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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



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 12/13, 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

Online registration is now open

Confirmation

Online registration is now open

Society of St. Vincent De Paul:

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

TODAY'S GOSPEL IS challenging. When Peter asks Jesus how often he should forgive, Jesus replies that there is no limit to forgiveness. In the parable he uses to illustrate this, Jesus reminds us that, as we are forgiven, so we must show mercy to others. The ungrateful servant in the parable misses this aspect of mercy.

When I was in high school, one of our classmates suffered an unthinkable tragedy. Her father was shot and killed at work. Her family was never the same. Later in life, I was in an airport and saw her name on the cover of a magazine. She was telling the story of meeting the man who had killed her father. Since then, she has dedicated her life to advocating for justice and teaching about healing through poetry. Her work continues to honor her father's memory.

Forgiveness is a messy business. We often hold onto grudges or hurts, rather than confront them. It is not in our nature to simply let go of injustice or pain. Such moments do, however, open a space for healing and transformation: the healing that was an integral part of Jesus' ministry. If we strive to model Christ in our lives, forgiveness must be part of our mission.

Coming together in communion today, may we be strengthened to forgive as we have been forgiven.

(Living with Christ, September 2026) -- Jan Bentham

Readings:

1st Reading: Sirach 27.30-28.7

2nd Reading: Romans 14.7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

In echoing Sirach's words from the first reading, Jesus makes his point very bluntly in this parable: the indispensable condition for being forgiven is to forgive others. This is a perennial warning to the church, then and now, that the ultimate value does not lie in displaying an inflexible law-driven rigidity, but in a generous spirit of love and joy which calls forth an equally generous response in others.

- How often have you had to forgive another in your lifetime?
- What do you find the hardest about forgiving another?
- Have you ever felt bound by another's unforgiveness toward you?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

Word Conference

How can our parishes move beyond sacramental preparation to accompany people in a lifelong journey of discipleship? Join Archbishop Paul-André Durocher and parish leaders from across the Diocese for keynotes and practical workshops on faith formation at every stage of life, including childhood, youth, adulthood, pastoral care and the renewed RCIA.

Oct. 2, 6:30-8:30pm and Oct. 3, 8:30am-3:30pm at

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

Weekly Mass Intentions: Sep. 14 to Sep. 20

Sep. 14	Mon	9:00am	Josephine Concio (INT) Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Jacob Pothén (RIP)
Sep. 15	Tue	9:00am	Heng Family (INT) Lita Darlucio (RIP)
Sep. 16	Wed	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Bienvenido Velasco (RIP) Elisa Davis (RIP)
Sep. 17	Thu	9:00am	Valerie DeLay (INT) Michael Velasco (INT)
Sep. 18	Fri	9:00am	Dennis Velasco (INT) Felicita Velasco (RIP)
Sep. 19	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Cheryl Faustina Manuel Heber (INT) Homero Zamora (RIP) Malini Fernando (RIP) Jackson Lawrence (INT) Eustacia & Reymundo Adriano (RIP)
Sep. 20	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Joseph Nguyen & Family (INT) Stanley & Phyllis Fernandes (RIP) Mario Zamora (RIP) For the people (INT)

Together in Action

The TIA 2026 is \$49,139.00
Collection up-to-date is \$50,216.00

**Sacraments of First Reconciliation &
First Holy Communion & Sacrament of Confirmation**

Online registration is now open.
Please visit our website at www.stthomasmore.ca

**Sacraments of First Reconciliation
& First Holy Communion**

Please note the mandatory orientation is on **Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 10am.**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is starting beginning **September 16, 2026 at 7pm.**
Classes are held every Wednesday evening at 7pm.

Dinner with the Priests

Please join us for an evening at a Dinner with the Priests on **Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026 from, 5:30pm to 9:30pm** immediately following the Saturday 4pm anticipated Mass. Tickets are \$20/person and will be available for sale after all Masses the weekend of Sep 12/13. There will only be (150) tickets sold so get yours early as they will go very fast. Proceeds from this event will go towards **Multiply the Hope Campaign** for our Building Fund. Thank you for your support.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are hospitalized in Calgary and want the Sacrament of the Sick, please call **403-231-9505**

**Saint of the Week -- September 13
Saint John Chrysostom**

Saint John Chrysostom lived from about 347 to 407. Born in Antioch, he was trained as an orator. In 374 he joined a community of hermits but returned to Antioch due to poor health. In 386 he was ordained and appointed preacher for the bishop. Famous for his eloquent sermons, he was named Archbishop of Constantinople in 398 and began a program of reform. Uncompromising in political and ecclesiastical affairs, he made enemies who eventually contrived to have him exiled. To avoid an uprising, John was taken away in secret, but died on the journey. After his death, he received the title 'Chrysostomos' ('golden mouth') in tribute to his powerful preaching. He is a patron of preachers.

(Living with Christ, September 2026)

RE: Sunday School: No resumption date

Dearest Sunday School Parents,
I'm reaching out to inform you that Sunday School classes would not hold for now because of construction works in the church's basement. A new resumption date would be communicated when activities can be held in the basement. We (the volunteers) look forward to sharing the faith with your child/children when we resume. If you are interested in being a Sunday School volunteer, please let me know.

Yours in Christ,
Loretta ENOFFE-LAUREL
Sunday School Coordinator

World Day of Migrants and Refugees Mass

Join us on **Sat., Sep. 26 at 5pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral in Calgary as we come together in prayer and solidarity to celebrate the gifts and contributions of migrants and refugees in our community. Mass will be followed by a reception, and all are welcome!

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Join us for a Eucharistic Celebration on **Wed., Sep. 30, 2026 at 5pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral on the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. All are welcome!

September 12/13 — Walk for Your School

Turn your steps into support for Catholic education! Join the **CCEF Valentine Memorial Walk/Run on September 27** and fundraise for the Calgary Catholic school that matters most to you.

Funds raised can support local school priorities including playgrounds, athletics, technology, fine arts and other student needs.

Choose your school and start fundraising today:
<https://bit.ly/CCEFwalkrun>

Jesus is happy to come with us, as truth is happy to be spoken, as life to be lived, as light to be lit, as love is to be loved, as joy to be given, as peace to be spread.

-- St. Francis of Assisi