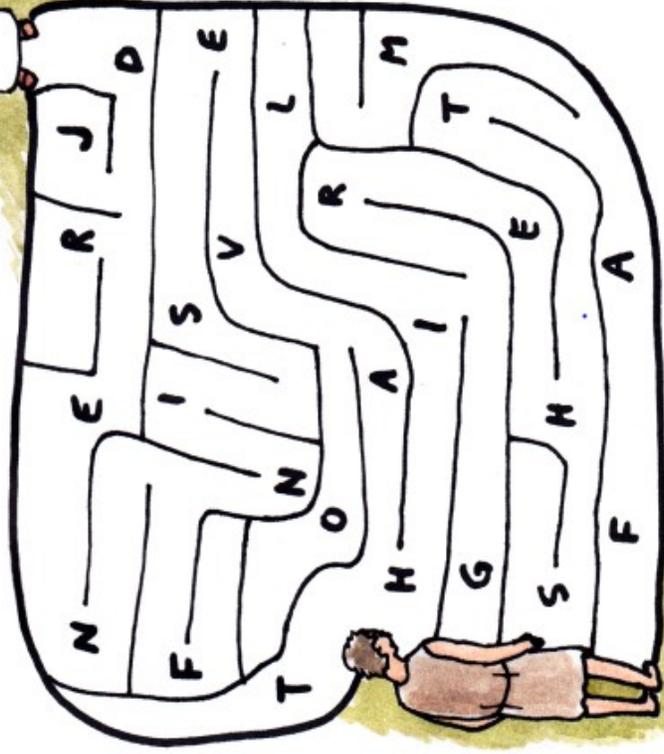
The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 27th, 2022



What did the son in today's Gospel reading say to show his father he was sorry?

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



As you go through the maze, use only the letters in the right path to fill in the blanks:

_____ , _____

Saint Vincent Ferrer

April 5

VINCENT WAS BORN TO NOBLE AND VIRTUOUS PARENTS IN SPAIN IN 1357. HE WAS GENEROUS TO THE POOR FROM A VERY YOUNG AGE.



Here, Vincent, you can give these to the poor.

BY THE TIME HE WAS 18 HE HAD FINISHED HIS STUDIES AND BECAME A DOMINICAN.



Dad, I want to be a priest!

HE STUDIED THE BIBLE WITH GREAT DEVOTION.



Vincent understands philosophy and can explain it well...



SOON HE WAS ASKED TO TEACH.

VINCENT BEGAN TO PREACH ALL OVER WESTERN EUROPE.



THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE REPENTED AND WERE CONVERTED.



Yes... God will forgive me! I should go to confession. I want to be better!

VINCENT WORKED HARD TO END THE DIVISION IN THE CHURCH AT THAT TIME. HE DIED AT AGE 69 IN BRITTANY.



I will offer up sleeping on the floor for peace in the Church.

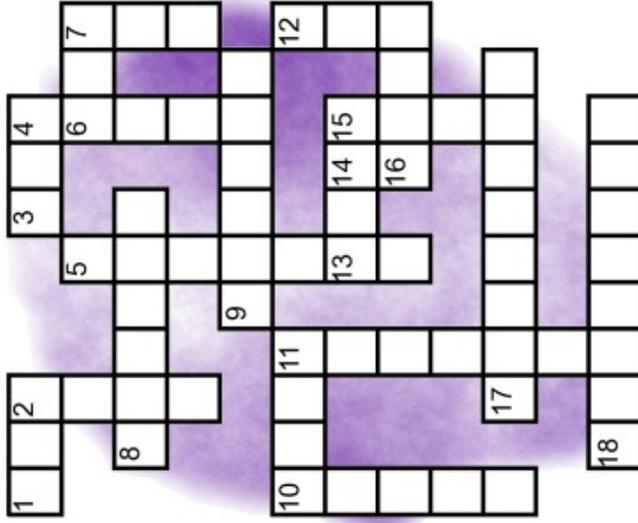
SAINT VINCENT ONCE WROTE THAT TO STUDY WELL MEANS CONSULTING GOD MORE THAN BOOKS. TO KNOW WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT WE SHOULD READ AND KNOW AND LOVE THE BIBLE, SINCE IT TEACHES US ABOUT GOD. TRY TO READ A BIT OF THE BIBLE EVERY DAY!

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

Psalm 34 Cross-Word Puzzle

Use these words to fill in the blanks for the crossword puzzle:

- FROM
- TERRORS
- PRAISE
- SET
- GLORIFY
- LET
- HIS
- ANSWERED
- NAME
- ON
- SEE
- TASTE
- THAT
- HUMBLE
- ITS
- TIMES
- SOUL
- MAKE
- TOGETHER



10D and 12D the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all 4D,

His 9A is always 14D my lips;

In the Lord my 2D shall 15D 6A boast.

The 8A shall hear and be glad.



5D the Lord with me.

17A 3A us praise

1A 16A

I sought the Lord

and he 18A me,

13A all my 11D he 7D me free.

March

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Ash Wednesday	3	4	5
6 As a family or as individuals, embrace all the gifts we have received	7 Make a list of personal positive habits	8 Compliment a coworker or a friend on special gift they have received from the Lord	9 Admit any self-weakness and work through it	10 Help someone work through their weaknesses	11 Participate in the Stations of the Cross & abstain from meat.	12 Go to confession
13 Participate in Mass together as a family or individually	14 Practice praying dinner-time prayers	15 Practice praying before bed	16 Help someone to pray	17 Practice praying the rosary	18 Participate in the Stations of the Cross & abstain from meat	19 Pray three Psalms before bed
20 Put away all devices and spend time together with family or a friend	21 Give up on a special treat (i.e., chocolate, coffee)	22 Give up on gossip	23 Give up television for a day	24 Give up shopping for a day	25 Participate in the Stations of the Cross & abstain from meat	26 Give up social media for a day
27 Donate to our Parish	28 Make dinner for a family in need	29 Donate to a charity	30 Volunteer at a homeless shelter	31 Run an errand for someone in need		

April

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Participate in the Stations of the Cross & abstain from meat	2 Help a neighbour
3 Say a thanksgiving prayer	4 Leave a thank you note for a family member	5 Call a friend and thank them for something they have done	6 Practice gratitude throughout the day	7 Thank a coworker or teacher	8 Participate in the Stations of the Cross & abstain from meat	9 Practice gratitude when grocery shopping
10	11 Help someone who is suffering	12 Help someone who is facing hard times	13 Prepare yourself for the Paschal Triduum	14 HOLY THURSDAY	15 GOOD FRIDAY	16 HOLY SATURDAY
17 EASTER SUNDAY	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30