



ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

"Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ"

John 20:19-23 - "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Just as Jesus was anointed with the Spirit at the beginning of his ministry, so the disciples needed the anointing of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them by Jesus. The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Jesus Christ to enable us to live a new way of life - a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness (Romans 14:17). The Spirit instructs us in the ways of God, and guides us in living according to God's will. The Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. Isaiah foretold the seven-fold gifts that the Spirit would give: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2). The gift of Pentecost - the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the spiritual gifts and blessings of God - are made possible through the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus. After his resurrection Jesus "breathed" on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam, so the gift of the Holy Spirit is an impartation of "new life" for his people. With the gift of the Holy Spirit a new creation begins. God recreates us for his glory. Jesus' gift of peace to his disciples was more than an absence of trouble. His peace included the forgiveness of sins and the fullness of everything good. Do you want power to live a faith-filled life as a disciple of Jesus? Ask the Father to fill you with the power of his Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13). **2018 Don Schwager www.dailyscripture.net**



MASS INTENTIONS:
May 19th - 25th, 2018

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Sat	May 19	5:00pm	Biju George (+)
Sat	May 19	7:00pm	Estelita Naron (+)
Sun	May 20	8:30am	Francisco Sorbara (+)
Sun	May 20	10:30am	Jocelyn M. Raterta (+)
Sun	May 20	12:30pm	SI of Yvonne Azichoba
Sun	May 20	5:00pm	Antonia Provenzale (+)
Mon	May 21	9:00am	SI of Ave Hoper
Tue	May 22	9:00am	SI of Angelina & Lawrence Tseu
Wed	May 23	9:00am	Natividad Feleo (+)
Wed	May 23	6:30pm	SI of Valentine Kiu
Thur	May 24	9:00am	Peter Pham (+)
Fri	May 25	9:00am	Laura Advincula (+)

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
NEW MARIAN FEAST – MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018

Pope Francis has decreed that the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, should be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on the Monday after Pentecost and celebrated every year. This year's Memorial is on **Monday, May 21st** and we invite you to come celebrate this new Marian Feast with **Holy Mass at 9:00 am** followed by fellowship. For more information on this new Marian Feast visit www.catholicyc.ca/catholicyc

VICTORIA DAY – MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018

The office will be closed to allow the staff to spend time with their families.

PARISH STAFF:

- **Pastor:** Fr. Avinash Colaco
- **Associates:**
Fr. Rodel Abanto
Fr. Anthony Pudota (weekends)
- **Secretary:** Nancy Mitchell
- **Receptionist:** Angelina Ling
- **Sacraments:** Monica Purnama
- **Baptisms:** Jennifer Pashula
- **Youth:** Vicki Hayles
- **Bookkeeper:** Nora Alzamora Torres
- **Custodian:** Jose Gil
- **Evening Staff:** David Cadegan
- **Volunteer Resource Coordinator:**
Sharron Robinson (Volunteer Position)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday: 9:30am – 4:30pm
Lunch: 12:30pm – 1:00pm

MASS TIMES:

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9:00am
Wednesday: 6:15pm (Mother of Perpetual Help Novena)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm & 7:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm & 5:00pm

Rosary:

Prayed daily in the Sanctuary

Monday to Friday: 8:30am
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 8:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Fridays after Mass followed by Benediction at 10:00am

First Friday Adoration: Sacred Heart

Novena following 9:00am Mass and Benediction at 10:20am

Reconciliation:

½ hour before Weekday Masses (except Mondays)
Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm
Sunday 7:30am to 8:15am and by appointment

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th **Saturdays** of each month at 10:00 am (except during Lent). Visit our website to download the registration form. Completed forms can be emailed or dropped off at the office and must include a copy of the child's Birth Certificate, one parent's Catholic Baptism Certificate & the Godparents' Catholic Baptism Certificates.

Baptism Preparation Class: Preparation classes take place on the 1st **Saturday** of each month at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. Parents and Godparents are to attend the class at least 3 weeks prior to the Baptism Celebration.

First Holy Communion (Gr. 2 & up): See below

First Reconciliation (Gr. 2 & up): Fall 2018.

Confirmation (Gr. 6 & up): Fall 2018

Marriage: By appointment, 6 months in advance

Marriage Preparation Class: Upcoming Dates: **June 2 & 16** (no summer classes). To register for a Saturday class please email Ferdie: marriageprepatascension@gmail.com Registration fee is \$100 per couple and includes course materials, snacks and lunch.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Retreat (Candidate & Parent) – Saturday, May 26th 9:00-11:00 am **OR** Saturday, May 26th 1:00-3:00 pm.

THE RETREAT WILL BE HELD AT ASCENSION.

The Sacrament will be celebrated at 2:30 pm on Sunday, June 3rd & 10th at St. Luke's Parish (1566 Northmount Dr. NW). Please keep our children in your prayers.

HELP BUILD OUR PARISH BUY A "SYMBOLIC" BRICK

Help build our Parish one brick at a time. By buying a 'symbolic' brick, you have a unique opportunity to leave a legacy for future generations of Ascension parishioners by helping to fund the renovation. Download the form from our website, purchase a brick for \$100 and drop the completed form in the collection basket or at the office. Our goal is to sell 200 bricks to raise \$20,000. All donations are tax deductible and will be added to your annual giving and receipted in early 2019.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR MAY 25 – 27

Life in the Spirit is a formation experience and an introduction to a life lived in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. This weekend seminar helps participants realize the fire, the breath, the gifts, fruits, and charisms of the Spirit. The Seminar will be held at St. Michael's Calgary (800-85th Street SW, Calgary). There will be a registration fee of \$10 per participant which can be purchased as you register online <http://saintmichael.ca/event/lss/> For more information call Anthony at 403-667-0637.

OUR LADY OF ROSES WALK

Corpus Christi Parish in NW Calgary invites everyone to join the Our Lady of Roses walk in Nose Hill Park, Calgary. Bring roses and rosary with you, and dress in layers. Date: **Saturday, May 26th at 6:00 PM.** Meeting place: Nose Hill at the 64th Avenue Parking Lot on 14th Street NW.

ASCENSION PRAYER VIGIL

FRIDAY, MAY 25th, 10:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

The Ascension Parish Capital Campaign Committee is planning a 10 hour Prayer Vigil with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, May 25th. The Vigil will **begin with Mass at 9:00 AM** followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. As we make progress with our renovation project and spending increases, the need for increased giving is greater than ever. We need to join together as a community and focus our prayers on the success of our Capital Campaign. Youth and young adults are encouraged to join in the evening beginning at 6:00 pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to encounter the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, with free food and fellowship to follow. Please extend this invitation to family and friends, especially those who haven't been to Church in a while.

Please sign up for one or more of the hours on the sheet in the Narthex as we pray for the following intentions:

9:30-10am: Praise and Worship for all God's blessings in our Parish

10-11am: Parish Families & Capital Campaign

11am-12pm: Pope, Bishop, our Clergy & Seminarians

12-1pm: Health & Safety of those involved in the Renovation of Ascension Parish

1-2pm: Those who are Sick, Suffering & Lonely

2-3pm: For the Unemployed & those Seeking Employment

3-4pm: Seniors, Healthcare Workers & Family Caregivers

4-5pm: Volunteers & Parish Ministries

5-6pm: Schools & Educators

6-7pm: Vocations & Youth

7-8pm: Thanksgiving, Praise & Worship

8-8:15pm: Benediction

Please join us for fellowship afterwards.

SHALOM RETREAT CALGARY

All are invited to a retreat that will shine the light of Christ into your heart and lead you to forgiveness, freedom and healing. "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matt. 11:28). Join us at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church (1714 – 14 Ave NE) for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, inspiring talks, praise and worship, spiritual counselling and powerful testimonies. **June 29th 9:00 am-7:00 pm, June 30th 9:00 am-7:00 pm & July 1st 9:00 am –4:00 pm.** Registration fee \$75/person, meals included. Register at www.shalommedia.org/retreat or contact John at 587-700-9658.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NIGERIAN COMMUNITY

Come let us Praise the Lord! Weekly prayer meetings: **every Friday from 7:00-9:00 pm** at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish (2111 Uxbridge Drive NW – opposite Foothills hospital).

RETROUVAILLE

YOU CAN HELP MARRIAGES and FAMILIES STAY TOGETHER! All of us are aware that the Sacrament of Marriage is in danger today with an over 50% divorce rate. When couples learn to communicate, they can fall in love again and the tragedy of so many broken families is prevented. By taking the Retrouvaille program, married couples can learn to use practical communication tools to bring greater intimacy to their relationship. The program begins **September 7-9, 2018.** For information about registering, access their website at www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com or call 403-879-7893 if you have further questions.



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary **Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for May 20th, 2018** **Pentecost Sunday**

FEED THE HUNGRY GARDEN PLANTING AND PREPARATION – Feed the Hungry Garden Program is in need of volunteers to help at our Glenmore East and In-town locations. Please consider joining them for planting preparations on Monday, May 21, where they will get 1/2 acre garden ready to plant potatoes. And then on Saturday, May 26, please come for our Planting Day. All our volunteers receive lots of fresh air, a hearty meal and satisfaction in helping to produce food for those less fortunate. For more information or to RSVP, contact Linnea Ferguson at 403-218-5542, or email FTHgarden@calgarydiocese.ca

MIKE MACDONALD SHARES ABOUT MISSION MEXICO – Mike MacDonald (Mission Mexico representative) will be in Calgary soon and he will share with you about the mission works in La Montaña, on the good work that you are doing through the support you offer to Mission Mexico! Follow Mike MacDonald's blog at: <http://mike-mmex.blogspot.ca> or get regular updates from him through Mission Mexico Facebook Page. He will be at St. Anthony's Parish at all Masses on June 16 & 17 and at Corpus Christi Parish on June 23 & 24. For more information, contact Sr. Rita Kim at 403-218-5513

PARTICIPATE IN A DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF ENERGY, ECONOMY & ENVIRONMENT – We are looking for people interested in sharing their experiences and views about the future of energy, the economy and the environment. Often our views as Catholic Albertans go unheard. The discussion will help to shape how we, as the people of Alberta, talk about these topics in the future. If you are interested in participating or need more information, contact Marilou at 403-218-5519.

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PERMANENT DIACONATE – APPLY BY MAY 31 – The Diocese of Calgary is looking for men of prayer and charity who are prepared to serve the church in ordained ministry as permanent deacons. Men must be Roman Catholic, married or single, 35 to 60 years of age, minimum grade 12 education, be of sound moral character and mature faith. For more information about Permanent Diaconate, please contact Deacon John Walsh at John.Walsh@calgarydiocese.ca | www.calgarydiocese.ca (under Faith & Life, click Permanent Diaconate). Application deadline: May 31.

ONE ROCK 2.0 WITH PATRICK COFFIN, LIZZIE REEZAY AND BRIAN HOLDSWORTH – PREREGISTER NOW – One Rock 2.0 is excited to announce that Patrick Coffin, Lizzie Reezay, and Brian Holdsworth will be joining us this September! We're inviting Catholic young adults in Calgary ages 18-35 to register now and take advantage of this amazing opportunity to hear from our keynote speakers about living out the Catholic faith in today's culture. Pre-register now and learn more about our speakers at www.onerock.ca

PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR INVITATION - MEDICINE HAT – Be inspired to make a difference. Learn how to maximize your legacy for your family and charity in your will. Join our upcoming Planned Giving Seminar at Holy Family Parish in Medicine Hat on Tuesday, June 5 from 1 to 2:30 PM. Limited seating and registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact Doreen 403-218-5522 or charities@calgarydiocese.ca | events.calgarydiocese.ca

MARRIAGE PREPARATION "FOR BETTER & FOR EVER" – "For Better & For Ever..." Marriage Preparation, accepts all couples preparing for marriage. The small group setting allows us to focus on couples in one or more of the following circumstances: living together, previously married, beginning marriage with children, couples 45+, or those who wish to have their marriage blessed in the Church. Upcoming dates: May 28 + June 15-16; June 4 + June 22-23. Contact Alida at 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca | events.calgarydiocese.ca

ALZHEIMER'S WORKSHOP – You are invited to attend a workshop about Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias. This workshop will be held on Saturday, June 9, from 9 AM to 2:30 PM at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish (1714 – 14 Ave NE). For more information, contact 403-218-5501 | events.calgarydiocese.ca

ORDINATION OF DEACON DEREK REMUS TO THE PRIESTHOOD – His Excellency, Bishop William T. McGrattan, is pleased to announce that he has called Rev. Mr. Derek Remus to be ordained to the priesthood on Friday, June 29 at 7 PM in St. Mary's Cathedral. All are welcome to this celebration | news.calgarydiocese.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – CHOIR DIRECTOR – ST. GERARD'S PARISH – PART TIME – For more information about this position, qualifications and application details see the Diocesan website at <http://careers.calgarydiocese.ca> <http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/articles/employment-opportunities.html> or submit your application to murray.gartner@shaw.ca by May 28; however, the employment opportunity will be posted until a suitable candidate is found.

CHILDREN'S RETREAT WITH THE SISTERS OF DIVINE MERCY – It's a fun day for your child to know and love our Lord through songs, catechesis, prayer and adoration, snacks, arts and crafts. For children Gr. 2 – 5, starts with 12:30 PM Mass and ends at 3:30 PM. Cost \$20. Limited space. The Children's retreat will take place on Saturday, May 26 at the Divine Mercy Centre (15206 Township Road 262, Calgary). Contact Sr. Gabrielle at 587-755-1019 | sistersofdivinemercy.org

THE YEAR END MASS FOR CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOLERS – The Year End Mass for Catholic Homeschoolers in the Diocese of Calgary will be held on Friday, June 1 at 2:30 PM, at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop McGrattan. Liturgical Music will be led by St. John Choir Schola. Light reception to follow. For more information, contact Crystal at kindredcrystal@yahoo.ca

THE CWL PROVINCIAL CONVENTION – The 71st Annual Convention of the Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council of the Catholic Women's League (CWL) of Canada will be held June 1-3, 2018 at St. James Catholic Parish in Okotoks. Theme: Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call. Sessions will be given by Bishop William McGrattan, Margaret Ann Jacob and Fr. David Reilander. Contact Vi Lake at 403-938-2369 or e-mail vilake@telus.net

SACRED ARTS LECTURE – The Sacred Arts Guild of Alberta is pleased to host a sacred arts lecture by Dr. Topping, Academic Dean at Newman Theological College. Theme: Catechism in Stone: The Renewal of Sacred Architecture – Principles and Challenges." Date: Thursday, June 7 (7 PM), at St. Stephen's Ukrainian Catholic Parish (4903 45 St. SW, Calgary). For more information, contact 403-993-3439 | sacredartsguildofalberta.com

NEWS.CalgaryDiocese.ca – Find out what's happening in the Diocese of Calgary at <http://NEWS.calgarydiocese.ca> – your news hub for events & announcements around the Diocese. Contact: communications@calgarydiocese.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 20-21: EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - To help appease Our Lady's sorrowing and Immaculate Heart of 49 years of tax funded abortions (May 14th in Canada), please attend the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to atone for abortion. Starting Sunday, May 20th at 3:00 pm and ending Monday, May 21st at 5:00 pm with Mass at the Sisters of St. Louis (409 10A Street NW). For more information contact Mrs. Fliskey at 403-272-5683. Your prayers are greatly needed. Thank you.

MAY 30: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – If you would like to serve as an EMHC please join us for training on Wednesday, May 30th from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Sanctuary. For more information please contact Nadia at nadia.oliverio@shaw.ca

June 16-17: SINGLES ENCOUNTER - All single adults, age 19 and above, are invited to the Singles Encounter on **June 16-17, 2018** at Camp Chestermere. This is a spirit-filled 2-day retreat that focuses on the special and unique needs of single Christian men and women with the purpose of helping participants discover a stronger faith in God, self, others and community. For more information, please contact OSG YYC Prayer Group at info@OSGCalgary.com or at 403-879-7784.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STORE CARDS: Please participate routinely in the store card program to help support Parish ministries and the needy. **A portion of the proceeds will also go towards our Renovation Fund.**

MOUNT ST. FRANCIS RETREATS:

41160 Retreat Road Cochrane, AB
A DAY AWAY - May 24, 2018

Enjoy a silent day away in the beautiful setting of Mount St. Francis Retreat (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) Praying through the things of the earth. Please call or email ahead to register. Come after 8:30 to enjoy a coffee or tea and muffins before we begin the program. Suggested contribution is \$30.00 or \$40.00 with a private room. Phone 403-932-2012; email: mtfrancis@shaw.ca

WOMEN'S WEEKEND - June 1-3, 2018

To register contact: Sharon Heffernan at 403-295-2622 or slmch1@telus.net

MEN'S WEEKEND - June 8-10, 2018

To register contact: Tony Weyers at 403-934-3992 or gailweyers@hotmail.com

6-DAY PREACHED RETREAT - June 18-24, 2018,

"A Radical Spirituality for Our Times: With Jesus As Our Model" facilitated by Fr. Robert Mitchell, and the Retreat Team. Cost \$600.00, Retreats begin with Supper at 5:30 on Monday.

"GRACE" 7-DAY DIRECTED RETREAT - July 22-29, 2018,

An individual Director will accompany you on your spiritual journey. Cost \$650.00, Retreats begin with Supper at 5:30 on Sunday. To register call: [403-932-2012](tel:403-932-2012) or Email: mtfrancis@shaw.ca
Booking deposit of \$50.00 is required for each retreat.

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If you do not have access to email, please call the office at 403.275.2240 and we will forward your request.