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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



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 30/31, 2026

Pastor:

Fr. Vijay Martin, OCD

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, 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)

TODAY'S INTERACTION BETWEEN Jesus and His disciples is jarring, for we see Jesus rebuke Peter, the rock on whom He will build His church.

In this moment, we encounter both Jesus' humanity and divinity. We see Him, as a man, struggle under the burden of the task to which God has called Him. As the Son of God, He will ultimately give His life for those whom He has never met and whom He loves unconditionally. Peter cannot fathom the possibility of this sacrifice, so he attempts to deny it. His response is unhelpful to Jesus. Pretending His death will not happen does not allow Jesus to prepare His disciples for the horror to come or to fill their hearts with the hope of the Resurrection.

Like Peter, we often try to insulate ourselves from hardships. We expect power, perfection or wealth will protect us from suffering. Yet Jesus warns us that there can be no hope of eternal life without these trials. Our God, having lived as one of us, knows our pain intimately. We must remember this hope in the face of overwhelming grief. We must place our trust in Him to guide us and share our burdens. Following Jesus, may we respond with empathy, compassion, and action as we share our burdens and those of the people around us.

(Living with Christ, August 2026) -- Elizabeth Chesley-Jewell

Readings:

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20.7-9

2nd Reading: Romans 12.1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16.21-27

What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? Once Jesus comes into our lives we cannot act and speak and live like we don't know Him. Knowing that He loves us so much that He let himself be hurt and killed for us makes us want to live like Him. The disciples left their homes, their families, their friends and their jobs to follow Jesus. Many people said they were crazy and didn't like them after that. The disciples didn't care, though, because they knew that being a follower of Jesus means living their lives the way that Jesus wants them to live. He wants us to follow the Ten Commandments, to love everyone and to make the world a better place. These are not always the easy things to do or the most popular, especially today. For example, it is hard to love and be nice to someone who is always mean to us. It is hard to tell a group of our friends that you don't like it when they tell jokes or talk about other people.

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

WELCOME

Fr. Vijay Martin, OCD Our new Pastor

There are some so restless that when they are free from labor they labor all the more, because the leisure they have for thought, the worse interior turmoil they have to bear.

-- St. Gregory the Great

Weekly Mass Intentions: Aug. 31 to Sep. 6

Aug. 31	Mon	9:00am	Warren Brown (INT) Mario Zamora (RIP)
Sep. 1	Tue	9:00am	Dorina Almazan (INT) Alejandra C Sanchez (RIP)
Sep. 2	Wed	9:00am	Rebello family thanksgiving (INT) Ryan Bauer (RIP)
Sep. 3	Thu	9:00am	Agnes Ibelo (INT) Valerie DeLay (INT)
Sep. 4	Fri	9:00am	Garilao family thanksgiving (INT) Moyra Walton (RIP)
Sep. 5	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Jasmine Fernandes (RIP) A.P. Joseph (RIP)
Sep. 6	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Jasmine Fernandes (RIP) Ethelvina Lobo (RIP) Stanley & Phyllis Fernandes (RIP) Anita Ungson (RIP) For the people (INT) Joseph Noulauhe (RIP)

Together in Action

The TIA 2026 is \$49,139.00
Collection up-to-date is \$49,541.00

2026 Diocesan Word Conference: The Word of God & Lifelong Faith Formation.

You are also warmly invited to attend, as evangelization & lifelong faith formation involve the whole parish community.

This year's conference asks:

How do we move from preparing people for the sacraments to accompanying them in a lifelong journey of discipleship?

What to expect:

- Three keynote presentations with Archbishop Paul-André Durocher
- Six practical breakout sessions focused on different stages of lifelong faith formation
- Concrete ideas and approaches to bring back to your parish or ministry and opportunities to connect with others in similar ministries

Fri., Oct. 2, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Sat., Oct. 3, 8:30am – 3:30pm

St. Mary's Cathedral & St. Mary's High School, Calgary

See the full program and register here (by Sep 25):

catholicyyyc.ca/wordconference

Cemetery Masses with Bishop McGrattan (Calgary & Area)

- **Tue., Sep. 1, at 7pm** at Queen's Park Cemetery (outdoor);
- **Wed., Sep. 2, at 7pm** at St. Mary's Cemetery (outdoor)

Saint of the Week -- September 3

Saint Gregory the Great

Saint Gregory was born about the year 540 into a wealthy Roman family. After brief but distinguished service as Chief Magistrate of Rome, Gregory resigned to become a Benedictine monk and used his great wealth to establish several monasteries. In 578 he was ordained deacon and sent to Constantinople as papal ambassador.

In 586 Gregory was recalled to Rome and became abbot. Four years later he was elected pope. His charity in feeding starving Romans, his protection of Jewish rights and his political diplomacy helped him earn the title 'Great.' Several centuries after his death, Gregory was credited with developing Gregorian chant, although this remains disputed.

He is known as the Apostle of England for sending missionaries there, including Augustine of Canterbury. Gregory, who died in 604, is a Doctor of the Church.

(Living with Christ, September 2026)

Catholic Men's Discernment Group

Save the date for a night of prayer and reflection with Fr. Derek Remus. Open to young unmarried men seeking to discern their vocation. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month from September to April and include reflections on how to discern God's will for one's life, silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and the Rosary.

Register at derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca

Fiat Retreat

Single women ages 16–39 who are open to exploring consecrated life are invited to a day of prayer, discernment and conversation

on Sat., Sep. 26, 8:30am–4pm at St. Luke's Catholic Church.

Fiat reflects Mary's response: "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Online registration is now open.

Sacrament of Confirmation

On line registration is now open.

Please visit our website at www.stthomasmore.ca

40 Hours Devotion for Vocations

Join the 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations in the Diocese of Calgary. When:

- [St. James Catholic Church, Calgary](#)
Thu., Sep. 24 at 4pm to Sun., Sep. 27 at 8am

- [St. Cecilia's Parish, Calgary](#)
Fri., Nov. 20 at 9:30am to Sun., Nov. 22 at 8am

This time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament invites the faithful to pray continuously for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

All are welcome to come for an hour or more.