

**1st Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2017**

Mon 6	12:00 pm 6:30 pm	Bible Study Rosary
Tues 7	9:30 am-11 am Noon-2 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Corpus Christi Pre-School Visit Corpus Christi Pre-School Visit MASS Society of St. Vincent De Paul
Wed 8	*1:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:15 pm 7:30 pm	Seniors Group (Fr. Trudeau Rm) MASS with Marian Devotions RCIA (Fr. Trudeau Rm) Confessions in St. John Paul II Rm
Thurs 9	9:00 am 10:45 am *5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	MASS Drop In Centre Needs Sandwiches Choir Practice for 5 pm Mass Choir Practice for 9 am Mass Ascension Parish Penitential Service
Fri 10	9:00 am	MASS
Sat 11	3:00pm 4:00 pm-5:00 pm 4:00 pm-4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm to 8:15 pm	Confirmation Class begins in Nave (Church) then we move to the Mother Theresa Rm. Choir Practice 5 pm Mass Reconciliations MASS with BAPTISMS
Sun 12	9:00 am 11:00 am	MASS (coffee social to follow) MASS (coffee social to follow)

**Mass Schedule is subject to change due to Funerals
or other circumstances.**

Our apologies for any inconvenience.

Seniors Cards - rescheduled to Wed. Mar. 8

5pm Choir Extra Practices:

Thurs, Mar 9 & Mar 16 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

11 am Choir Extra Practice:

Sat. March 11 6:15 pm – 8:15 pm

Adult R.C.I.A. News!

"Ijeoma Okonkwo is preparing

for full reception into the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil.

Please keep her in your prayers."

R.C.I.A. means: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Religious Education Student News!

Please keep our parish children in your prayers
as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation
on June 9, 2017

Welcome Back Father Raul!

Thank you to all who helped us make sure things went smoothly. A special thanks to Fr. Jos Kalanthil PARAMBIL and to Fr. Brian F. Hubka for handling the ups and downs of our parish life.

Bless all those who regularly brought food for Father Brian Hubka as he served us by presiding at Mass. Consequently, he missed his meals with his fellow priests so that we could continue to have evening Masses. Big thank you to all!

**Thanks Father Hubka for reminding us of the
meaning of Lent!**

Together In Action Annual Bishop's Appeal:

OUR FAITH IN ACTION in 2016

A Project Funded by Together In Action !

Next Step Ministries (NSM) - Sparrow House

First of all, thank you so much for your support! It has allowed us to keep going and increase our capacity and sustainability. Amazing things have happened here as we have worked with women exiting sexual exploitation in Calgary. Specifically, in Sparrow House, we had 19 women go through the house in 2016. Every day has been different as these women work hard to break the cycles of addiction and abuse in their lives, but we have seen some amazing successes and changed lives.

One of the young women in Sparrow House grew up without her mother and then lost her father. The staff stayed up all night with her at the hospital when her father passed away, and then walked alongside her as she grieved and resisted going back to using drugs over the following months. She persevered and moved out of Sparrow House and is attending our Day Program after being with NSM for about 8 months. NSM helped find her a basement suite to live in with a wonderful family living upstairs to support her and she got a great job working at a local business. Her plans are to save up enough money to go to Bible College in the fall.

Another lady in the program relapsed and was found to be using drugs again. She was so devastated and angry with herself, but she accepted the consequences and went to the Alpha House Detox Centre. When she was finished there, she was welcomed back into Sparrow House with open arms and is still with NSM working on her recovery and moving forward with her life.

One lady came to NSM after being out on the streets a long time and had fought hard to get through detox and staying clean for 30 days. When she entered Sparrow House, she hugged the walls and laid down on the floor expressing over and over how glad she was to be there.

Life at NSM and in Sparrow House never has two days that look the same. Some of the women will stay for 6 months or more, and others are with us for only a short period of time. Some come from detox/recovery centers and we have had a few women with us on House Arrest within the corrections system. They are all with us out of choice and can stay as long as they follow the few simple house rules and are working on their recovery. We don't have 'graduations', but work with them to transition out. Through our Follow Care Program, the NSM team support them even if they move on and go back to their old lifestyle and ask us for help.

We have been so blessed over the past year to have two amazing *volunteer live-ins* at Sparrow House with the women as their roommates and many *intentional friends* who have walked alongside these women as their friends. We average over 500 volunteer hours / month between the live-ins and the intentional friends. They give so much in helping the women move forward in their lives. We could not do this without them.

Annual Bishop's Appeal for 2017 has arrived!

Thank you to all who helped us achieve our assigned goal in 2016.

Please help us do it again in 2017!

Our assigned 2017 Parish Goal is \$31,465.00

We hope to exceed our goal again this year, as we have these past years; and we hope to fund our parish youth activities with whatever excess we may have.

The combined TIA Goal for the whole Diocese 2017 continues to be \$2,000,000. As a collective of the Diocesan parishes, we should be able to obtain it!

Are you being ASKED to donate to charity through your workplace?

Asked to help with United Way Donations?

You can still donate to the parish through their Donor's Choice Program. Our charitable registration # is 07909939RR0006.

Thank you for your generous Stewardship!

Every dollar donated is appreciated and handled with care. Cheques may be post-dated and dropped into the Offering basket (simply note "Post-dated" on the outside of your envelope so it gets deposited properly.)

When you make a donation to our Parish, your contribution

helps our ministries grow in ways

that will enable us to serve your spiritual needs.

BURSARIES, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIP

For those who desire to pursue a life of teaching Catholic Faith in our parishes or in elementary, secondary and post-secondary schools in Alberta; Please apply!

- *All inquiries and requests for applications should be addressed to:* The Reverend Father Fred Cahill C.S.B Memorial Foundation P.O Box 30153 Chinook Postal Outlet, 6455 Macleod Trail, Calgary, Alberta T2H 2V9

Lenten Friday Soup & a Bun.

Every Friday during Lent 6 - 6:45 pm.

Knights of Columbus need you! Volunteers needed. If you wish to help with this project, please leave your contact information on the sign-up sheet provided in the church foyer.

Note:

Free-will offerings (\$) gratefully accepted

Volunteers for the 34th Outdoor Way of the Cross.

People with First Aid Certification, Help with lost persons, Crowd Control and Volunteer Registration. Contact: www.WayoftheCross.ca

Sandwiches for the Drop In Centre Needed

Must be able to be frozen (I.E lettuce, onions and tomatoes turn stringy.) Bring to the Office by 1045 am This Thursday!

Family Night -Dinner and A Movie at the Hall!

Starring: PETE'S DRAGON

Adults \$15, Kids 6 and over \$10.00

\$40.00 per family:

Includes a Hamburger or Hot Dog; Chips and lots of Popcorn!!

Kid's bring a blanket, pillow or your favourite Stuffed animal & get comfy!

(Have your relatives bring their families and the cousins can get together too!)

YOUTH RALLY! students in Grades 7 to 12.

- Saturday, April 22, 9.30 am – 9.30 pm. St. James Parish. Okotoks
- Excellent speakers & music
- www.THEYELLOWTREE.COM (Calgary Diocese)



Please! Do not park at the mall!

especially in the store-front row.

Please let our visitors know that we have a large parking lot at the parish hall located on the west side of 4th street – one block north and on-street parking along Northmount Dr. as well as parking behind the Church.

For All Catholics!

New Evangelization Summit 2017

May 12 & 13,

Notre Dame High School. 11900 Country Village Link N.E.

Inspiring Catholics to learn their faith, and to spread the Good News! Live in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across North America!

Streaming to Calgary!

This is the third year that the Summit will be hosted as a Satellite site in the Diocese of Calgary.

This Summit is open to Priests, Deacons, Youth Coordinators, Teachers, Parents, Young Adults, and anyone interested in growing in a deeper understanding and knowledge of their faith.

We invite you to share this information with others who would be interested in this message.

To purchase tickets, and for information visit newevangelization.ca

1. Click for Ticket Information
2. Select a location – Calgary ... (\$65.00)
3. Click Buy now for this day and a half Summit

Questions? Eden.dsouza@calgarydiocese.ca or 403.218.5520

Ascension Parish Lenten Mission

- Ascension Parish - March 6, 7, 8

- Penitential Service March 9

Each Day: Mass at 6:30 pm, Talk 7:00-8:30 pm, Fellowship 8:30-9:00 pm

Attention ALL Parish Ministry Coordinators

Please send in

Annual General Meeting Reports for the Year of Mercy of 2016

– Absolute Deadline Easter Sunday The Year of 2016 is over. Ministry Coordinators - Please send in your reports!. Now is the time to write them up when your memory is fresh and send them in. The Year of Mercy was a FABULOUS Celebration of all that we are to strive to be.

We want to know what happened **last year** and what could be improved upon. Bring us your successes, **bring us your needs**, bring us your suggestions for improvements in writing please. The AGM Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall, Sunday May 28th. Planning is a critical part of our Leadership.

All Leaders of Ministries are asked to send in their annual report for publication in our AGM Minutes which record the activities of the previous year.. Your written submission will save time and allow for thoughtful absorption of the information you provide. Please send it in as soon as possible. It will be printed as soon as we can after Easter Sunday. We will then all have a chance to peruse the information before the meeting.

Don't wait until Easter Sunday! Don't delay!

Send your report today!

Email: info@corpuschristicalgary.org.

Subject Title: AGM Liturgy, or AGM SSVp, or AGM CWL for example so that your submission doesn't get missed.

Parish Groups such as K of C, Couples for Christ, Senior's Card, Society of St. Vincent de Paul and others who wish to be included, in our AGM Meeting Report - please send in your report - remembering to focus on last year's successes and any needs/improvements for the future.