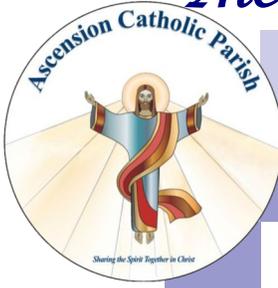


The Presentation of the Lord

February 1 & 2, 2020



Ascension Catholic Parish

Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ

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Worship God in faith and pray with hope

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)

The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Savior of the world: What is the significance of Simeon's encounter with the baby Jesus and his mother in the temple? Simeon was a just and devout man who was very much in tune with the Holy Spirit. He believed that the Lord would return to his temple and renew his chosen people. The Holy Spirit also revealed to him that the Messiah and King of Israel would also bring salvation to the Gentile nations. When Joseph and Mary presented the baby Jesus in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized this humble child of Bethlehem as the fulfillment of all the messianic prophecies, hopes, and prayers. Inspired by the Holy Spirit he prophesied that Jesus was to be "a revealing light to the Gentiles". The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to those who are receptive and eager to receive him. Do you recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord with you?



The Holy Spirit renews our hope in the promise of God: Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord's presence in the temple. Anna, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was found daily in the temple, attending to the Lord in prayer and speaking prophetically to others about God's promise to send a redeemer. Supernatural hope grows with prayer and age! Anna was pre-eminently a woman of great hope and expectation that God would fulfill all his promises. She is a model of godliness to all believers as we advance in age. Advancing age and the disappointments of life can easily make us cynical and hopeless if we do not have our hope rightly placed. Anna's hope in God and his promises grew with age. She never ceased to worship God in faith and to pray with hope. Her hope and faith in God's promises fueled her indomitable zeal and fervor in prayer and service of God's people.

Our hope is anchored in God's everlasting kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy: What do you hope for? The hope which God places in our heart is the desire for the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life and happiness with our heavenly Father. The Lord Jesus has won for us a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit gives hope to all who place their trust in the promises of God. God never fails because his promises are true and he is faithful. The hope which God places within us through the gift of the Spirit enables us to persevere with confident trust in God even in the face of trails, setbacks, and challenges that may come our way.

Is there anything holding you back from giving God your unqualified trust and submission to his will for your life? Allow the Lord Jesus to flood your heart with his peace, joy, and love. And offer to God everything you have and desire - your life, family, friends, health, honor, wealth, and future. If you seek his kingdom first he will give you everything you need to know, love, and serve him now and enjoy him forever.

Prayer: "Lord Jesus, you are my hope and my life. May I never cease to place all my trust in you. Fill me with the joy and strength of the Holy Spirit that I may boldly point others to your saving presence and words of eternal life." Amen

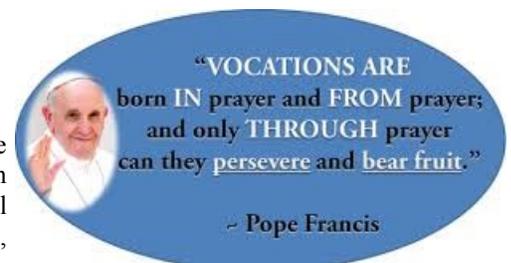
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World Day for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, February 2, 2020 and in Parishes on the weekend of February 1-2, 2020. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Prayer:

For those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits. We pray to the Lord: Lord hear our prayer



Catechesis Corner

(For the week of February 1-7, 2020)



Forty Days from Christmas

It is exactly forty days since we celebrated Christmas. And in some senses this day concludes the great themes of Christmas and Epiphany.

It is interesting to know that Candlemas is one of the most ancient feasts of church. One of the ancient prayers for the blessing the candles at the beginning of Mass capture the essence and message of Candlemas:

Almighty and everlasting God, Who on this day was pleased that Thy Only Begotten should be presented in the Temple, and be taken into the arms of holy Simeon ; we humbly beseech Thy mercy to bless, sanctify, and give the light of Thy heavenly benediction to these candles, which we Thy servants desire to take up and carry in honour of Thy Name: to the end that by offering them to Thee, our Lord God, we being inflamed by the fire of

Thy amiable brightness, and may be made worthy to be presented in the holy Temple of Thy glory.

While we celebrate the Presentation of Jesus in the temple, we also celebrate ourselves being presented before God to do His good work. The candles represent our souls on fire for mission. As we light these blessed candles when we return home, let us remember the great message of Christmas one more time: Jesus became a person like us, for us to be like Him--- missionaries in the world spreading His love and Gospel to all.

Isaiah 61:1

THE LORD
HAS ANOINTED
ME TO BRING
good news
TO THE POOR.

Together in Action

The Together in Action campaign supports many important Diocesan programs and ministries, along with over 40 southern Alberta charities. It is one of the main ways in which we as a Parish, can offer financial assistance to educational and pastoral programs throughout our Diocese and beyond. TIA, as supported by Bishop McGrattan, gives us an opportunity to work together in an organized expression of care. Our 2019 TIA Parish target was \$57,093.00. The Diocese has extended our collection date to enable us to raise the remaining \$3,469.00 needed to fulfill our goal. Donation envelopes are available in the pews. Thank you for your continued support.

Medical Assistance in Dying

The Bishops of AB/NWT encourage the faithful to share their views with the government on legislation to expand eligibility for medical assistance in dying (MAID). Expanding eligibility may lead to extending access to people who suffer from dementia or other mental illnesses, and even mature minors.

Read the Pastoral Letter :

<http://bit.ly/370UFJN>.

Contact your MP and defend the sanctity of human life.

Find your MP here:

<http://bit.ly/30rTEyc>

#CatholicYYC #MAID

#ProLife #cdnpoli

#AssistedDying

Mass Intentions

February 1-7, 2020

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Saturday	February 1	9:00 AM	Margaret Falk (+)
Saturday	February 1	5:00 PM	Lucia & Jose Valerio (+)
Sunday	February 2	8:00 AM	Michael Russell (+)
Sunday	February 2	10:00 AM	Guerina Dilello (+)
Sunday	February 2	12:00 PM	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	February 2	4:00 PM	Leticia De Leon (+)
Monday	February 3	9:00 AM	SI of Spencer Darrigan
Tuesday	February 4	9:00 AM	Milio Marasco (+)
Tuesday	February 4	6:30 PM	Felecia Tuba (+)
Wednesday	February 5	9:00 AM	SI of Elaine Ho
Wednesday	February 5	6:30 PM	SI of Julie Valencia
Thursday	February 6	9:00 AM	Tanu Family Members (+)
Thursday	February 6	6:30 PM	Remedia Lewis (+)
Friday	February 7	9:00 AM	Valentine De Jesus (+)
Friday	February 7	6:30 PM	SI of Julie Valencia



The CWL of Ascension Parish will be hosting a spaghetti dinner in the main hall on **Saturday, February 22nd at 6:00 PM**. The cost is \$15/person or \$45/family (maximum of 6 persons). Kids under 6 years old attend at no cost. For more information, please contact cwl.ascension@gmail.com



New Catholic School in Evanston



The Calgary Catholic School District has started construction of a new Catholic K – 6 school in the community of Evanston, with a planned opening date of Fall 2021. A large part of the district's school opening process includes public engagement and consultation at Help Plan Our Future sessions. These sessions ensure opportunities to provide input and feedback on attendance area development. In order to obtain input and feedback from the community, the district will host a Help Plan Our Future session on February 11, 2020 from 7 PM until 8:30 PM at Our Lady of Grace School. Interested parents of students who reside in Evanston are invited to join us as we consider the options and opportunities presented by the opening of a new Catholic school in Evanston. Should you wish to attend, please register by clicking the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/Feb11RegisterMe>. You will receive a confirmation email once you have registered.

Finance Report - at a glance...

Gifts to the Parish	2020	
	Week	4
Offerings for the Week:	21-Jan-20	27-Jan-20
	Last Week	YTD
General Collections:		
Collections	10,412	49,448
Operating Cost	18,000	72,000
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Operating Cost	(7,588)	(22,552)
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage):		
Building Fund Collections	3,479	21,807
2019 Pledges	100	14,816
Donor Wall	2,500	7,500
Toonie Collection	0	2,337
Weekly Loan Payment	12,180	48,720
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	(6,101)	(2,260)
Diocesan Annual Campaign:		
Together In Action		
2020 Collections	40	1,852
2019 Collections		51,812
2019 Target		57,093
Remaining towards 2019 Goal		3,429
Other:		
Holy Childhood	354	771



COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Christian Life Program

Couples for Christ and its Family Ministries of Calgary invite you to the Christian Life Program Seminar starting here at our Parish on **February 15th** at 11:00 am.

This program is for couples, single men and women of all ages who want to deepen their faith and have a strong relationship with God.

Members of the Couples for Christ will be available in the Narthex after all Masses February 1/2 and 8/9 handing out flyers and can answer any questions you may have.

This is a free seminar, and all are invited to attend.



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.

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 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 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

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 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

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