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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



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 26/27, 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 closed

Confirmation

Online registration is now open

Society of St. Vincent De Paul:

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

WHEN I APPLY THE PRACTICE of Lectio Divina (the careful repeated reading of Scripture) to today's Gospel, what stands out for me is the first son's response. After initially refusing his father's request, "later he changed his mind and went."

As if to underline the importance of the son's changed stance, Jesus uses the same words to chastise the religious leaders who, even after experiencing the witness of John the Baptist, "did not change (their) minds and believe."

Change is undeniably challenging. It can make us feel resistant, helpless, out of control. But change is essential for growth to happen -- in nature, in our attitudes and actions, in our relationships and indeed in our spiritual journey.

The sons' change of mind is essentially *a conversion*. We are all in need of conversion -- not just once, but as an ongoing, lifelong process. And the good news is that ours is a God of infinite second chances. No matter what hurtful or guilty baggage may weigh us down, we are continually called by the God of love to newness of life. Today may we pray for the openness and courage to "change our mind" in response to God's invitation.

(Living with Christ, September 2026) -- Krystyna Higgins

Readings:

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18.25-28

2nd Reading: Philippians 2.1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32

In a short parable Jesus holds a mirror up to his opponents. The chief priests and elders were emblems of holiness, but they did not always practice what they preached. Like the first son, they say they are going to the vineyard, but they don't go. On the other hand, tax collectors and sinners rebel against God, but they repent. The message of Jesus is that openness and mercy are the way of God. If we use the same virtue in our relationships, there is hope that the lost may be found.

- Can we identify ourselves with either son? With both?
- When first told by our Lord, what would the reaction of the listeners have been? Would they have found themselves within the story?
- Does this story need to be re-told today? Addressed to whom?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

On Wed., Sep. 30, the Parish Office will be closed.

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 go towards **Multiply the Hope Campaign** for our Building Fund. Thank you for your support.

Weekly Mass Intentions: Sep. 28 to Oct. 4

Sep. 28	Mon	9:00am	Rebello family thanksgiving (INT) Bienvenido Velasco (RIP) Dale Young (RIP)
Sep. 29	Tue	9:00am	Adam Sony (INT) Rachael Ramaswamy (INT) Teresita Viernesa (RIP)
Sep. 30	Wed	9:00am	Agnes Ting (RIP) Lina Lantican (RIP) Magdalena Nemeth (RIP)
Oct. 1	Thu	9:00am	Carlos Serrano (RIP) Joseph & Maria Nguyen (RIP) Magdalena Nemeth (RIP)
Oct. 2	Fri	9:00am	Kevin Swapna (INT) Joseph Nguyen and family (INT) Magdalena Nemeth (RIP)
Oct. 3	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	O.P. Reynolds (INT) Carlos Serrano (RIP)
Oct. 4	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Martin Hlavacek (RIP) Stanley & Phyllis Fernandes (RIP) For the people (INT) Robert Lee (INT) Rosy Lee (INT)

Together in Action

The TIA 2026 is \$49,139.00
Collection up-to-date is \$52,336

Sacrament of Confirmation

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

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.

The Rosary in Concert

Join SFXC's St. Hildegard Singers for an evening of sacred music on **Sat., Oct 3, 7:30pm** at **St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary.** Buy ticket at catholiccyyc.ca/reg_sfxc.

Christian Life Program

Couples for Christ invites singles and couples ages 19+ to the Christian Life Program, an eight-session journey to deepen understanding of God's call to Christian life. **Saturday, Oct. 17 - Nov. 21 6pm, Corpus Christi Parish Hall, Calgary.** Free! Contact Marlon/Jhenny at 587-710-4579.

**Saints of the Week -- September 29
Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are three of the seven archangels who stand before God and are venerated in both Jewish and Christian traditions. While once dedicated solely to Michael (Michaelmas), this date now commemorates all three.

Michael ('Who is like the Lord?'), considered the special protector of Israel (Dan 12.1) and of the Church, is known as the 'captain of the heavenly host'. (Rev 12.7-9).

Gabriel ('God is mighty') foretold the coming of the Messiah to the prophet Daniel (Dan 9). Luke records the appearances of this 'angel of the Lord' to Zechariah and to Mary of Nazareth (Luke 1).

Raphael ('God heals') identifies himself as one of the angels who bring prayers before God (Tobit 12). He is Associated with the healing pool in Jerusalem (John 5).

(Living with Christ, September 2026)

The Power of the Holy Spirit**Catholic Education Week takes place October 17-23,**

with Catholic Education Sunday celebrated on October 18. This year's theme, *The Power of the Holy Spirit*, is inspired by Romans 15:13 and calls us to be people of hope, joy and faith. Across Calgary, Airdrie, Cochrane and Chestermere, more than **64,000 students in 120 Calgary Catholic schools** experience the gift of Catholic education each day. Please keep students, families and educators in your prayers as we prepare to celebrate together.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Eucharistic Celebration on **Wed., Sep. 30, 2026 at 5pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral
All are welcome!

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

St. Gabriel's Fundraising Dinner

Join St. Gabriel Parish for a fundraising dinner on **Sat., Oct. 24, at 6pm at Chestermere Rec Centre**, featuring food, music, dancing, a silent auction, and special guest Bishop William T. McGrattan. Tickets are \$70. Purchase tickets -- call the parish office at 403-455-0196.

The Truly righteous are set apart from the world because they produce the fruits of grace in their actions.

-- St. Clement of Alexandria