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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



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 19/20, 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)

OUR GOD IS so generous! We benefit from the gifts of God's love and mercy. They are not earned: they are free gifts. As is our human nature, we can get caught up in what we think we deserve or what we feel we are entitled to, rather than receiving these gifts with awe and wonder at the generosity of God.

In the Gospel today, the workers hired at the beginning of the day thought they deserved more and complained that they received only what was promised when they saw others receive the same pay for less time worked. It is very human to want our "fair share," but when it comes to what God gives to us, it isn't about what we are entitled to, since we are not entitled to any of it. All is gift.

Entitlement and comparison can get in the way on our spiritual journey. If we could see, not from a self-centred perspective but from God's perspective, we would see that God gives us so much more than our "fair share" all the time! When we focus on an appreciation of God's generosity to us and to others, and hold this view in our hearts, there is no room left for comparison and entitlement, only gratitude. May God grant us humble and grateful eyes to see and appreciate all God's gifts.

(Living with Christ, September 2026) -- Kelly Bourke

Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 55.6-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1.20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

What is a parable and what does it do? "A parable is a concise story that is drawn from life, which when told to a particular audience, makes one point that challenges accepted views." All of these elements are present in the story Jesus tells. What is the kingdom of heaven like? That is the basic question one must ask, and today's passage provides the answer. The central point of the parable is not the wages paid to each group, but the owner. He is generous and it is God's generosity that is the basic issue.

- What is your reaction to this parable? Why?
- How does this parable connect to the first reading?
- Have we ever considered God to be acting unfairly toward us?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

Transitions

Transitions is an 18-week peer-led, God-centred support group that is designed to foster healing in its participants. It is facilitated within a confidential, safe, and respectful environment of community and belonging for individuals working through the pain of separation and divorce.

The group meets **7-9pm on Mondays, beginning Oct. 26, 2026.**

No fee to register -- limited spots are available.

Register now at catholicycyc.ca/transitions

Weekly Mass Intentions: Sep. 21 to Sep. 27

Sep. 21	Mon	9:00am	Moisan Family (INT) Heyab Baarez (INT) Procesa Musa (RIP)
Sep. 22	Tue	9:00am	Raquel Alonso (INT) Eufrecina Colar (RIP) Cecilia Dominguez (RIP)
Sep. 23	Wed	9:00am	Caesar Blanco (INT) Patrick Williams (INT)
Sep. 24	Thu	9:00am	Christine Blanco (INT) Thomas Blanco (INT)
Sep. 25	Fri	9:00am	Adam Sony (INT) Lamadrid thanksgiving (INT)
Sep. 26	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Dan Metuh thanksgiving (INT) Mario Zamora (RIP) Samuel Sr. & Nelida Aldecoa (RIP) Eustacia & Reymundo Adriano (RIP)
Sep. 27	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Joseph & Anna Tran (RIP) Stanley & Phyllis Fernandes (RIP) Teresita Vierende (RIP) Monica Ulit (RIP) For the people (INT) Rolman Lagaya thanksgiving (INT)

Together in Action

The TIA 2026 is \$49,139.00
Collection up-to-date is \$51,791.66

Sacrament of Confirmation

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

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 priced at \$20/person
Proceeds will go towards **Multiply the Hope Campaign** for our Building Fund. Thank you for your support.

Rosary Rally

Join the Legion of Mary for a Rosary Rally on Sat., Oct. 10 at 12pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. Gather outside the Cathedral parish office for the opening Legion of Mary prayers, followed by the full Rosary, praying all four sets of mysteries: Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious.

Like a Mighty River

Join the Calgary Catholic Charismatic Renewal Society (CCCRS) for three powerful days of prayer, worship, teaching and renewal in the Holy Spirit. **October 1-3, 2026 at St. Luke's Catholic Church.**
Register at cccsevents@gmail.com

Saint of the Week -- September 27**Saint Vincent de Paul**

Saint Vincent is the founder of the Congregation of the Missions (Vincentians) and co-founder of the Daughters of Charity. Born in France in 1580, the son of a peasant farmer, Vincent attended university and was ordained at 20. His first inclination was to earn a good income, but, appointed to the Queen's household, he came under the influence of Bérulle (later Cardinal), and became a changed man. Vincent devoted the rest of his life to acts of charity. He organized groups to provide food and clothing for all who were poor: orphans, prostitutes, the sick, the disabled, the homeless. He established a congregation to preach and to train clergy. He collected large sums of money for his many projects and his influence spread from France across Europe. He died in 1660, was canonized in 1737 and is a patron saint of charitable societies.

(Living with Christ, September 2026)

September 19/20 — One Week to Go!

There is still time to join the **CCEF Valentine Memorial Walk/Run on Sunday, September 27!**

Bring your family, walk or run alongside members of our Catholic community and raise funds for the Calgary Catholic school of your choice. Together, we can make our support for Catholic education visible throughout our community.

Register and start fundraising:

<https://bit.ly/CCEFwalkrun>

St. Francis: Blessings of the Pets

St. Francis had a special love for all of God's creatures, calling them brothers and sisters. Celebrate St. Francis' love for creation by bringing your pet to **Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre in Cochrane on Sun., Oct. 4 from 2:30pm to 4pm** for the annual blessing of animals, led by one of the Friars.

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!

Pastoral Ministry Training

The Diocese of Calgary invites individuals who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry. This Pastoral Care Training is designed for those who wish to support the sick, elderly, dying, homebound and bereaved members of their community. On **Saturdays, Oct. 31 and Nov. 7, 10am - 4pm at Ascension Parish, Calgary.** Register at catholiccycc.ca/pastoralcare.

*To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him, the greatest adventure;
to find him, the greatest human achievement.*

-St. Augustine of Hippo