

# ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY 28 - 29, 2022



*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

### LIVE STREAM MASS

Sunday: 10:00am

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Avinash Colaco

Associate: Fr. Naveed Arif

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 12 - 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 47: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

## PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENT

**Rev. Avinash Colaco**, currently Pastor of Ascension Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.

**Rev. Naveed Arif**, currently Associate Pastor of Ascension Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Associate Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, effective August 1, 2022.

The Legionaries of Christ community has been entrusted the pastoral care of Ascension Catholic Parish.

**Rev. John Gannon L.C.**, currently Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Pastor of Ascension Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.

**Rev. John Luxbacher L.C.**, currently Associate Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Associate Pastor of Ascension Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.

## 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 Pastor

Press 3 for Associate

*We have an agreement with the City parking lot. We encourage you to use it especially on the weekends.*

1100 Berkshire Blvd NW Calgary, AB T3K 3M3

Phone 403.275.2240 | Fax 403.274.3969 | [www.ascensionparish.ca](http://www.ascensionparish.ca)

## FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

May 29, 2022 after the 4pm Mass

Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite you and your family to our Parish Feast!

**All ages welcome!** We have face painting and a bouncy castle for the kids. Our Priests may surprise us with a karaoke song.

The Knights of Columbus will be serving BBQ burgers for everyone to enjoy.

**We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday. Happy Feast Day!**



## BUILDING FUND

Please remember to purchase your store cards from the Knights of Columbus table after Mass. A portion of the profits from the sales goes to support our Building Fund. Your participation in the program comes at no cost to you.

**By simply changing how you purchase your groceries, our collective efforts can make a significant and meaningful contribution to the Building Fund!**

Buy your store card and then use it to pay for your grocery and retail purchases. It's that simple!



## SERRA CLUB OF CALGARY

The Lord said, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Pray for an increase of vocations to the ordained and consecrated life. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, check out [www.catholiccyc.ca/vocations](http://www.catholiccyc.ca/vocations)

## CONSECRATION &amp; BLESSING OF MIRACULOUS MEDALS

On Monday May 30th at the 7pm Mass in the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies, Bishop McGrattan will be consecrating the Diocese of Calgary to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. At this time he will also bless forty-eight thousand Miraculous Medals for distribution to the faithful in the Diocese.

## 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.

REGISTRATION  
OPENING SOON!

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

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

## A CALL TO SERVICE

### MISSIONARY DISCIPLE SPOTLIGHT

Hello, I'm Ave Maria Hoepfer and I am a newcomer to the Parish, having joined in 2019. I had been an active member of my previous Parish for over 50 years. During that time, I formed some of my most cherished friendships. It was important to me that I just don't come to Mass and go home. I



wanted to be part of the Church family. I knew that the best way to do that was to volunteer in a ministry and facilitate meeting new people and forming new friendships. I joined RCIA as a sponsor and later as a team member. I now volunteer to help in the office one day a week. To be a volunteer is to participate in the life of the Parish. St. John of the Cross writes that when we die, we will be asked how well we loved. Isaiah 43:4 says "Because you are precious in my eyes, and honoured, and I love you". If we are loved by God who created the universe, then we should want to be an active member of His family by sharing all our unique talents, our time and especially God's love with others.

### POPE FRANCIS IN CANADA

*Walking together (July 24 - 29, 2022)*

Pope Francis will make a pastoral visit to Canada from **July 24 to 29, 2022**. The Pope's visit will provide an opportunity for him to listen and dialogue with Indigenous Peoples, to express his heartfelt closeness and to address the impact of residential schools in Canada. The papal visit will also provide an opportunity for the shepherd of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics to connect with the Catholic community in Canada. Pope Francis will adopt three communities as a base for his Canadian visit: **Edmonton, Quebec City, and Iqaluit**. Specific programming and events will be confirmed approximately six weeks prior to the Holy Father's arrival. Visit [papalvisit.ca](http://papalvisit.ca) or [visitepapale.ca](http://visitepapale.ca) for more information and to stay updated on the latest developments.



### SATURDAY CATECHESIS

with Fr. Naveed

Next class: June 4th

3:30 - 4:30pm

*Join us and learn more about our faith.*

### DIOCESAN DECREE

*In the name of God*

*Bishop William T. McGrattan*

In gratitude for the decrease of the danger to public health caused by the coronavirus and for the good of souls, I hereby restore the Sunday obligation for Catholics starting on Saturday, June 4, 2022, the Vigil of Pentecost, in accordance with Canon 1245 of the Code of Canon Law.

As has always been the case, anyone with a "serious reason" or "grave cause" is excused from this obligation. Such reasons include:

- anyone who is sick, symptomatic or recently exposed to the coronavirus;
- anyone with serious health risk factors that requires them to avoid public spaces;
- anyone who cares for someone who is sick;
- anyone who cannot attend Mass, through no fault of their own, because of frailty or old age.

Gifts to the Parish			
Year 2022	Week : 20		
Offerings for the Week:	14-May-22	to	20-May-22
<b>General Collections</b>	<u>Last Week</u>		<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Collections	\$20,455.85		\$285,922.34
Operating Cost(Actuals)	-\$2,367.58		-\$280,648.01
Over/(Shortfall) YTD Op Cost	\$18,088.27		\$5,274.33
<b>Central Fund Loan</b>	<u>Last Week</u>		<u>Y-T-D</u>
Building Fund Collections	\$16,171.98		\$184,377.43
2019 Pledges	\$260.00		\$33,964.99
Donor Wall	\$5,000.00		\$42,500.00
Weekly Loan Payment	-\$9,927.46		-\$198,549.23
Over/(Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	\$11,504.52		\$62,293.19
<b>Diocesan Annual Campaign:</b>			
<u>Together in Action</u>	<u>Last Week</u>		<u>Y-T-D</u>
Collections	\$2,226.00		\$27,084.15
2022 Target			\$50,348.00
Remaining towards Goal			\$23,263.85
	<u>Last Week</u>		<u>Y-T-D</u>
Special Collections Received for Diocese	\$588.10		\$15,281.33

## MINISTRY CONTACTS

Administrative Assistant: Jenn Pashula | [office@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:office@ascensionparish.ca)

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### SACRAMENTS

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### MINISTRIES

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### CELEBRATE THE HOLY SPIRIT

You are invited to join representatives from throughout the Diocese for a day of prayer, reflection on the synodal experience, sharing of the Diocesan Synthesis, BBQ lunch and Eucharistic celebration **with Bishop McGrattan.**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4**

**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

At St. Michael Catholic Community (800 85 St. SW, Calgary).

**Please register**

**online at [catholicyyc.ca/synod](http://catholicyyc.ca/synod)**

**or call 403-218-5521**

**(Registration is required by May 31).**

### DID YOU KNOW

Pentecost, which we celebrate this Sunday, is the liturgical season after Easter. It celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. Pentecost begins the eighth Sunday, or 50 days, after Easter Sunday. The descent of the Holy Spirit ushered in a new era for the people of God. In Acts 2:1-41 the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles. This occurred ten days after Jesus' Ascension. Jesus had asked His Apostles to pray, and their nine days of prayer can be considered as the first novena.

On the weekend of June 4th and 5th, we will celebrate Pentecost 2022. Bishop McGrattan and the Calgary Catholic Charismatic Renewal Society will be celebrating with us at the 7pm Mass on June 4th. This Mass will be live streamed at

<https://youtu.be/4AxsPrDIMAY>

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2022

"We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service."



Look to Mary as an example.



Open yourselves to listening, especially to your grandparents.



Discern to go beyond the trends of the day.



Be courageous enough to risk everything and say "yes".



Have the will to build a better world.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIOCESE**  
*of Calgary*

## **PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

May 27, 2022

### **PRIEST ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

- **Rev. Robert Dielissen**, Pastor of St. Paul's Parish, Airdrie, will be on a health leave of absence for the months of June, July, and August. In his absence, **Rev. Thomas Vadassery**, who is in retirement, has been appointed Administrator of the parish effective June 1, 2022.

### **PRIESTS LEAVING THE DIOCESE**

- **Rev. John Nemanic**, Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary, has requested and been granted permission to serve as Chaplain for the Canadian Armed Forces for an initial period of three years effective July 1, 2022.
- **Rev. George Madathikunnath**, currently Associate Pastor of St. Bonaventure Parish and Chaplain to the Syro-Malankara Catholic Community will be returning to his home diocese effective August 1, 2022.

### **PRIEST ARRIVING IN THE DIOCESE**

- **Rev. Lester Mendonsa**, currently Associate Pastor of St. Andrew's Cathedral in the Diocese of Victoria, has been appointed Vice Chancellor effective September 1, 2022. Fr. Lester is with the Vicariate of Southern Arabia and has a Doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical University of Santo Tomas, Philippines. In addition to this assignment, he will be providing assistance on weekends to St. Bonaventure Parish, Calgary, and will celebrate the Spanish Mass at Holy Spirit Parish, Calgary.

### **PRIEST NEW TO THE DIOCESE**

- **Rev. Jose Bustalino**, a priest from the Diocese of Tarlac, Philippines, who served for four years in the Archdiocese of St. John's, Newfoundland, has been granted permission to serve in the Diocese of Calgary for an initial period of three years. He has been appointed to the Calgary Hospital Chaplaincy effective August 1, 2022.

### **PRIEST PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS**

- **Rev. Avinash Colaco**, currently Pastor of Ascension Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. John Gannon L.C.**, currently Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Pastor of Ascension Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. John Luxbacher L.C.**, currently Associate Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Associate Pastor of Ascension Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Arjay Abanto**, currently Administrator of Canadian Martyrs' Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Cuong Luong**, currently in the Calgary Hospital Chaplaincy, has been appointed Administrator of Canadian Martyrs' Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Niwton Rodrigues**, currently Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Oyen and St. George Church, Hannah, has been appointed Pastor of St. Agnes' Parish, Carstairs, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Rodel Abanto**, currently Associate Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, has been appointed Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Oyen, and St. George Church, Hannah, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Luciano Cortopassi**, currently Pastor of St. Agnes' Parish, Carstairs, has been appointed Pastor of Holy Name Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Mario Basque**, currently Pastor of Holy Name Parish, Calgary, has been appointed to the Calgary Hospital Chaplaincy, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Benedicto Marino**, currently Pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. Peter's Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Sajo Jacob**, currently in the Calgary Hospital Chaplaincy has been appointed Pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Naveed Arif**, currently Associate Pastor of Ascension Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Associate Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Rev. Vijaya Bathineni**, currently Associate Pastor of St. Luke's Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. James' Parish, Okotoks, effective August 1, 2022.

- **Rev. Troy Nguyen**, currently Associate Pastor of St. James' Parish, Okotoks, has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. Luke's Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2022.

#### **SEMINARIAN ON PASTORAL YEAR**

- **Peter An**, who has completed his Third Year of Theology at St. Joseph Seminary, has been appointed to St. Luke's Parish, Calgary, for a year of Pastoral Internship effective July 1, 2022.

#### **PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE**

- **Rev. Wilbert Chin Jon**, currently in residence at St. Mary's Cathedral rectory will be residing at Sacred Heart Parish rectory, Calgary, and will be providing assistance on Sundays in the Parish.
- **Rev. Mario Basque**, will be residing at Sacred Heart Parish rectory, Calgary.
- **Rev. Jose Bustalino**, will be residing at St. Patrick Parish rectory, Calgary.
- **Rev. Lester Mendonsa**, will be residing at St. Anthony's Parish rectory, Calgary.

#### **FURTHER STUDIES (Part-Time)**

- **Rev. Wilbert Chin Jon**, in addition to his assignment as the Moderator of the Curia and Vicar General, has been asked to undertake further studies through the Evening MBA program of the University of Calgary. The program is designed to be completed part-time in three years.

#### **SPECIAL APPOINTMENT**

- **Sr. Dianne Turner**, has retired from her teaching position at St. Mary's High School, Calgary, and has been asked to collaborate with **Rev. Cristino Bouvette** in promoting vocations and the religious life for women.

# *Jesus Ascends into Heaven!*



Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension- when Jesus went up, body and soul, into Heaven. Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He took his disciples up to a big hill and told them that He was going to send the Holy Spirit to them soon. Then He went up into the sky and disappeared behind the clouds.

At first it seems kind of sad that Jesus left His friends, doesn't it? But how could they be sad when Jesus was returning with joy to His Father in Heaven?

Sometimes we are sad when somebody we love dies or moves away, and that's okay. We can't stay with our friends forever in this world, but we will in Heaven. Jesus is there waiting for us to come and live forever with Him and all our friends.

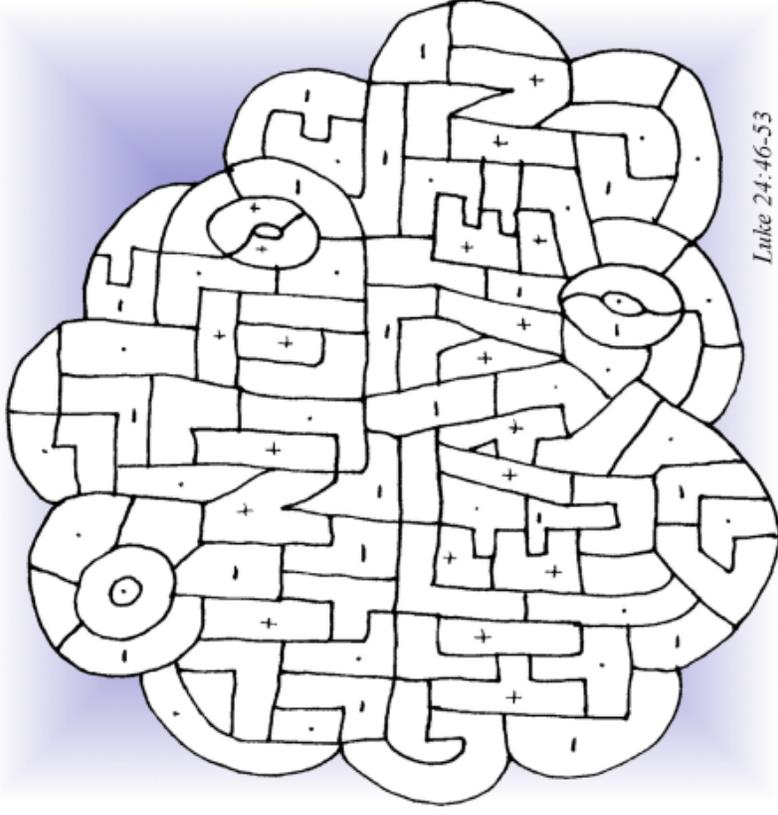
So today we should celebrate Jesus' going into Heaven, and remember that He has gone ahead of us to make a place ready for us when we die.

1. True, 2. True, 3. False, 4. True, 5. False, 6. True, 7. True.

Answers to The Ascension True or False:  
[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

# The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Ascension  
May 26th or 29th, 2022



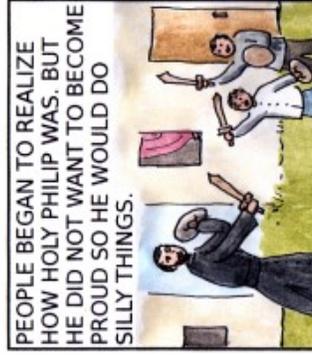
Luke 24:46-53

*Jesus disappeared into a cloud forty days after He rose from the dead. Where did He go?*

*Colour in the spaces with crosses (+) to find out!*

# Saint Philip Neri

## May 26



AT ONE TIME PHILIP THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A TRAVELING MISSIONARY BUT A HOLY MONK TOLD HIM THAT ROME WAS HIS MISSION COUNTRY. WE CAN IMITATE SAINT PHILIP BY BEING CHEERFUL AND BRINGING GOD TO THE PEOPLE AROUND US, WHEREVER WE ARE! HOW CAN YOU DO THAT TODAY?

# The Ascension: True or False?



1. Jesus kept appearing to His disciples for forty days after Easter. True or False?
2. Jesus did not send the Holy Spirit to the disciples until after He went up into Heaven. True or False?
3. Jesus had taught the Apostles everything they needed to know before He died, so He didn't have to teach them anything after the Resurrection. True or False?
4. Some of the disciples asked Jesus if He was going to start a new kingdom in this world. True or False?
5. Jesus and the apostles were all gathered in one room when Jesus disappeared and went into Heaven. True or False?
6. Jesus was with a big crowd of His friends on a hill when He went up, body and soul, into Heaven. True or False?
7. When Jesus comes back, He will return in the same sort of way as how He left. True or False?