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Office Hours: Monday & Sunday - Closed
Tuesday to Saturday - 10:00am to 3:00pm (Office is closed for Lunch from 12:30pm to 1:30pm)

A collaborative ministry of the Carmelite Fathers and Lay Parishioners



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 27/28, 2026

Pastor:

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

Permanent Deacons:

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

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am,

12:30pm & 5:00pm

Igbo Mass:

First Sunday of the Month: 2:00pm

Adoration:

First Friday of the month:

9:30am to Noon

Reconciliation:

Tue., Wed., Thu., & Fri.:

After the morning Mass

Saturday: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Baptisms:

An initial appointment with one of the Priests is required before attending a session,

First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist

On-line registration is now open

Society of St. Vincent De Paul:

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

IN MY MOTHER'S arms, I learned my first prayers. A lullaby or a hymn sung softly in her soothing voice comforted my rest. From her heartfelt descriptions, I first learned about an all-important person she had befriended -- someone called Jesus. I imagine it was our parents who first brought many of us to learn Bible stories and worship in Christian community.

Matthew's Gospel invites believers to live into a more radical love -- a love even beyond that which we might hold for our biological families. Jesus calls us to serve others with unconditional love -- concretely, he tells us, by giving a cup of cold water to "one of these little ones."

Followers of Jesus are called to opt for a life practice more worthy, more selfless, more difficult, than we could ever imagine: to "take up" the "cross and follow me." Whoever welcomes someone sent by the Lord welcomes the Lord himself. By responding to the cry of the poor, and of the Earth, we "walk in the newness of life."

The call of Jesus is not a call to negation of love of our parents: It is deeper -- a renewed invitation. Today's text challenges us to place the love of Jesus' mission above all else. How will we respond to Jesus' invitation to live a broader, more profound, more worthy love of God, today?

(Living with Christ, June 2026) -- Joe Gunn

Readings:

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4.8-12a, 14-16

2nd Reading: Romans 6.3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10.37-42

For those raised in Christian families Jesus' words, about relatives being obstacles to the faith, may sound strange. But those who have joined the church as adults might relate to his words very well. Jesus is to be our primary relationship of love second to none, not even to our closest kin. Again, adult converts to the Christian faith may well relate better to Jesus' summons to lose one's life in order to find it than do born Christians, thus calling us all to ongoing and radical surrender. The instructions on hospitality link this Gospel passage to the first reading.

- Have your relatives ever been an obstacle to your Christian faith?
- Have you ever been forced to choose between Jesus and someone/something you love very dearly?
- Recall a time when you welcomed someone who affected your faith in Jesus.

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)



Happy Canada Day: This Canada Day, join us in praying for our nation. May God bless Canada and all who call it home with peace, unity, wisdom, and hope.

Weekly Mass Intentions: June 29 to July 5

June 29	Mon	9:00am	Mary Jean & Jorge Rodriguez (INT) Richard Palmer (RIP)
June 30	Tue	9:00am	Teresa Trinh Nguyen (RIP) Dominic Vu Nguyen (RIP) Caridad Apostol (RIP)
July 1	Wed	9:00am	Bonifacia & Bernardo Serquina (RIP) Anthony Rodrigo (RIP)
July 2	Thu	9:00am	Virginia & Patty Villa (RIP) Deceased members of the Tiu Family (RIP)
July 3	Fri	9:00am	Henry & Joyce Rebello (INT) Fernandes family (INT) Michael Velasco family (INT) Editha Cabredo (RIP)
July 4	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Fernandes family (INT) Cresencio Romero (RIP) Bernard Paul (RIP) Maureen Santuyo (RIP)
July 5	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Joyce & Henry Rebello (INT) Joseph & Maria Nguyen (RIP) Rodolfo Yason Sr. (RIP) Edita E Yason (RIP) Mario Zamora (RIP) Fortunato Santiago (RIP) For the people (INT) Alex Koenig (RIP)

Together in Action

The TIA 2026 is \$49,139.00
Collection up-to-date is \$38,952.00

Marian Week in the Rockies

Join young adults and pilgrims from across the diocese for Marian Week this coming **August 15-22**, in the heart of the Rockies. As part of our diocesan journey during the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, this sacred week offers a meaningful opportunity for prayer, pilgrimage, fellowship, and celebration as we deepen our faith and devotion together.

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday, July 1, 2026**. Office will be open on **Thursday, July 2, 2026** during regular office hours from 10am till 3pm.

There will be no bulletins issued during the months of July and August. Baptisms will still be held every Saturday, however, there will be no Baptism preparation course for the months of July and August.

**Saint of the Week -- June 29
Saint Peter and Saint Paul**

Tradition says these two apostles, honored since the earliest days, were martyred in Rome. Peter, a fisherman, was chosen by Jesus to be his disciple. After Simon confessed that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter and told him that it was on this rock (*petra*) that he would build his Church. Acts records that, after the Ascension, Peter was indeed the "chief of the Apostles." From the middle of the 3rd century onward, documents show that the bishops of Rome were recognized as the successors of Peter.

Paul was born in Tarsus, a Roman citizen raised and educated as a Pharisee. His experience of the risen Christ resulted in his conversion from a zealous persecutor of Christians to an apostle. In the Acts of the Apostles his friend Luke describes Paul's missionary journeys between the years 45 and 57, his return to Jerusalem, his subsequent arrest and his appeal to Caesar. Here history ends but tradition tells us that Paul was martyred for the faith about the year 66. Paul called himself the "Apostle of the Gentiles."

(Living with Christ, June 2026)

Cemetery Masses

Bishop McGrattan will celebrate Masses for the souls of the deceased buried at our Catholic cemeteries in Calgary and area. All are welcome!

- **Tue., Aug. 25 at 7pm** at Mountain View Cemetery Chapel
- **Wed., Aug. 26 at 7pm** at Edenbrook Cemetery Chapel
- **Tue., Sep. 1 at 7pm** at Queen's Park (outdoor)
- **Wed., Sep. 2 at 7pm** at St. Mary's Cemetery (outdoor)

Pilgrimage to Austria, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia & Hungary under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Jerry D'Souza, OCD has only 5 spots remaining.

For more information, please contact :
Tel: 905-412 3355; 1-800-565-3619
Email: group@qstours.com

The Anima Christi Youth Choir Open Rehearsal Event will be on June 26 at 5:00pm. Welcoming all prospective youth interested in joining the music ministry. No experience needed.

Accepting new members for the 12:30pm choir

We are pleased to announce that we are accepting new members who are gifted with music skills (singing or playing any instruments) for the 12:30pm choir and are dedicated and committed to attend practice for 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month, Sunday services and some special occasion for Christmas, Lent & Easter celebrations.

Unfurl the sails and let God steer us where he will.

-- St. Bede the Venerable