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Office Hours: Monday & Sunday: Closed

Tuesday to Saturday: 10:00am to 3:00pm

A collaborative ministry of the Carmelite Fathers and Lay Parishioners



April 27/28, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

PASTOR: Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD	ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD
PERMANENT DEACON: Deacon Norman Dumais Deacon Dale Laing	Office Assistant: Rachael Ramaswamy Administrative Assistant: Fe Badajos
BOOKKEEPER: Cindy Kreutzer	HOSPITALITY: Everyone in the Parish!
WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE Monday to Saturday: 9:00am First Friday: 9:00am Adoration: First Friday of the Month: 9:30am to Noon <hr/> Baptisms: An initial appointment with one of the Priests is required before attending a session.	WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm & 5:00pm (Igbo Mass: First Sunday of the Month at 2:00pm) Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office Reconciliation: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: After the morning Mass Saturday: 3:00pm to 3:45pm <hr/> Society of St. Vincent De Paul: (403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

Please remember St. Thomas More Parish in your Will.

May: Month of Mary

It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter Season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy of the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

It is good to consider the faith of Mary. At the Visitation, Elizabeth said to Mary: *Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.* When we think of our Blessed Mother, we recognize that she is indeed **blessed**, not only because she was the Mother of Jesus, but because she believed in the Lord's words. She believed with all her heart and said "yes" to become the Mother of the Messiah and Son of God. She allowed herself to be led by God's grace throughout her life, a life rooted in a deep faith in God. She became her Son's first and most perfect disciple. In our pilgrimage of faith, we walk always with Mary at our side. She is our model of faith and she helps us with her prayers to live by faith. She teaches us to believe as she believed.

During this month of May, we pay special honor to our Blessed Mother. In 1965, Pope Paul VI wrote an encyclical on the month of May. He wrote that May is an occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month, Christians both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.

Weekly Mass Intentions: April 29 to May 5

Mon	29	9:00am	Russell Galas (RIP) Abita Antony (INT)
Tue	30	9:00am	Patricio Velasco (RIP) Hernando Manansala Jr. (RIP) Jose Villanueva (RIP)
Wed	1	9:00am	Joseph Mangalathil (RIP) Bill & Doris Rodrigues (RIP) Flordeliza Reyes (INT)
Thu	2	9:00am	Joseph Maria Nguyen (RIP) Mariano Ulit (RIP) Walter & Iris Rodych (RIP)
Fri	3	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Nguyen Family (INT) Mark & Frances Ngalot (INT)
Sat	4	9:00 am	Joseph Anna Tran (RIP) Visnja Jurkovic (RIP) Sr. Elsie Aque, SPC (INT) Leonida Rivadeneira (RIP)
		4:00pm	Antonietta Cordero (INT)
Sun	5	8:30am	Subash Kanna Munisamy (INT)
		10:30am	Uchenna Ibelo (INT)
		12:30pm	Vicente Baria (RIP)
		5:00pm	For the People (INT) Rafael & Carmelita Sarga (RIP)

Congratulations to Kebron Andemariam, Enrique Batara, Milanna & Raya Flores, Alfie McGreer-Kolenda, Bridgette Yates-Vaz and Elijah Vaz who were baptized in our parish last week.

WHO ARE THESE MEN?

1. He walked on the water at Jesus' word.
2. He was the teacher of Paul.
3. He killed a Philistine champion with a stone.
4. He calmed a raging sea.
5. He changed water into wine.
6. He had a dream of angels and a ladder.
7. He joined a eunuch in the chariot.
8. He lost strength when his hair was cut.
9. He was hidden in a basket in the river.
10. He built an ark.
11. He feared God and hid himself because he was naked.
12. He saw a burning bush.
13. He set out for Damascus to slay the Christians.
14. He was David's intimate friend.
15. Jesus called him a fox.

- Answers*
1. Peter
 2. Gamahel
 3. David
 4. Jesus
 5. Jesus
 6. Jacob
 7. Philip
 8. Samson
 9. Moses
 10. Noah
 11. Adam
 12. Moses
 13. Paul
 14. Jonathan
 15. Herod

Together in Action

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Collection up to date is \$16,842.75

The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 7pm everyday in the Church during the month of May.
All are welcome to join.

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In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance."

I recommend the observance of May as a Marian month. Many churches and schools have celebrations of the crowning of images of Our Lady. This is a beautiful custom that expresses our love for the Mother of God as our Queen. Other Marian devotions are particularly fitting in the month of May. Of course, the Holy Rosary is always a wonderful prayer to enter more deeply into the mysteries of Christ's life with Mary. It is a Gospel prayer.

All honor that we give to Mary is ordered to, and leads to, the adoration of God. Devotion to Mary fosters within us a faithful adherence to her Son. When we crown images of Mary, we are honoring her. In honoring Mary, we are ultimately praising God for the grace He bestowed on her.

We all probably have our favorite images of Mary as well as our favorite devotions: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of Perpetual Help, the Miraculous Medal, etc. The many images and devotions express various aspects of Our Lady's vocation and mission. They help us to know the virtues of Mary and remind us to turn to her for intercession.

I invite you to pray with Mary during this Marian month. Let us especially commend to her our prayers for life, marriage, and religious liberty. Let us all place ourselves in the school of Mary to learn from her how to love God more fervently and to love one another as her Son has loved us.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us and draw us closer to Christ her Son!