

The Resurrection of the Lord

April 20/21, 2019

Ascension Catholic Parish

Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ

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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: 6:00 PM

Sunday:
9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Reconciliation:

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

Tuesday - Thursday:
6:00 PM - 6:25 PM

Saturday:
5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

Sunday:
8:00 AM - 8:45 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*)

"John saw the empty tomb and believed"

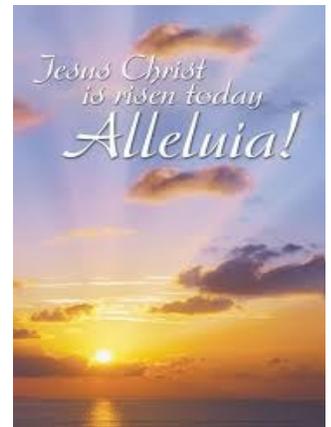
What was it like for the disciple who had stood at the cross of Jesus and then laid him in a tomb on Good Friday, to come back three days later and discover that the sealed tomb was now empty? John, along with Peter, was the first apostle to reach the tomb of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning. Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, John was not ready to see an empty tomb and to hear the angel's message, Why do you seek the living among the dead (Luke 24:5)?

What did John see in the tomb that led him to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? It was certainly not a dead body. The dead body of Jesus would have disproven the resurrection and made his death a tragic conclusion to a glorious career as a great teacher and miracle worker. When John saw the empty tomb he must have recalled Jesus' prophecy that he would rise again after three days. Through the gift of faith John realized that no tomb on earth could contain the Lord and giver of life. John saw and believed (John 20:8).

John had to first deal with the empty tomb before he could meet the risen Lord later that evening along with the other apostles who had locked themselves in the upper room out of fear of

the Jewish authorities (John 20:19-23). John testified as an eye-witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ: What we have seen, heard, and touched we proclaim as the eternal word of life which existed from the beginning (1 John 1:1-4). John bears witness to what has existed from all eternity. This "word of life" is Jesus the word incarnate, but also Jesus as the word announced by the prophets and Jesus the word now preached throughout the Christian church for all ages to come. One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Christ and to know him personally as our Lord and Savior. Do you accept the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection with skeptical doubt and disbelief or with trusting faith and joyful wonderment?

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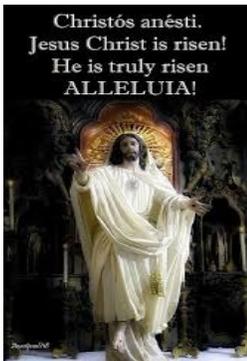


John 20:1-9

"Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won for us new life and resurrection power. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love for us and your great victory over sin and death." Amen. Alleluia!



The Church gives us fifty days, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday, to give thanksgiving to God for the gift of Christ's victory over sin and death and express joy at the resurrection and opening of heaven to all men. It's a time to remember that Jesus wasn't in a rush to ascend, but that He spent time appearing to His disciples and preparing them for Pentecost. This is an extended time, then, to joyfully celebrate the resurrection. Through our celebration of this season, let us strive to deepen our understanding of this great mystery and bear witness to Christ through our lives. Let us rejoice and be glad!



“By His mighty virtue He, cleansed all our misery”



Catechesis Corner

(For the week of April 20-26, 2019)

This ancient Easter hymn, “This Day the Dawn”, says our great joy today. It speaks of the deep theological message and ramifications of Christ’s resurrection from the dead:

This day the dawn glows bright above the sun, telling how Christ hath fought and glorious victory won. Jesus hath triumphed o’er the haughty foe, and his evil camp majestic hath laid low. Unhappy sin of Eve, of which all death do reap; O happy Mary’s Child with whom now feast we keep. Blest be the Queen exalted high, His Mother, who triumphantly hath destroyed hell and reigneth in the sky. O King for ever, graciously accept the praise we offer Thee, to Thee at God’s Right Hand on high, crying aloud incessantly. Thou, death’s power now overthrown, triumphing on high art gone, to joys

of Heaven which are Thine own. O vast, O fair, O high, light-giving clemency, breathing benignantly! Honour to Thee and praise who didst that load upraise which burdened our old days. Brightly shine the courts of God purchased by the crimson flood of the Lamb’s most precious Blood. By His mighty virtue He cleansed all our misery, granting gifts benign and free. Awestruck within myself I gaze upon the wonders of these days, that before our unworthy eyes such mighty sacraments should rise. From the root of David springing, of Judah’s tribe the lion Thou hast arisen, glory bringing, who didst seem a Lamb but now. Thou who laid’st the earth’s foundations seekest now the realms on high, to eternal generations recompensing righteously.

Come to the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday!

Divine Mercy Sunday may be the greatest day of the year because of the immeasurable amount of grace Jesus promised to pour forth on this day. Jesus made a specific promise to Saint Faustina about Divine Mercy Sunday: **“On that day...The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”** (Diary, 699)

Thus, to fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter;
2. Sincerely repent of all our sins;
3. Place our complete trust in Jesus;
4. Go to Confession, preferably before that Sunday;
5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast;
6. Venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy;
7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

Please join us on Sunday April 28th at 2:00 PM for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions and at 3:00 PM, “The Hour of Great Mercy”, we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



Our Parish Office will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday. **9:00 AM Mass will still be celebrated on Easter Monday.** The staff wishes all parishioners a peaceful Easter Season filled with the joy of our Risen Lord. Alleluia!

Mass Intentions

April 22nd - 26th, 2019

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Monday	April 22	9:00 AM	SI of Anne-Gertrude Tseu
Tuesday	April 23	9:00 AM	Paul Le & Nghi Nguyen (+)
Tuesday	April 23	6:30 PM	Sheila Stevenson (+)
Wednesday	April 24	9:00 AM	Lino Massolin (+)
Wednesday	April 24	6:30 PM	Ravi Domingo (+)
Thursday	April 25	9:00 PM	SI of June Ling
Thursday	April 25	6:30 PM	Frances Van Wallegem (+)
Friday	April 26	9:00 AM	SI of Cynthia D’Souza
Friday	April 26	6:30 PM	SI of Calvin Adrian Leone

Life Week - May 2019 - Sponsor Our Priests at Knights Table

Mass for Life: On Monday, May 6, you are invited to St. Mary's Cathedral for Eucharistic Adoration from 5:30 to 7 pm followed by an annual Mass for Life presided by Bishop William McGrattan. For more information, please call 403-218-5516.

March for Life: The 12th Annual Alberta March for Life will be taking place at Noon on Thursday, May 9 at the Alberta Legislature Building in Edmonton. The Knights of Columbus have arranged for buses to Edmonton, leaving Calgary at 8:00 AM and arriving back at approximately 6:30 PM. If you, your family and friends wish to reserve a complimentary seat, please call 403-271-7249. For more information about the Alberta March for Life, schedule details and the list of speakers, check out <https://albertamarchforlife.com>.

Hike for Life: Saturday, May 11th – 8:30 AM to Noon – Princes Island Park. You can support the program by participating in this fun-filled family hike or by **sponsoring our Pastor** who has generously offered to be the main hiker for Ascension Parish. Funds are raised to support a Pro Life education program to help teach our children about "Respect for Life". Sponsorship donations and pledges can be made before and after Mass at the Knights of Columbus table in the narthex. See www.calgaryprolife.com for pledge sheets and more information.

Finance Report - at a glance...

Gifts to the Parish	April 2019	
	Week	15
Offerings for the Week:	9-Apr-19	15-Apr-19
	Last Week	YTD
General Collections:		
Collections	10,607	165,521
Operating Cost	14,300	214,500
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Operating Cost	(3,693)	(48,979)
Central Fund Loan:		
Building Fund Collections	6,838	164,958
2019 Pledges	35	7,155
Weekly Loan Payment	11,350	170,250
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	(4,477)	1,863
Diocesan Annual Campaign:		
Together In Action		
2019 Collections	1,353	16,384
2019 Target		57,093
Remaining towards 2019 Goal		40,709
Collections in our Diocese:		
Holy Childhood	309	3,021



A special thank you to all of the volunteers and parishioners who helped to make our Easter Celebrations as meaningful as they should be. We very much appreciate your help and commitment.



If you would like to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please join us for training on Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 PM.



The Ascension Parish CWL Council is having a Pinning Ceremony on **Wednesday, April 24, at the 6:30 PM Mass** to Honour Our Lady of Good Counsel. Please come and join us.

Welcome our new Catholics!

Our Parish extends a very happy "*Welcome Home*" to all those who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). We welcome 28 people and ask for God's blessings on each and every one of them. May they find our Parish a welcoming place to share and grow their faith and praise our God.

Parish Staff

- Pastor: **Fr. Avinash Colaco**
- Associates:
Fr. Rodel Abanto
Fr. Adrian Martens
- 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 Saturdays** of each month at 10:00 AM (except during Lent). 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 and Godparents are to attend the class at least 3 weeks prior to the Baptism Celebration.

First Holy Communion (Gr. 2 & up): Registration is closed. Please register your child in September, 2019.

First Reconciliation (Gr. 2 & up): Registration is closed. Please register your child in September, 2019.

Confirmation (Gr. 6 & up): Registration is closed. Please register your child in November, 2019.

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

Marriage Preparation Class: 3rd Saturday of each month (some exceptions apply). Registration fee is \$100 per couple and includes course materials, snacks and lunch. To register please email Ferdie: 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

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