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**COUNCIL MEETING**  
OCT 9, 2018 7:00PM  
ASCENSION PARISH



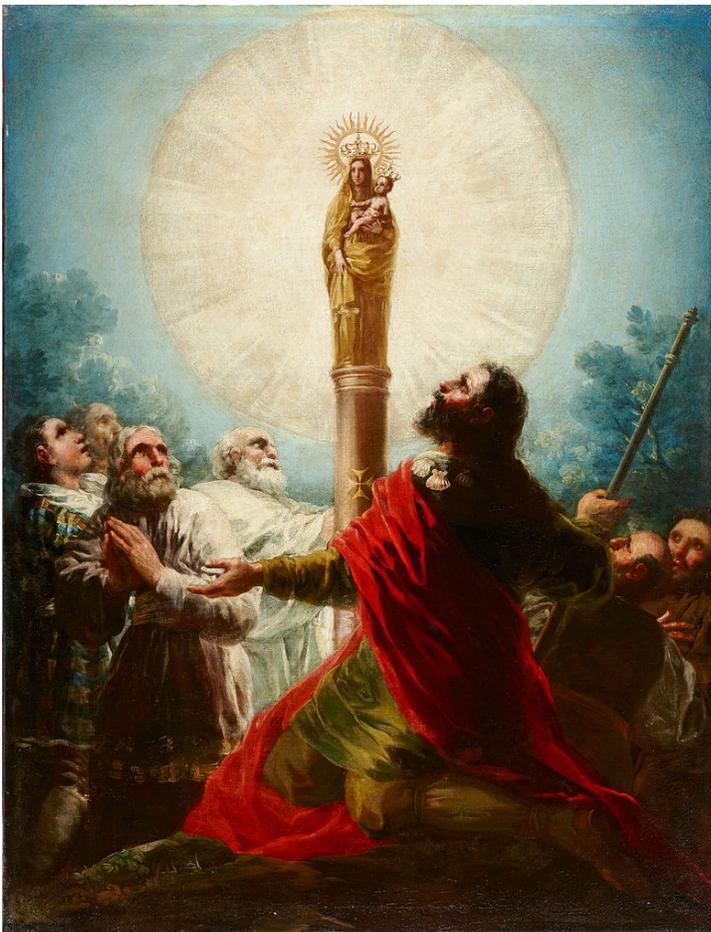
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CHURCH 3-9PM  
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**OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR**  
OCTOBER 12

# FAITH IN ACTION

## Our Lady of the Pillar Francisco Goya 1775-1780



"The first Marian apparition in history appeared to Saint James the Apostle, the brother of Saint John the Evangelist, on the bank of the river Ebro in Saragossa, Spain. Unlike every other recorded apparition, this one took place during the earthly life of the Mother of God.

According to tradition, she had promised Saint James that when he needed it most in his difficult mission to the pagans in today's Spain, she would appear to him to encourage him.

In the year 40 A.D., while praying one night on the tobrt bank, the Virgin appeared with the Child Jesus standing on a pillar and asked Saint James and his eight disciples to build a church on the site, promising that "it will stand from that moment until the end of time in order that God may work miracles and wonders through my intercession for all those who place themselves under my patronage.

The church of Our Lady of the Pilar in Zaragoza, is the first church dedicated to Mary in history and it remains standing to this day, having survived invasions and wars – in the Spanish Civil War of 1936-1939 three bombs were dropped on the church and none of them exploded.

Our Lady is also said to have given the small wooden statue of the apparition to Saint James which now stands on a pillar in the church.

Nuestra Señora del Pilar is the patron of Spain and all Hispanic peoples. October 12, 1492, the feast of the Virgin of the Pillar, is the day Christopher Columbus first sighted American land, and when the first Mass in the Americas was celebrated."

**<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/nuestra-senora-del-pilar-our-lady-of-the-pillar-622>**



In preparation for our Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, you can watch a video about Our Lady of the Pillar. The historical connection between Our Lady's first apparition, Christopher Columbus and Our Lady of Guadalupe will be explored more closely during our Novena Advent Mission.

**<https://youtu.be/-JP32LQKVlo>**



## Grand Knight's Report



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[www.ascensionparish.ca](http://www.ascensionparish.ca)

Brothers,

Please note our October Council Meeting has been rescheduled to **9 October 2018.**

Our Faith in Action programs have begun. On Friday, 28 September, we held our first Holy Hour of the Fraternal Year. You will find more details in the Faith section below.

On 4 November we will participate in our first of two Helping Hands events. Our council will provide 10 Knights to assist at the Mustard Seed with meal preparation and service. You may register for this event at our October Council Meeting.

Don't forget our Mass for Persons with Special Needs which is being held on 13 November at the Sage Hill Retirement Residence. We will be praying the Rosary at 10:30am and Mass will be held at 11:00am. If you would like to stay for lunch at the residence after Mass, please RSVP to [kofcascension@gmail.com](mailto:kofcascension@gmail.com) so that the number of guests can be confirmed and don't forget to wear your Council shirt.

In the August Newsletter I posted information about the KofC Scholarships available to our graduating students. I am sharing a photo of my niece, Grace Smyth, who won the Pro Deo and Pro Patria 4th Degree Scholarship for Ontario. Her Father, John Smyth, is a member of Holy Redeemer Council #9544 in Kanata, On. She is being presented with the scholarship by Grand Knight Peter Fortier.

If you have a child graduating in 2019, do not forget to visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) to be informed on eligible scholarship opportunities.

Fraternally,

Phil  
GK



## October 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Thanksgiving	9 Council Meeting 7pm Building the Domestic Church	10	11	12	13 2nd and 3rd Degree at St. Cecilia's
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Chapter Meeting	23	24	25	26 Blood Donor Clinic 3:00pm-9:00pm 6 Volunteers	27
28	29 RSVP // Coats for Kids	30	31			
<b>NOTES</b>						
RSVP to be completed by the end of October. Coats for Kids to begin in October and completed by the end of November. 26 October - Blood Donor Clinic: 3 volunteers from 3:00pm - 6:00pm and 3 volunteers 6:00pm - 9:00pm. Email your questions and requests to participate in our service programs to <a href="mailto:kofcascension@gmail.com">kofcascension@gmail.com</a>						

## **Wine Survivor - We are Live**

**Ascension Council will be hosting an inaugural Wine Survivor Contest and registration is now open. Here's how it works...**

**Each participant pays an entry fee of \$25. From that amount, \$15 will go towards a bottle of wine, which will be purchased for the 'wine pool', and the remaining \$10 will be allocated to a council service program. As to which program, that will be discussed and voted on at an upcoming meeting. Participants will be grouped, randomly, into teams of six players. Each week names will be drawn, in snowball raffle style, and participants whose names have been drawn will be eliminated. The team with the last player still standing will win the wine pool. Prizes will be awarded for second and third place teams. Yes it's true, even if your name was drawn and you were eliminated, as long as one player from your team is still alive, the whole team shares equally in the wine pool.**

**Registration is NOW OPEN at the KNIGHT'S TABLE.**



**Field Agent Report**

**Br. Robert Pettigrew, Field Agent**



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**1 Timothy 5:8**

**Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.**

**Insurance news**

This month is Life Insurance Awareness Month.

Did you know that drownings are the leading cause of injury death for young children ages 1 to 4, and that 3 children die every day because of drowning? The Center for Disease Control and Prevention #CDC suggests some quick tips to help against child drownings: children should always be supervised when in or around water, teach children to swim (formal swimming lessons can protect young children from drowning), learn CPR, and install a four-sided fence around home pools. Visit [www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/](http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/) for more information on water safety.

**Fraternal News**

- The next & last Formation & Knighthood degree ceremony of 2018 in Calgary is scheduled for October 20 2018, most likely at St. Cecilia. If you do not have your 2nd & 3rd degree yet, please plan on attending.
- There are currently three more ceremonies planned for 2019, in January, March and June.
- There is only ONE planned Knighthood degree scheduled for Saturday, May 11 2019.
- During the 2017 – 2018 academic year, the Knights of Columbus awarded educational scholarships totalling more than \$711,000 to 450 students. Recipients are either the children of Knights, or are Knights who are working towards Bachelor degrees at Catholic colleges and universities in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. #FaithInAction [www.kofc.org/scholarships](http://www.kofc.org/scholarships).



***"I need to be detached from my own opinions in order to be open to the Holy Spirit. Only then will I be able to discern what He is saying and what He desires."***

***- Mother Angelica***

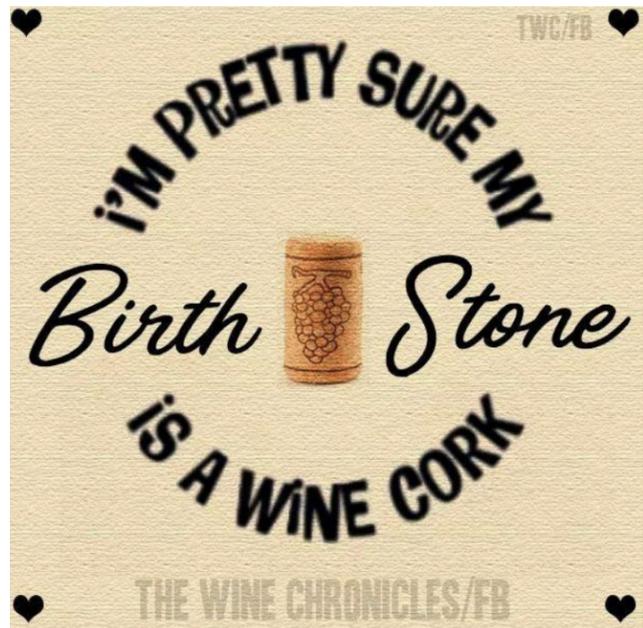
## Parish News and Events: Br. Mark Holland



The big news announced recently at the Parish is the date of our re-dedication mass. This Mass is an important milestone in the completion of our renovation project. The date is Saturday, December 8th at 10:30AM. Bishop McGratton and several other clergy will be celebrating the Mass. The celebration is currently being planned and organized and our council has been asked to play a role. More information will be provided as the details are finalized. Please plan to attend the Mass and the open house afterward to celebrate this important day in our Parish's history.

As mentioned last month, the Parish is looking for help in mentoring others in their journey of faith. Ascension is currently seeking sponsors to assist RCIA catechumens as they become familiar with the Christian way of life. A sponsor workshop is being planned by the parish. Please watch the bulletin for the details or contact the parish office for more information.

This year our council is planning a number of initiatives intended to help with our personal faith development. As noted in a recent email from our Grand Knight, these will be opportunities to "grow in our faith and strengthen our fraternity." Please watch for more information from our Grand Knight by email and at our council meetings.



**FAITH**



**Holy Hour - 28 September**

"To encourage deep personal encounter with god.

The chivalric character of the Knights of Columbus and the Church's long tradition of spiritual combat resonate with men today — especially as threats from the world and the devil are so keenly felt. eucharistic adoration in the form of a regularly scheduled Holy Hour is a simple, direct, and meaningful way to address these needs. it is familiar to many, easy to organize, and something everyone can participate in together regardless of age, vocation, stage of life or membership status. Councils can organize their Holy Hours in a variety of ways and incorporate aspects such as: perpetual adoration, the sacrament of reconciliation, prayer for particular intentions and more. a Knights of Columbus Holy Hour, prepared for the men of the parish, could include a reflection, communal rosary, prayers for intercession by Father Mcgivney or St.. Joseph, and various other aspects as decided by the council."

**Our first Holy Hour was attended by eight Knights. Not pictured at the reception is the photographer and Br. Wilfred Taylor-Cole who had a prior commitment.**





## Coats for Kids - October 2018

"Provide warmth for deserving children during cold winter months.

Families struggling to make ends meet use their scarce resources to meet the most basic needs and cannot always afford the vital essential of a new winter coat. The goal of the Coats for Kids program is to ensure that no child in North America goes without a coat during the winter season. Through the dedication of councils across the United States and Canada, hundreds of thousands of new winter coats have been distributed to children since the program's inception."

**Ascension Council has purchased 48 winter coats and will distribute them to children attending schools in our parish community. Standby for an email to inform you of the date and time for the distribution.**

## Our Lady Grace Back to School BBQ

Thank you to Br. Trevor, Br. Chris, Br. Leonard, Br. Carl and Br. Nelson for volunteering at the OLG Back to School BBQ.





## Novena for Life - Dec 3-12

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

"Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life in our nations.

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being — from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, councils will promote a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community.



Knights and their families will come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life. Council participation in novena for life is required to qualify for the Columbian award."

**We will begin our preparation for the Novena by watching a video on Our Lady of Guadalupe at our November Council meeting. Please adjust your schedules to allow for your attendance at the Novena. Remember, Dec 3 - Dec 5 of the Novena will be the Parish Advent Mission.**

## Mass for Persons with Special Needs



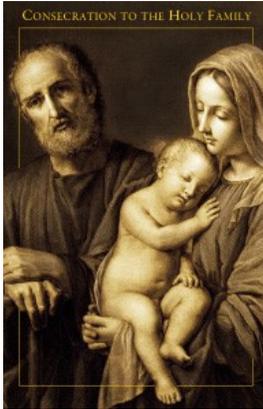
A Mass dedicated to Persons with special needs will be held at the Sage Hill Retirement Residence on 13 November, 2018. The Rosary will be prayed at 10:30am and followed by Mass at 11:00am. Our council will provide the ministry functions during the mass. If you are a Eucharistic Minister, or would like to read or serve during the mass please email your willingness to participate to [kofcascension@gmail.com](mailto:kofcascension@gmail.com). We have also been invited to stay for lunch at the residence. The cost will be \$10, please RSVP.



**Consecration to the Holy Family**  
**29 December 2018 - 7:00pm Mass**

"Help strengthen families and revitalize our parishes. Knights of Columbus councils will invite each family in their parish to consecrate

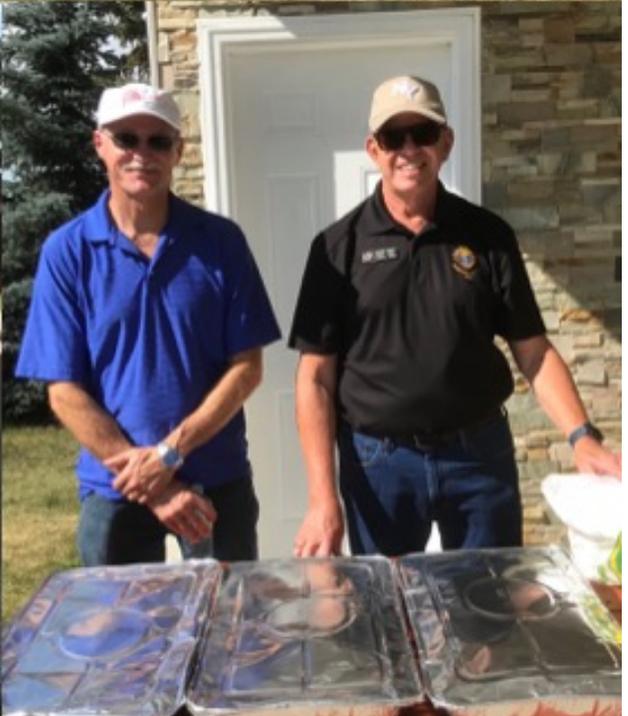
themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph."



**Ascension Council will promote and host a mass on the Feast of the Holy Family. We will co-host this mass and the reception afterwards with the CWL. There is a leadership opportunity here. If you are interested in sharing your ideas on how to promote and conduct this activity please email [kofcascension@gmail.com](mailto:kofcascension@gmail.com).**

**Family Picnic 8 September 2018**







### Blood Donor Clinic

What a great turn out for the Blood Donor Clinic on Friday, 28 September, 2018. Thank you to Br. Nelson, Br. Wilfred, Br. Bryan, Br. Moses, Br. Kunle, Br. Kevin, Br. Sam and our other Br. Brian for helping out.



## Knights of Columbus Golf Windup

A cool day greeted 21 Knights of the Wednesday golf group for the annual windup tournament. The event was held at the Boulder Creek course in Langdon.

Low Net winners were Leonard Fabbes, Robert Houle, Gilles Voyer and Colin Campbell.

Doug Ollis was the overall Net winner while Dale Rundell took the Low Gross.

Skill prize winners were:

Closest to pin : Frank Conte

Long Drive : Joe Faubert

LONG Putt : Mark Kondro

Thanks to AL Soloski for the first tee bags of munchies and water, to all those who supplied prizes and thank you to Leonard Fabbes and Tom Keelan for organizing us every week during the season.





## Wine Survivor

Registration for our Council's Wine Survivor contest is now OPEN. The entry fee will be \$25. \$15 goes towards purchasing a bottle of wine for the prize pool and \$10 will go towards supporting a KofC Service Program. This event will be held in conjunction with the CWL. CWL members will pay the same entry fee, however, \$10 from each CWL member participant will support CWL programs. The Wine Survivor contest will also be open to all parishioners later in October. The KofC and the CWL will share equally in monies donated by parishioners who are neither Knights nor members of the CWL. Please enter and pay for your registration at the Knight's Table or at a Council Meeting.

## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!



## Ascension Rededication Mass - 8 December 2018

The parish rededication mass will take place at 10:30am on Saturday, 8 December 2018. **Knights of our council are being asked to play a significant role in this celebration.** This is a parish wide production. Parishioners from all ministries will share in organizational roles.

**Our Council's responsibilities will be:**

**Parking: 9:30am - 10:30am 4 volunteers;  
Set-up: 8:30am - 10:30am 6 volunteers;  
BBQ - 8:30am - 12:00pm 6 volunteers;  
Store Card Sales Knight's Table - 3 volunteers; and  
Take-down: - 12:30pm - 1:30pm 6 volunteers.**

I will have more details in the coming weeks. There has been an enormous amount of work, performed by many, that has gone into arriving at this particular day. The KofC are being counted on by our Priests, Parish Ministries and Parishioners not only to support this event but to play a leading supportive role on this day. All it will take is our attendance. Please schedule your participation on this day and let's celebrate.

## Fourth Degree Highway Clean-up

Thank you Faithful Navigator and PGK Br. Kevin and to Brother Nnamdi who participated in the Father Naphin Assembly highway Clean-up on 8 September 2018.





## HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN YOUR COUNCIL?

- A) Attend a Council Meeting.
- B) VOLUNTEER to Assist with a Service Program Category.
- C) Select a Particular Service Program of Interest.
- D) Participate in a Faith in Action Service Program.
- E) Send an email to [kofcascension@gmail.com](mailto:kofcascension@gmail.com)

### 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>

