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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



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 17/18, 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:

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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)

WE MAY HAVE numerous requests and expectations as to where to give our energies and resources. Our own interests and desires also dictate how we spend our time and money, and these may not be in harmony. How do we discern what is best? How do we judge where to give our attention at any given time?

In today's Gospel, Jesus' clever answer to the Pharisees' question (about whether to pay taxes) teaches us how to discern our priorities. As followers of Jesus, we are invited by God to a response beyond what is merely required of us as citizens in a secular society. Our energy, talents, and resources, indeed our very lives, come from God, and we are meant to use them to contribute to God's redeeming work in our world.

On this Sunday, we will do well to remember having a mission is about pursuing life's deepest meaning. Today let us take time to give thanks for the particular mission to which we are called, both at this time in our lives and as we look towards the future.

Bearing in mind the wider context in which we live, let us also give our support and prayers to all who undertake to spread the good news of the gospel by word and action.

(Living with Christ, October 2026) -- Beth Porter

Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 45.1, 4-6

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.1-5ab

Gospel: Matthew 22.15-21

The Roman Empire in Christ's time was deemed to include the entire civilized world. Some welcomed Rome's rule, others seethed with resentment. The Roman leader Pompey captured Jerusalem in 63 BC and levied an excessive tax. The taxes were a constant and painful reminder of the people's subjugation. Local individuals were hired by the Roman officials and made their living by collecting taxes from other Jews. Therefore, these tax collectors were viewed as collaborators with the enemy. The coin bore the profile of the Emperor Tiberius. Around the edge it read: "Tiberius Caesar, Son of the Divine Augustus." Jesus' reply was like saying: "Well if this is Caesar's face and name on the coin, it must belong to him. You better give it back to him."

- What belongs to God? How is it given back to Him?
- What challenge does Christ's final reply offer us?
- How should Christians behave when it comes to their duties as citizens of a country?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

Red Mass

The Saint Thomas More Lawyers' Guild of Calgary invites **legal professionals**, their families, and all who wish to attend the annual Red Mass with Bishop William McGrattan on **Thu., Oct. 22, 2026 at 5pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral. A reception with guest speaker Paul Brandt will follow at 6pm; tickets are required -- visit www.catholicyy.ca/news

Weekly Mass Intentions: Oct. 19 to Oct. 25

Oct. 19	Mon	9:00am	Norma Wedge (RIP) Brigitte Ortholf (RIP) Malini Fernando (RIP)
Oct. 20	Tue	9:00am	Fr. Vijay (INT) Christine Hendrix (RIP) Juan Arzadon (RIP)
Oct. 21	Wed	9:00am	R. Anthony Muthu (RIP) Menino & Ana Pinto (RIP) Walter Erickson (RIP)
Oct. 22	Thu	9:00am	Mel Gaoat (RIP) Salud Gaoat (RIP)
Oct. 23	Fri	9:00am	Bert Valeroso (RIP) Paul & Celsa Pinto (RIP)
Oct. 24	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Ndidi Metuh thanksgiving (INT) Christopher Fernandes (RIP) Albert & Bee-Soo Lee (RIP)
Oct. 25	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Joseph & Anna Tran (RIP) Zeray Gebremariam (RIP) For the people (INT) Williams Clement (RIP) Saba Baarez special intentions (INT) Gloria Aves (RIP)

Together in Action

The TIA 2026 is \$49,139.00
Collection up-to-date is \$54,900.00

MASS EXPLAINED

Join us as we discuss about the Mass
every Tuesday at 6:00pm in the Large Basement Hall

Brother Francis: Rebuild My Church --Theatrical Production

Experience the story of St. Francis of Assisi and his call to rebuild the Church in a special theatre production featuring parishioners and children of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Calgary. Performances are **Fri., Oct. 30 at 7pm; Sat., Oct. 31, at 6pm; and Sun., Nov. 1, at 1:30pm.** To get tickets, contact Our Lady of Fatima Parish at 403-273-0621.

Cenacles of the Marian Movement Priests

Join priests, religious and the faithful for a time of prayer and fraternal love in an authentic cenacle, following the example of the apostles gathered with Our Lady in the Upper Room. **Mon., Oct. 19 from 2-6pm at St. Bonaventure Church,** with a reception to follow. For more information, contact Susana at 403-498-8809, Catherine at 403-921-4056 or Marjorie at 403-926-5798.

Transitions

Transitions is an 18-week peer-led support group fostering healing for separated and divorced individuals working through their pain in a safe, confidential environment. Meets **Mondays, 7-9pm, starting Oct. 26, 2026.** Free registration (limited spots). Register at catholicyc.ca/transitions.

Saint of the Week -- October 20 Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

Margaret was born in 1647 in Burgundy, France. At 14, having been cured of a lengthy illness, she decided to become a nun. It was not until 1671, however, that she was able to enter the Visitation convent at Paray-le-Monial. Between 1673 and 1676 she experienced four visions concerning the Sacred Heart, and was told to record them by her confessor, the brilliant Jesuit Claude la Colombière. By 1686 the community too was honoring the heart of Jesus, and in 1688 a chapel in the garden was consecrated to the Sacred Heart. Two years later Margaret died, but the devotion she had begun at Paray was now firmly established.

(Living with Christ, October 2026)



St Vincent de Paul
(Serving families in need in our area)

“World Day of the Poor” is in November. Our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers prepare and deliver an average of 55 hampers a month which feeds 100 adults and 95 children. Volunteers from St. Vincent de Paul and our Knights of Columbus will be handing out envelopes over the weekends of Oct. 25 and Nov. 1. Your donation will go toward the purchase of food for food hampers, that will help feed families in need in our area.

Catholic Education Sunday October 17/18, 2026

This weekend, we join Catholic communities across Alberta in giving thanks for the extraordinary gift of **Catholic education.** This year’s theme is **“The Power of the Holy Spirit,”** inspired by the words of St. Paul: *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

For generations, we have lived that relationship tangibly here in the Diocese of Calgary through the

Catholic Education Sunday second collection.

This second collection is a legacy — a gift first established by the late Bishop Frederick Henry to support our Catholic schools, and one that Bishop McGrattan continues and reaffirms today.

Catholic education matters — for our students, for our Church, and for the communities we serve.

On behalf of all the students and communities you bless with your kindness, thank you for your prayers and support.

St. Gabriel’s Fundraising Dinner

Join St. Gabriel Parish for a fundraising dinner on **Sat., Oct. 24 at 6pm at Chestermere Rec Centre.** To purchase tickets, call 403-455-0196.

Our Lord has created persons for all states in life, and in all of them we see people who achieved sanctity by fulfilling their obligations well. -- St. Anthony Mary Claret