



# The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4 & 5, 2020

## Ascension Catholic Parish

*Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ*

1100 Berkshire Boulevard NW, Calgary, AB T3K 3M3 | Phone: 403.275.2240 | Fax: 403.274.3969 | [www.ascensionparish.ca](http://www.ascensionparish.ca)

### Embrace God's view and God's universal love

#### Mass Times:

##### Weekday Masses:

Monday - Saturday:  
9:00 AM

Tuesday - Friday:  
6:30 PM

Wednesday: *Mother of Perpetual Help Novena*  
at 6:15 PM

##### Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday:  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,  
12:00 PM & 4:00 PM

#### Reconciliation:

Tuesday - Saturday:  
8:30 AM - 8:55 AM

Tuesday - Friday:  
6:00 PM - 6:25 PM

Saturday:  
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Sunday:  
7:00 AM - 7:45 AM

By Appointment

#### Adoration & Benediction:

Monday - Friday:  
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

First Friday:  
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
(*Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction*)

Today we celebrate Epiphany, a feast whose name is a Greek word meaning a manifestation or revelation. Our first question might be just what is revealed as we celebrate today. We often think of this feast as focused on the manifestation of the Christ Child to the world, and this is certainly a valid perspective. However, we might also think of it as a revelation of the plan of God for the salvation of the world, including not only Jews but also all the Gentile nations of the world. Today's second reading from Ephesians clearly states: "as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

So Epiphany is not just about three Wise Men finding their way to Bethlehem. They represent all the nations of the earth, just as the shepherds represent the Jewish people in Luke's nativity story.

This is a feast that calls us once again to embrace a global worldview. This is always a challenge, since we tend to think

much more narrowly, staying concerned with our own family, neighborhood, city or country. Yet God's love extends to all people and all creation, and we are called to embrace God's view and God's universal love.

There is a question, though, about how we approach this theme. It is easy to present it as a moral demand that is hard to meet. Perhaps none of us is ever able to embrace fully the scope of God's love; we are not God! But we are called to keep striving to broaden our vision and our hearts.

It may be more effective, though, to focus on the positive. Let this feast be a day to celebrate the richness of our Church, both worldwide and local. Give thanks for the various gifts that we have received from members of our faith community who come from other nations and other cultures. Accentuate the gifts brought to your local community by such members, but also include the gifts contributed to the whole Church around the world.

*Lawrence Mick  
National Catholic Reporter*



*Matthew 2.1-12*

#### Let us pray:

**"Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the Gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet." Amen**



### Christmas Cards for Missions

Mission Council at the Catholic Pastoral Centre asks you to consider putting aside your used and unused greeting cards for donation to their card making program which supports overseas missions.

Cards can be dropped in the box in the Narthex until the weekend of January 25/26 and we will deliver them to the Pastoral Centre.

Thank you!

## Catechesis Corner

(For the week of January 4-10, 2020)



### “Epiphany in Hiddenness”

In some senses the "Christmass" spirit is not over. We have had Feast after Feast. But today importantly continues the theme of Christmas, but also changes the tone dramatically.

The Epiphany is when Christ is visited by the Three Wisemen, but it is also in some sense the small week that we celebrate the fact how God is often so hidden. For in the next seven days we will go through the majority of Jesus' life (from about Ages 4-30)--- and the Church only gives about seven days to celebrate this time, until we come to the great Baptism of the Lord, where he begins his public ministry. As we know, we know very little about the life of Jesus during this time. We know that his family were refugees in Egypt. We know that they came back.

There is actually a lot more that archaeology can tell us about this time: that Jesus likely worked with St. Joseph to construct the important Roman cities of the time (the word for St. Joseph's occupation meant, most likely, "builder"). Jesus would have worked in a very Roman culture, with very strong Jewish influences, a multicultural world like here in Canada---yet, no one knew who he truly was except for the wisemen, his Holy Parents and a few others.

But this shows us something about God which is contained elsewhere in scripture: that often times in the history of the world of the children of Adam and Eve we fail to see him despite him revealing himself. Let our Epiphany prayer be the great "Christmass" and Epiphany hymn: *What Sweeter Music: Dark and dull night fly hence away! And give the honour to this day that sees December turn'd to May. We see Him come, and know Him ours. Who with his sunshine and his showers turns all the frozen ground to flowers. The darling of the world is come, and fit it is we find a room to welcome Him. The nobler part of all the house here is the heart, the heart...the heart...*



The Ascension Parish CWL Council general meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 PM after the 6:30 PM Mass in Rooms 4 and 5. All Ladies aged 16 and above are welcome to attend.



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a coffee and cookie reception after morning Adoration on Friday, January 10th.

**Store Cards** are available in the narthex every weekend. Your participation helps to support Parish Ministries and the needy. A portion of the proceeds goes towards our Building Fund.

## Mass Intentions

January 4-10, 2020

| Day       | Date       | Time     | Intentions                          |
|-----------|------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Saturday  | January 4  | 9:00 AM  | <b>Theresa Fallows (+)</b>          |
| Saturday  | January 4  | 5:00 PM  | <b>Francis D'Costa (+)</b>          |
| Sunday    | January 5  | 8:00 AM  | <b>SI of Mitchell Keizer</b>        |
| Sunday    | January 5  | 10:00 AM | <b>Briel Pascual (+)</b>            |
| Sunday    | January 5  | 12:00 PM | <b>Philomena Aranha (+)</b>         |
| Sunday    | January 5  | 4:00 PM  | <b>Mass for Parishioners</b>        |
| Monday    | January 6  | 9:00 AM  | <b>SI of Elaine Ho</b>              |
| Tuesday   | January 7  | 9:00 AM  | <b>Joe Lokanc (+)</b>               |
| Tuesday   | January 7  | 6:30 PM  | <b>Maria Akahomhen (+)</b>          |
| Wednesday | January 8  | 9:00 AM  | <b>SI of Gord Rogalsky</b>          |
| Wednesday | January 8  | 6:30 PM  | <b>Silvio H. Velesco (+)</b>        |
| Thursday  | January 9  | 9:00 AM  | <b>SI of Anna Maria Gonosantosa</b> |
| Thursday  | January 9  | 6:30 PM  | <b>SI of Andrea Griffin Family</b>  |
| Friday    | January 10 | 9:00 AM  | <b>Thomas Poovathanth (+)</b>       |
| Friday    | January 10 | 6:30 PM  | <b>SI of Lourdes S. Flores</b>      |

## Toonie Collection for the Building Fund (Every 1st Weekend)



For the last seven months, our members of the Building Fund committee and some volunteers have done a great job of standing at the exit doors with the collection boxes. Thank you for your generosity. When Bishop McGrattan visited us a few weeks ago, he suggested we try something new instead, such as a second collection. **Starting this weekend, January 4th/5th**, there will be a 2nd collection on the first weekend of every month and we will call it a "**Toonie Collection for the Building Fund.**" This will replace people standing with the collection boxes after Mass. Please note Toonies are only a suggestion, every little bit helps. Thank you!

## Pre-Authorized Donor Program (PAD)

### "The Joy of Giving"

Jesus set our mission statement and Ascension Catholic Parish is working to fulfill this work in our many ministries. We accept that obstacles to our success can include meeting operating costs and managing building fund debt.

We know we can meet our financial needs with all parishioners becoming joyful supporters in our ministry work, and also by enrolling in our Pre-Authorized Donation (PAD) Program.

Consider signing up today to join a ministry of your choice and enroll in the financial support programs Ascension Parish is offering. You will find the rewards last forever.

## Finance Report - at a glance...

Finance reports for the Christmas and New Year collections will be available next week. Thank you for your continued support.

## Catechesis & Brunch!

Our Parish will combine this liturgical year's theme of Fellowship with last year's theme of Catechesis in an event called "Catechesis & Brunch"! All are invited to join Fr. Avi in the Hall on **Tuesday, January 14th** from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. We will enjoy potluck brunch items and enrich our understanding of our Catholic faith and share in fellowship with each other.

### THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS / January

**Evangelization –  
Promotion of World Peace**

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.



## Thank you!

Thank you to all the Lectors, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Choirs, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Art & Environment, Ushers, Greeters, and all the other volunteers that came together to serve to make our Christmas and New Year celebrations beautiful. You are very much appreciated.

*"The greatest among you will be your servant."  
Matthew 23:11*

**Come Holy Spirit**

Fr Adrian will be presenting on the Church's Mission:  
Evangelization & Social Doctrine  
Wednesday, January 22  
7 PM in room eight

Please join the Social Justice Committee as we explore this important topic. All are welcome.

## Parish Staff

- Pastor: **Fr. Avinash Colaco**
- Associates:  
**Fr. Rodel Abanto**  
**Fr. Adrian Martens**
- Deacon: **Patrick Woo**
- Secretary: **Nancy Mitchell**
- Receptionist: **Angelina Ling**
- Sacraments: **Monica Purnama**
- Baptisms: **Jenn Pashula**
- Youth: **Vicki Hayles**
- Bookkeeper: **Nora Alzamora Torres**
- Custodian: **Jose Gil**
- Evening Staff: **David Cadegan**
- Resource Coordinator: **Sharron Robinson (Volunteer Position)**
- Office Assist (**Volunteer Position**)

## Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Lunch: 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

## Sacraments

**Baptism for Infants:** Baptisms are celebrated on the **2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays** of each month after the 12:00 PM Mass at 1:30 PM. Please call Jenn at 403.275.2240 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 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary. Parents are to attend the class at least 3 weeks prior to the Baptism Celebration. Please call Jenn at 403.275.2240 or email [baptism@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:baptism@ascensionparish.ca) to register.

**First Holy Communion (Gr. 2 & up):** Please register your child in September 2020.

**First Reconciliation (Gr. 2 & up):** Please register your child in September 2020.

**Confirmation (Gr. 6 & up):** Please register your child in October 2020.

**Marriage:** By appointment, 6 months in advance. Call the Church office.

**Marriage Preparation Class: 3rd Friday & Saturday of each month** (some exceptions apply). Registration fee is \$100 per couple and includes course materials, snacks and lunch. To register please email William: [marriageprepatascension@gmail.com](mailto:marriageprepatascension@gmail.com)

**RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

For more information contact the Church office.

**RCIA SPONSORS:** We are seeking sponsors to assist RCIA catechumens as they become familiar with the Christian way of life. Contact Rob at [robkehrig@gmail.com](mailto:robkehrig@gmail.com) for information.

**Anointing of the Sick & Dying: Call the Parish office at 403.275.2240**

**Outside of the office hours,** please call 403.275.2240.

When prompted, press 2 for Fr. Avinash, press 3 for Fr. Rodel, press 4 for Fr. Adrian (Thursdays & Fridays).

Please leave a detailed message. The priest will return your call.

## Ministry Contacts

### Sacraments

Baptism Preparation: Jenn Pashula | [baptism@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:baptism@ascensionparish.ca)

Marriage Preparation: William Abenes | [marriageprepatascension@gmail.com](mailto:marriageprepatascension@gmail.com)

RCIA: Rob Kehrig | [robkehrig@gmail.com](mailto:robkehrig@gmail.com)

Sacramental Preparation: Monica Purnama | [sacraments@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:sacraments@ascensionparish.ca)

### Parish Ministries

Building Fund Committee: Mark Holland | [markholland@shaw.ca](mailto:markholland@shaw.ca)

Collection Counters: DeeDee Hedley | [ddhedley@shaw.ca](mailto:ddhedley@shaw.ca)

Finance Council: Christina Dao | [c\\_dc\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:c_dc_d@hotmail.com)

Funeral Mass Coordinator: Jocelyn Mugleston | [jmugle92@shaw.ca](mailto:jmugle92@shaw.ca)

Funeral Lunch Committee: Irene Woytas | [office@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:office@ascensionparish.ca)

Kitchen Ministry Coordinator: Twila Tayfel | [tmtayfel@yahoo.com](mailto:tmtayfel@yahoo.com)

Parish Pastoral Council: Sandra Will-Krile | [samandrafo@shaw.ca](mailto:samandrafo@shaw.ca)

Pastoral Care: Virginia Rappel | [virginia.rappel@gmail.com](mailto:virginia.rappel@gmail.com)

R.S.V.P.: Lucy Reyes | [lucy.reyes@me.com](mailto:lucy.reyes@me.com)

Social Justice: Pat Brown | [patricia.brown@shaw.ca](mailto:patricia.brown@shaw.ca)

Youth Ministry: Vicki Hayles | [youth@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:youth@ascensionparish.ca)

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

### Liturgy

Altar Servers: Isabel & Charlotte Woo | [server@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:server@ascensionparish.ca)

Art & Environment: Maria San Miguel | [let@shaw.ca](mailto:let@shaw.ca)

Ex-ord. Ministers of Holy Communion: Nadia Oliverio | [nadia.oliverio@shaw.ca](mailto:nadia.oliverio@shaw.ca)

Greeters: Eneyo Eyo | [enevo\\_eyo@yahoo.com](mailto:enevo_eyo@yahoo.com)

Lectors: Andrew Harich | [harich0307@gmail.com](mailto:harich0307@gmail.com)

Liturgy Committee: Holly Davidson | [hollyd@telus.net](mailto:hollyd@telus.net)

Liturgical Mentor: Casey Plettell | [cke13@hotmail.ca](mailto:cke13@hotmail.ca)

Music Ministry: Hoa Nguyen | [music@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:music@ascensionparish.ca)

Sacristans: Holly Davidson | [hollyd@telus.net](mailto:hollyd@telus.net)

Sacristy Care: James Chuah | [jameschuah10248@gmail.com](mailto:jameschuah10248@gmail.com)

Ushers: Jonathan Dixon | [jonathandixon1@mac.com](mailto:jonathandixon1@mac.com)

Weekday Masses: Connie Raz | [connieraz@gmail.com](mailto:connieraz@gmail.com)

### Lay Ministries

Bible Study: Murray Britt | [britmur127@gmail.com](mailto:britmur127@gmail.com)

Catholic Women's League: Sheena Koett | [cwl.ascension@gmail.com](mailto:cwl.ascension@gmail.com)

Knights of Columbus : Phil Fitzgerald | [GK10065@kofc.ab.ca](mailto:GK10065@kofc.ab.ca)

Legion of Mary: Garry Bahen | [gbahen03@shaw.ca](mailto:gbahen03@shaw.ca)

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Hamper Request | 587.755.3855

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