



ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

"Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ"

Luke 1:57-66, 80 – "The hand of the Lord was with him"

John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion - to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of God's kingdom. Scripture tells us that John was filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15, 41) by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, John leapt in the womb of Elizabeth as they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). The fire of the Spirit dwelt in John and made him the forerunner of the coming Messiah. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and awakened true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came. What is the significance of John the Baptist and his message for our lives? When God acts to save us he graciously fills us with his Holy Spirit and makes our faith come "alive" to his promises. Each and every day the Lord is ready to renew us in faith, hope, and love. Like John the Baptist, the Lord invites each of us to make our life a free-will offering to God. God wants to fill us with his glory all the days of our lives, from birth through death. Renew the offering of your life to God and give him thanks for his mercy and favor towards you. **2018 Don Schwager** www.dailyscripture.net



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

MASS INTENTIONS:

June 23rd – 29th, 2018

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Sat	June 23	5:00pm	SI of Ezekiel James Valencia
Sat	June 23	7:00pm	Agustin & Candida Jumawid (+)
Sun	June 24	8:30am	SI of Rita Harris
Sun	June 24	10:30am	Ann Glasford (+)
Sun	June 24	12:30pm	Elises Badillo (+)
Sun	June 24	5:00pm	Mass for Parishioners
Mon	June 25	9:00am	SI of Andrea Griffin
Tue	June 26	9:00am	Jean VanWalleghem (+)
Wed	June 27	9:00am	SI of Lilia Espina
Wed	June 27	6:30pm	SI of Julie Valencia
Thur	June 28	9:00am	Aloysius Chong (+)
Fri	June 29	9:00am	Thresia Joseph (+)

WORSHIP AND ADORATION FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Youth and Young Adults at Ascension Parish are invited to an evening of rediscovering Jesus on **Friday, July 6th at 7:00 pm**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to encounter the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 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. For more information, visit Ascension's Facebook page at facebook.com/ascensionparishcalgary

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): Fall 2018

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

Confirmation (Gr. 6 & up): Winter 2018

Marriage: By appointment, 6 months in advance

Marriage Preparation Class: 3rd **Saturday** of each month (Some exceptions apply; no summer classes). To register for a class, 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 (RCIA) is a communal process of spiritual and educational formation for adults who seek to become full members of the Roman Catholic Church through a conversion of mind and heart. The process is open to all persons, regardless of religious background or philosophical persuasion, who genuinely seek, by God's grace, to live their lives in the distinctive Catholic Christian faith. Meetings run weekly from September to May (Tuesdays) and monthly throughout the summer. For more information contact the Church office.

DAY RETREAT FOR WOMEN WITH SISTERS OF DIVINE MERCY

Theme: "Courage, my daughter, your faith has saved you. (Mt 9:22). Be renewed and inspired by the paradox of simplicity and the gift of faith. Date: **Saturday, August 11, 2018 from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM** at the Divine Mercy Centre (15206 Township Road 262, Calgary, AB, T3P-1A7). For more information or to register, call Sr. Katrina at 587-755-1019 www.sistersofdivinemercury.org

RETROUVAILLE

FEELING LONELY IN YOUR MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP? Are you frustrated, angry, disillusioned or just dissatisfied because your marriage relationship seems to be in a stalemate? The "**Help Our Marriage**" program being offered by Retrouvaille Calgary teaches married couples important practical communication skills that help them to identify and address these negative feelings together in a meaningful way. **The program starts September 7-9, 2018.** To register or to have questions answered, access their website at www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com or call **403-879-7893**.

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY

You are invited to a 6-week series designed to prepare you for personal consecration to Mary. You will learn about four different saints - St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Pope St. John Paul II - and their devotion to Mary. Tuesday nights at Our Lady of Fatima Parish (4747 - 30th Street SE, Calgary) from August 7 to September 11 (6:30 PM - Mass, followed by DVD Series). The textbook cost is \$10 (book by Fr. Michael Gaitley). For more information, contact: Linda Schulz at 403-289-7124 or email ztl2020@shaw.ca

HELP BUILD OUR PARISH BUY A "SYMBOLIC" BRICK

The Capital Campaign committee would like to thank parishioners for supporting the Symbolic Buy-a-Brick program. Most of the names should be up on the wall now with some still coming for May and June. It is mostly alphabetic, but not completely, so you may have to search for your name. Please check the spelling in case there are any errors that need to be corrected and report them to the office receptionist. The program surpassed our expectations and has **raised about \$25,000** for our renovation. **We are ending the program as of June 30, 2018**, so if you still want to help out, please fill out a form found either on our website or in the Narthex.

LOOKING AFTER TEACHER MENTAL HEALTH THREE-DAY SUMMER INSTITUTE AT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY IN CALGARY

As a teacher, your focus is always on the student. But have you stopped to ask yourself, "How am I doing?" We are offering an opportunity for you to focus on your own wellness and develop strategies to deepen your self-awareness. The Summer Institute focuses on issues such as student-teacher relationships, stress-management, healthy boundaries, and burn out to leave you feeling rejuvenated and empowered to maintain wellness as a teacher for years to come. The Summer Institute will provide you with theory, practical strategies, and numerous opportunities for personal and professional growth. **YOU WILL NEVER REGRET INVESTING IN YOUR PERSONAL GROWTH.**

Dates: July 17-19; 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Cost: \$75 for StMU pre-service student teachers; \$200 for teachers (students of St. Mary's University save \$125!). To register visit stmu.ca

SUMMER ART CAMP ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

Discover your inner artistic abilities in a variety of ways! Explore amazing art techniques right on campus; sketch in neighboring Fish Creek Park; learn key glass mosaic, calligraphy skills and more! Kids Camp (Grades 4-6) & Youth Camp (Grades 7-8); **July 19-13 & 16-20** (8:30 am - 5:00 pm). To register visit www.stmu.ca or for more information email Elizabeth.cressman@stmu.ca

FCJ PRIVATE RETREATS DIRECTED AND NON-DIRECTED

A private retreat provides time away in a peaceful place for anyone seeking solitude, rest, renewal and prayer. The cost for a Daytime Retreat is \$35.00 (includes a private room, lunch and access to the FCJ Centre's grounds). For Overnight Retreat (24-hour) the cost is \$90.00 (includes meals). Group rates are also available. Advance reservations are required. To schedule a Private Retreat, please call (403) 228-4215 or email info@fcjcentre.ca. A minimum of three (3) days' advance notice is required. The FCJ Retreat Centre is located at 219 - 19th Avenue SW, Calgary. For details about our various retreat offerings, please visit www.FCJCentre.ca.

FIRST NATIONS FESTIVAL OF FAITH

All are invited to join the First Nations Festival of Faith on **Saturday, June 30th** at 10:30 am at the Strathmore Rodeo Grounds. Their hope is to present a gathering of Indigenous and non-Indigenous in a celebration of the faith that unites us. They will also hold their annual rodeo and art show on June 30th & July 1st. For more information please visit www.blackfootrodeo.ca or call 403-901-4902.



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary **Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for June 24th, 2018** **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

ORDINATION OF DEACON DEREK REMUS TO THE PRIESTHOOD – Bishop William 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! First Masses schedule: Saturday, June 30 at 9 AM, at St. Bonaventure Parish (1600 Acadia Dr. SE, Calgary) and Sunday, July 1 at 9 AM, at St. Ambrose Parish (1513 23rd Ave, Coaldale).

28TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S GOLF TOURNAMENT – Golf with us on Monday, August 27, 2018 and help support our unsponsored dinners at Feed the Hungry. The tournament will be held at the Silvertip Resort, Canmore. For more information, contact Sartre at 403-218-5522 | ftgolf@calgarydiocese.ca | golf.feedthehungrycalgary.ca

2018 BISHOP'S DINNER – Join us for an evening with Bishop William T. McGrattan. The Bishop's Dinner has a long history of giving back to the community, and this year we are celebrating Catholic Education and five incredible programs that support some of our most vulnerable students. This very special gala event will be held Friday, October 19 at the Telus Convention Centre. Bishop's Reception at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$185/person and a table of 8 is \$1480. For more information, e-mail bishopsdinner@calgarydiocese.ca | www.bishopsdinner.ca

PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP – Save the date: The next Prison Ministry Education Workshop will be held on August 14, 16 and 21 at 7 - 9 PM, at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 – 17 Ave SW, Calgary). The workshop is open to current volunteers or anyone interested in prison ministry. To register or for more information, please contact Marilou at 403-218-5519 | marilou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca

MARRIAGE PREPARATION – Catholic Family Services: July 20 - 22 at St. Joseph Parish (640 – 19 Ave NW). Cost: \$225/couple. For more information, contact CFS at 403-233-2360 | www.cfs-ab.org
Life & Family Resource Centre: August 27 (followed by Sep 14-15), or September 24 (followed by Oct 12-13). For more dates, registration or information, contact 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca | events.calgarydiocese.ca

JOIN THE SUMMER 2018 LAUDATO SI' ANIMATOR'S PROGRAM – Become Laudato Si' animators and be champions of creation care in your local communities/parishes. You are invited to join online webinars and be grounded in the science and Catholic teachings of Laudato Si. Everyone's talents and involvement are needed! To register, contact 403-218-5519 | marilou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca

ONE ROCK 2.0 (SEP 29) WITH PATRICK COFFIN, LIZZIE REEZAY AND BRIAN HOLDSWORTH – PREREGISTER – One Rock 2.0 is excited to announce that Patrick Coffin, Lizzie Reezay, and Brian Holdsworth will be joining us! Catholic young adults in the Diocese of Calgary (ages 18-35) are invited to pre-register: www.onerock.ca

PROJECT RACHEL POST ABORTION COUNSELLING – The ministry offers a journey of healing and reconciliation for women and men who are suffering from a past abortion experience. Clients will be referred to a professional counselor who specializes in dealing with the trauma associated with this grief. For more information, call Project Rachel at 403-218-5506 or toll free at 1-877-597-3223 | info@projectrachel.ca | www.projectrachel.ca

SPONSOR A TABLE FOR GRADE 12 STUDENTS – The Annual Calgary Leadership Prayer Breakfast is celebrating their 50th year! Every year, business owners, managers, and those serving in their community are invited to attend this Leadership Breakfast, and to bring neighbours, family, staff, and customers. They are keenly focused on inviting the "leaders of tomorrow" this year, and they need your help. Please consider sponsoring a table for Grade 12 students from the Catholic High Schools. For more information, contact Joy Humphrey at 403-836-1551 | CalgaryPrayerBreakfast.com

FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA – You are invited to celebrate the feast Day of St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei. The feast will take place on Tues, June 26 at 7:30PM at Our Lady of the Assumption Church (7624 39 Avenue NW, Calgary). Mass will be celebrated by Bishop William McGrattan. Confessions start at 7pm. For info, please contact Fr. Fernando Mignone at 403-288-2588.

MARIAPOLIS 2018 – The Focolare Movement invites you to join Mariapolis 2018, featuring presentations on living the spirituality of unity in everyday life; singing and artistic presentations; outdoor activities; small group sharing and daily Mass. It is a temporary city where you can experience what life can be like, when Jesus' commandment of mutual love is lived in everyday life. "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34). Date: June 30 - July 2 at the FCJ Retreat Centre (219 -19 Ave SW, Calgary). For more information, call 403-278-4762, e-mail: ankudo@shaw.ca | www.focolare.org

ANNUAL CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE – The 23rd Annual Catholic Family Life Conference will be held at Lac Ste. Anne, Alberta, June 29 – July 2. The conference theme is 'Living the Joy of Love' with key speakers Jason Evert, Matt Fradd, Monsignor Brian Bransfield and Bishop Scott McCaig. For more information, call 780-961-3346 | www.catholicfamilyministries.com

2018 SHALOM RETREAT IN CALGARY – This three-day retreat offers opportunities to reconnect with our Lord through the Word of God, talks by international preachers and Fr. Adrian Martens (Vicar and Chancellor of the Diocese of Calgary), prayers, spiritual counselling and testimonies. When: June 29 to July 1. Where: Mary Mother of the Redeemer Catholic Church (1714 14 Ave NE, Calgary). The day will begin with Holy Mass and end with Eucharistic Adoration. For more information or to register, contact 587-700-9658 | events.ca@shalommedia.org | www.shalommedia.org

ROSE PRINCE LEJAC PILGRIMAGE IN BC – The Diocese of Prince George is hosting its Rose Prince Lejac Annual Pilgrimage on July 6 -8, 2018 at Lejac, BC. For more information, contact Fr. Vincent James at 250-699-6593 | www.pgdiocese.bc.ca

"LOVE MORE" - A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE RETIRED PRIESTS – Couples for Christ invites you to a benefit concert: "LOVE MORE" on Saturday, July 14 at 7 PM, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. The concert will feature Laurie Callao, Calgary's inspirational singer who will be performing original compositions of CFC songwriter's winner, Carlos Perez. Proceeds of this event will go to the Housing for the Retired Priests of the Diocese of Calgary and Ancop (Answering the Cry of the Poor), a registered non-profit Canadian Charitable organization. Ticket is \$20. To get tickets, contact Jacque Beltran at 403-796-5130.

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NEWS.CalgaryDiocese.ca | WHAT'S HAPPENING in the DIOCESE. Contact: 403-218-5500 or E-mail: communications@calgarydiocese.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S ROSARY LEAGUE: The Men's Rosary League gathers every third Tuesday of the month at Our Lady of Fatima Parish (4747 30 Street SE). Join us for Mass, prayer and song. Mass at 6:30 PM and Rosary at 7:00 PM. **Upcoming Dates: June 19th, July 17th, August 21st, and September 25th.**

JUNE 30-JULY 1: 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.

MARIAN EUROPE PILGRIMAGE: Join the Marian Europe Pilgrimage tour under the Spiritual Guidance of **Fr. Anthony Pudota**, Judicial Vicar, Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary. **This all-inclusive tour departs October 8, 2018.** 15 Days; 5 Countries. Visiting Rome, Vatican, Assisi, Padua, Turin, Barcelona, Lourdes, Fatima and Lisbon. **There is a planning meeting on Sunday, June 24th at 1:30 pm at Ascension Parish in Meeting Room #1 downstairs.** Contact Purple Orchid: Ernie Miranda at 587-777-1733 or Jaime Jimenez at 403-285-9499 or evening # 403-813-2097.

MOUNT ST. FRANCIS RETREATS:

41160 Retreat Road Cochrane, AB

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.

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.**

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).

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR JUNE

Social Networks: That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

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