

# ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH



**JUNE 2021**



***Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ***

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

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

## **PARISH STAFF**

**Pastor: Fr. Avinash Colaco**  
**Associate: Fr. Adrian Martens**  
**Deacon: Patrick Woo**  
**Resource: Sharron Robinson**  
**Admin Assist: Jenn Pashula**  
**Bookkeeper: Nora Alzamora**

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## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

Dear Parishioners -

Thank you everyone for your patience and understanding over the past few weeks as we navigate the changes with the public health restrictions and guidelines. However, it seems that we are on our way out of this difficult time and towards a sense of what we know to be normal. What a hopeful time for us! What are you most looking forward to? Maybe it's gathering with friends for a celebration. Perhaps it's getting together with family that you haven't seen for over a year. Or maybe you are most excited about being able to travel again. I'm most looking forward to welcoming all of you back to the Parish. I can't wait for the day that the Church is packed, that we are able to sing again and have other events and celebrations. What a joyful time that will be!

As we prepare for that return to 'normal', let us remember that we have been given a purpose in this life. That purpose comes from God. He has plans for us and all we need to do is open our hearts and minds to His will. We need to invite our Heavenly Father to work in and through us and He will reveal Himself. What a joyful time that will be!

Please continue to keep Fr. Adrian, Deacon Patrick and myself in your prayers. We pray for all of you and look forward to seeing you again soon!

Peace,  
Fr. Avi

## **WITH GRATITUDE**

After a span of over 15 years in the volunteering at the Parish, Sharron Robinson has decided to retire. Sharron graciously and selflessly committed her time and talent in filling this volunteer role over the years. The position itself changed over time and especially this past year with the lay off of Parish staff. Sharron has stepped up time and again to help out wherever and whenever needed.

We are thankful for all that she Sharron given the Parish and there really is no perfect way to show that gratitude. We know that she will be rewarded in a special way by our loving Father for dedicating these past years in service of the Church. Although we will miss having her in the office, we are happy that she will have the time to relax and enjoy life. Sharron, you are in our prayers, we will miss you, but we wish you all of God's blessings as you enjoy this next chapter of your life.



## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP) UPDATE

### Statistics for January to May 2021

133 Calls	
99 Hampers	
204 Adults & 138 Children	
Donations	\$ 6,656
Covid 19 Grant	\$ 9,963
Groceries Purchased	\$ 4,318
Gift Cards Purchased	\$ 9,600
Utilities	\$ 5,451
Rent	\$ 1,850
Medical Expense	\$ 203
<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$ 15,535</b>
<b>Gift Cards Given Out</b>	<b>\$ 4,245</b>

### ◆ 2020 Annual Financials

Can be viewed on our website at  
<https://ascensionssvp.wixsite.com/website>

Food donations may be made to our food box  
 in the Narthex. Non-perishable food only please.

### ◆ New members welcome.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact  
 Davina Janssens at [ssvp.ascension@gmail.com](mailto:ssvp.ascension@gmail.com)

### ◆ Special Thanks:

To all parishioners for your financial support.  
**Thank you for your generosity!!**

## PPC UPDATE

On behalf of Parish Pastoral Council, a big thank you to all our volunteers and to all of you for your support in helping us celebrate our Parish Feast, even through a pandemic. Last month's newsletter was our Feast Day Special Bulletin with very warm messages from Fr. Avi, Fr. Adrian and Deacon Patrick. It also has our Faith Journey suggestions for the journey after the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please, if you have not done so, have a look at our month of May Parish newsletter on our website. As we head into our summer break, we want to thank all the volunteers who continue to make it possible for all of us to celebrate Mass through this pandemic. Hopefully we will be back to full capacity before the new school year. We wish everyone a blessed, meaningful, safe, healthy and enjoyable summer!

## BUILDING FUND UPDATE

### **Our Donor Wall - Did you know...**

Now that our renovation is complete, there is an opportunity to have a lasting contribution to our Parish community and be recognized on our donor wall.

Did you know the donor wall plaques range in price from \$2,500 to \$100,000?

We have started making progress on our donor wall plaques. So far, we have received the following donations: 32 \$2,500 plaques, 8 \$5,000 plaques, 1 \$10,000 plaque, 1 \$15,000 plaque and 1 \$100,000 plaque.

By making a one-time contribution to our Donor Wall, you will have a lasting acknowledgement of your part in building our Parish. ***We pray that you will consider supporting this great project.***



### Donor Wall - Plaque Sales Report

Plaque Size	Sold		Potential Sales
\$100,000	1 of 6	\$100,000	\$600,000
\$50,000	0 of 10	\$0	\$500,000
\$25,000	0 of 18	\$0	\$450,000
\$20,000	0 of 24	\$0	\$480,000
\$15,000	1 of 48	\$15,000	\$720,000
\$10,000	1 of 60	\$10,000	\$600,000
\$7,500	0 of 112	\$0	\$840,000
\$5,000	8 of 108	\$40,000	\$540,000
\$2,500	32 of 120	\$80,000	\$300,000
<b>Total Sold: 43 of 506, \$245,000</b>			<b>\$5,030,000</b>

**COMMUNICATION** is changing, and providing us with your cell number makes it easier to stay up to date on what is happening in our Parish. You can provide your cell number by updating your profile in Flocknote. If you are not on Flocknote, you can call or email the office and they can set up an account for you. Your information is confidential and will never be given to any third-party entities or organizations.

The Finance Council is pleased to announce that due to your continued giving, a **lump sum payment of \$30,000** was applied directly to our mortgage in May **on top of our regular monthly payment**. This lump sum payment was comprised of both the silent auction proceeds hosted by the Building Fund Committee and donations from our parishioners. Thank you to our parishioners for your continued giving. We encourage you to sign up for Pre-Authorized Donations.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Up to: May 31, 2021		April Collection	Current Total Year - to - Date	2021 Total Parish Fundraising Goal	+Over/-(Under)
Total Collection		\$39,177	\$237,939	\$442,836	(\$204,897)
Other Revenue (Programs, candles, rental,others)		\$13,395	\$46,037	\$11,863	\$34,174
Sub-Total Operations			\$283,976	\$454,699	(\$170,723)
Building Fund		\$42,736	\$236,569	\$451,702	(\$215,133)
Together in Action		\$3,148	\$21,133	\$35,244	(\$14,111)
<b>Total Parish Fundraising Goal</b>			<b>\$541,678</b>	<b>\$941,645</b>	
<b>Other Special Collections</b>					
Needs of the Church (Holy Land) (Apr 2)		\$10	\$2,255		
Good Shepherd Sunday (Apr 25)		\$133	\$532		
Popes Pastoral Works (May 16)		\$175	\$175		
World Mission Sunday (Oct 24)			\$400		
Catholic Education Sunday (Nov 07)		\$45	\$45		
Mission Mexico (Dec 12)					
Holy Childhood		\$50	\$250		

**FELLOW ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH PARISHIONERS**

We need to move forward and look at other options for donating like our **Pre-Authorized Donation** program for giving called **'PAD'**. Your Parish needs your continued financial support. We want to keep it simple and meaningful and have come together to share the following.

**G** Graciously we all share in the financial responsibilities for our Parish with earnest commitment and courage to meet and exceed all our Parish operational needs.

**I** Intuition and heart - we are inspired to encourage and advocate giving with a **"set it and forget it "** approach for continuous giving **using the Pre-Authorized Donation program**. The PAD program helps our Church with effective cash flow planning and seamlessly allows all Parish obligations and programs to be met.

**V** Victoriously, we support our Church community and have the bonus of reduced personal taxes from the tax credit we get for charitable donations.

**E** Embody our spiritual well-being at Ascension Catholic Parish as we commit to meeting our financial obligations with **PAD - giving regularly and staying with a set plan**.

**Graciously we acknowledge your generosity in helping our Parish continue our vital work.**

*Your soul is called to raise itself to God by the elevator of love and not climb the rough stairway of fear.*

*St. Therese of Lisieux*

## MASS TIMES

### Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday: 9:00am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm & 7:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am; 12:00pm & 4:00pm

#### *Please Note:*

*Registration is required to attend Mass in person. Please see our website for our current Mass times, attendance limitations and registration information. Dispensation from the Bishop to come to Holy Mass in person is still in place.*

### Live Stream Mass

Monday - Saturday: 9:00am

Sunday: 10:00am

## MINISTRY CONTACTS

Volunteer Resource: Sharron Robinson | [resource@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:resource@ascensionparish.ca)

Safety Coordinator Lead: Christine Russell | [apvolunteer@shaw.ca](mailto:apvolunteer@shaw.ca)

### **SACRAMENTS**

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### **MINISTRIES**

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Ascension Communication Team (ACT) | [samandrafo@shaw.ca](mailto:samandrafo@shaw.ca)

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St. Vincent de Paul Society: Davina Janssens | [ssvp.ascension@gmail.com](mailto:ssvp.ascension@gmail.com)

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## CONFESSIONS

*Fridays from 10 am — 12 noon*

*or by appointment*

(please contact our Priests directly)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office @ 403.275.2240.

When prompted, press 2 for

Fr. Avinash, press 3 for Fr. Adrian.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Store Card Program

To purchase store cards contact Philip

Fitzgerald, Grand Knight at

403-827-3110, email:

[kofcascension@gmail.com](mailto:kofcascension@gmail.com)

## SACRAMENTS AT THE PARISH

*For all the latest information*

*please check our website.*

<https://www.ascensionparish.ca/sacraments.html>



## FLOCKNOTE

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