

ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH



SEPTEMBER 2021

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
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Vicar: **Fr. Adrian Martens**
Deacon: **Patrick Woo**
Seminarist: **Ian Mahood**
Admin Assist: **Jenn Pashula**
Sacraments : **Linda Hengen**
Bookkeeper: **Nora Alzamora**
Resource: **Connie Raz**

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Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners -

As summer draws to a close, we look forward in anticipation to the beginning of a new school year and the start up of Parish programs, Sacramental preparations and group meetings. With all of that in mind, I once again want to take this opportunity to personally invite you to become involved. Our Parish relies not only on financial donations, but also the donation of time and talent.

We are so blessed to have a beautiful, sacred space to join together and celebrate the most Holy mysteries of our faith. Jesus comes to us through the Eucharist each time we celebrate Mass. What better way to experience that than by being of service during that celebration? Our Lord sacrificed so much for us, could we consider a little sacrifice of our time in return?

The Clergy and staff continue to keep all of you in our prayers; please pray for us and our Parish.

Peace,
Fr. Avi



SACRAMENT UPDATE



Registration for the Sacraments is Now Open!!

Welcome back to the beginning of another school year. We are excited here at Ascension Catholic Parish to return to some in-person activities, and our Sacrament classes will now be held in the Parish. We invite all children who are in grade 2 and above to register for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and for those in grade 6 and above to register for Confirmation.

Teens that have not been baptised and/or received the Sacraments are welcome to register for Sacraments for Teens.

Our detailed schedules and registration forms are all online at <https://www.ascensionparish.ca/sacraments.html>. Come join us to awaken in our faith. Blessings to all. For further information please call the office or email sacraments@ascensionparish.ca.

RCIA UPDATE

Our RCIA Program is taking place every Sunday at 11am, beginning September 12th

Anyone who is not Catholic and is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please join us for our weekly RCIA sessions this fall. RCIA is a process for welcoming newcomers into the Church and for instructing them in the beliefs and practices of the Catholic faith. Please contact the Parish office for more details.



We are also in need of RCIA sponsors. A sponsor is a practicing Catholic who will journey with those seeking to join the Church. If you are Catholic, and wish to grow spiritually in your faith, please consider becoming an RCIA sponsor and join our weekly sessions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 50/50 DRAW

The Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation is holding an Online 50/50 Raffle. When you purchase a ticket, a portion of the proceeds will be assigned to support Ascension Parish's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Click on the link <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/kocab> to purchase your tickets and be sure to select '10065 Ascension' using the 'In Support Of' drop down menu. The draw takes place September 17, 2021.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering is a rewarding experience and builds our faith community. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in all our Ministries (Ushers, EMHC, Lectors, Sacristans, Greeters etc). If you are interested in joining one of our Ministries, please contact resource@ascensionparish.ca. Coordinators will contact you for training.

Please consider sharing your talents and gifts with us!

UPDATE FROM PARISH COUNCIL

We want to send a big thank you to all volunteers who volunteered every night to guard our Church. Many hands help make the work lighter and you have proven that once again.

We are extremely excited to begin another new term. Our first meeting will be in mid-September where we will work together to plan this year's calendar. Please continue to look in this section for events that the Council will hold during Advent, Christmas and Lent.

Masses are gradually returning to normal and we continue to look for volunteers in all our ministries. Whether you are a new parishioner or a long-time parishioner, we are always looking for volunteers to share their talents. Please don't hesitate to contact our Parish office or chat with one of our PPC members after any of the Masses.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE

Statistics for June to August 2021

66 Calls
56 Hampers
116 Adults & 87 Children

Support provided to clients

Groceries Purchased	\$ 4,084
Utilities paid	\$ 1,998
Gift Cards Given Out	\$ 1,780
Rent paid	\$ 1,400

- ◆ **Special Thanks** to all parishioners for your financial support and for donating school supplies. **Thank you for your generosity!!**
- ◆ **Food donations may be made to our Food Box in the Narthex. NON Perishable Food ONLY**
- ◆ You can make a donation at the Church or by e-transfer to treasurer.ascensionssvp@gmail.com
- ◆ **New members welcome!**
If you are interested in becoming a member please contact Davina Janssens at ssvp.ascension@gmail.com.

September brings with it the end of summer and the start of a new school year. This year it also brings the launch of our pre-authorized donation campaign. The campaign will run over a 5 week period and will offer you a chance to learn more about our Parish’s finances, the impact of our regular donations to the Building Fund, and how each and every one of us is called to support the Parish financially.

The goal of the campaign is to get as many parishioners as possible to sign up for the Pre-Authorized Donation program. It is an easy way for you to give and makes it easier for the Parish to budget and manage its finances. For the next 5 weeks we will listen to a brief message at the end of each Mass – something to reflect on as we consider our role in supporting our Parish. Giving is an important part of who we are as Christian believers and hopefully this campaign will help us all contemplate where we are in our overall faith journey. We look forward to journeying together over these next 5 weeks!

Donor Wall - Plaque Sales Report

Plaque Size	Sold	Potential Sales
\$100,000	1 of 6	\$600,000
\$50,000	0 of 10	\$500,000
\$25,000	0 of 18	\$450,000
\$20,000	0 of 24	\$480,000
\$15,000	2 of 48	\$720,000
\$10,000	1 of 60	\$600,000
\$7,500	0 of 112	\$840,000
\$5,000	8 of 108	\$540,000
\$2,500	34 of 120	\$300,000
Total Sold: 44 of 506, \$265,000		\$5,030,000

FINANCE UPDATE

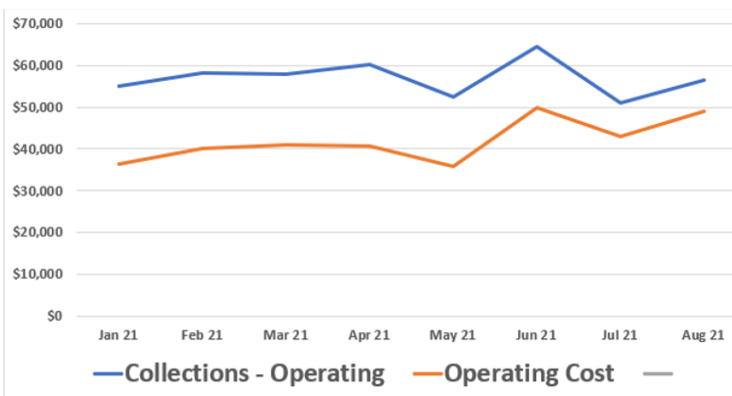
In August, we were able to sell the old rectory (which was formerly used as the office of St. John the Evangelist, prior to amalgamating with Ascension). When Ascension sold its old rectory and used the St. John’s office as the new rectory, the proceeds from the Ascension rectory were applied to the Building Fund. The intention was that the proceeds from the sale of the St John’s office would be applied to building a future Parish. Now we have come full circle, the net sale proceeds (after all legal and real estate costs have been taken into consideration) will be applied directly to paying down the loan for the purchase of the new rectory. If there are any proceeds remaining, the balance will then be applied to the remainder of the Building Fund.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

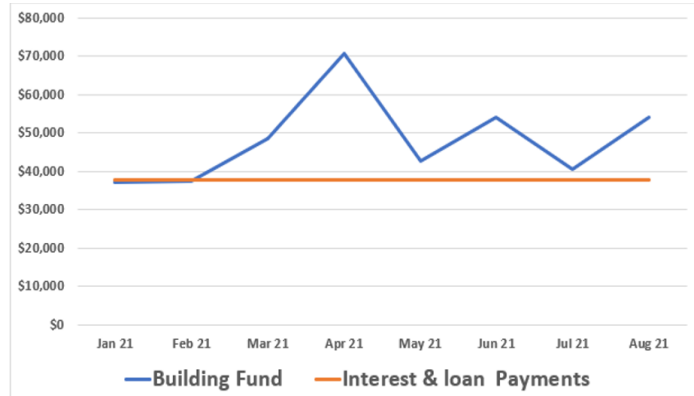
Up to: August 31, 2021	August Collections	Current Total Year - to - Date	2021 Total Parish Fundraising Goal	+Over/(Under)
Total Collection	\$50,977	\$384,488	\$442,836	(\$58,348)
Other Revenue (Programs, candles, rental, others)	\$5,490	\$71,454	\$11,863	\$59,591
Sub-Total Operations		\$455,942	\$454,699	\$1,243
Building Fund	\$54,136	\$385,449	\$451,702	(\$66,253)
Together in Action	\$4,323	\$32,750	\$35,244	(\$2,495)
Total Parish Fundraising Goal		\$874,141	\$941,645	

OTHER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

(Holy Land) (Apr 2)	\$5	\$2,270
Good Shepherd Sunday (Apr 25)	\$10	\$552
Pope’s Pastoral Works (May 16)	\$5	\$190
World Mission Sunday (Oct 24)	\$0	\$400
Catholic Education Sunday	\$0	\$55
Mission Mexico (Dec 12)	\$0	\$0
Holy Childhood	\$50	\$400



Operating Collection and Costs



Building Fund Collections and Payments

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 no longer required for Mass in person. Dispensation from the Bishop to participate in person for the Holy Mass is still in place.

Live Stream Mass

Sunday: 10:00am

MINISTRY CONTACTS

Administrative Assistant: Jenn Pashula | office@ascensionparish.ca

Volunteer Resource: Connie Raz | resource@ascensionparish.ca

SACRAMENTS

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CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - Saturday: 8:15am - 8:40am

Saturdays: 4:00pm - 4:40pm

Sundays: 7:00am - 7:40am

Or by appointment

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Please call the office @ 403.275.2240.

When prompted, press 2 for

Fr. Avinash, press 3 for Fr. Naveed.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Store Card Program

To purchase store cards contact Philip

Fitzgerald, Grand Knight at

403.827.3110, email:

kofcascension@gmail.com

SACRAMENTS AT THE PARISH

For all the latest information

please check our website.

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



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