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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 Parishioner

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 24/25, 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:

On-line registration is now open.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul:

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

A WISE MENTOR advised me, when managing conflict situations, to “look for every opportunity to surprise them.” In today’s Gospel passage, Jesus does just that. A crafty lawyer tries to trap Jesus with a trick question. Jesus doesn’t fall into the trap. He surprises everyone by responding with love, setting out God’s two-fold commandment to love.

Jesus provides the lawyer and his companions with a clear answer, summarizing all of his teaching and the Law. Love of God and love of neighbour cannot be separated. Love is not simply a feeling: it is an action, a commitment, a way of living. Answering as he does, Jesus doesn’t only talk about love, but puts love into action.

The American philosopher Cornel West has said, “Justice is what love looks like in public.” How do others know that we love them, and that our love of God is more than words? They know that we love when we stand up for those who are oppressed or made poor; when we walk with those on the margins of society and thus make the circle fuller and wider; when we truly listen; and when we give not from our excess but with a sense of sharing that unites humanity. To do justice is to put flesh on love, love of God and neighbour.

(Living with Christ, October 2026) - Anne M. Walsh

Readings:

1st Reading: Exodus 22.21-27

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22.34-40

The Law of Moses contained 613 regulations, and in theory, all were to be observed with equal fervour. But religious teachers saw some as more important than others, some being “light” and some being “heavy”. The lawyer who asked Jesus what he regarded as the greatest commandment wanted to know how the Torah (God’s law) is to be put into practice in daily life. Jesus responds by removing the love of God and the love of neighbour from any list of religious laws and observances. He puts love of God and human love on the same plane, making them the background and texture of all teaching and behavior.

- How do we show our love for God? How would we describe it?
- How do we think we measure up when it comes to loving our neighbour?
- How do we define the term “neighbour”?
- Why is love of God and love of neighbour bound together?
- Why does Matthew mention law and prophets as being fulfilled by his commandment?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun., Nov. 1, 2026: All Saints Day – Masses are at 8:30am, 10:30am 12:30pm and 5pm.

Mon., Nov. 2, 2026: All Souls Day – Masses are at 9am and 7pm only.

Weekly Mass Intentions: Oct. 26 to Nov. 1

Oct. 26	Mon	9:00am	George PD, Alice & family (INT) Ukbatsion Gebremariam (INT) Ignatius Rosario (RIP)
Oct. 27	Tue	9:00am	Claudine Fernandes (RIP) Mathew & Celine (RIP) Cesar Baltazar (RIP)
Oct. 28	Wed	9:00am	Sacrament Coelho (RIP)Miguel Doropan (RIP)
Oct. 29	Thu	9:00am	Zachary Boisse (INT) Romy Punzalan (RIP) Barbi Villasenor (RIP)
Oct. 30	Fri	9:00am	Henok Baarez (INT) Brigitte Ortholf (RIP) Robert Robidoux (RIP)
Oct. 31	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Mary Pinto & Aimee Crisostomo (INT) Albert & Bee-Soon Lee (INT) Annalyn & Lemuel Santos (RIP) Lanie Pedere & Hector Berina (RIP)
Nov. 1	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	For the People (INT) Juan & Rosalina Casocot (RIP) N. Murray & Patrick McKeown (INT) Shiju Alvy & family (INT) Jose Musa (RIP) Lee Yet Kwong (RIP) Isagani Mateo & Rainier Giron (RIP)

TOGETHER IN ACTION

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

Memorial Liturgy

Those grieving the loss of a child through miscarriage or stillbirth are invited to a memorial liturgy with Bishop McGrattan on Tue., Nov. 10, 2026 at 7pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. Gather in prayer to commend these children to the embrace of our merciful God and support families who are grieving. All are welcome.

Challenging Expectations through Sacred Music

What happens when young people are challenged to explore the rich traditions of sacred music? At St. Thomas More Parish, the Anima Christi Youth Choir is discovering the beauty of Gregorian Chant, sacred harmonies, and sung prayer. Read how this Parish Renewal Initiative is helping young people grow in faith, friendship, and service while inspiring the wider parish community.

Feed the Hungry Winter Gifts

Share God's love this Christmas by supporting the Feed the Hungry Winter Gifts Drive! Donate new mittens, gloves, socks, and toques to bring warmth and comfort to Feed the Hungry guests during the winter months. Donations can be dropped off at St. Mary's Parish Office, Tue. to Fri. from 8:30am to 4pm, until Thu., Dec. 17, 2026.

Installation of the Pastor

Most Rev. Bishop William McGrattan will install Rev. Vijay Martin on
Saturday, November 7, 2026 at the 4pm Mass.

Saints of the Week - October 28

Saint Simon & Saint Jude

The names of Simon and Jude appear in New Testament lists of the apostles but little else is known about either. Since there are two apostles named Simon and two named Judas (Luke 6.14-6 and Acts 1.13), these are distinguished as Simon the Zealot and Judas the son (or the brother) of James, the others being Simon Peter and Judas Iscariot.

Simon is surnamed the Cananaean or the Zealot, names which refer to his zeal for the Law. Jude (Judas) is also called Thaddeus (Matthew 10.4 and Mark 3.18); the one mention of him outside of the lists is in John (14.22 - 23) where he is referred to as "Judas (not Iscariot)."

Traditionally, both these apostles suffered martyrdom. In a later tradition, Jude became a patron saint of so-called hopeless causes.

(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.

Anointing of the Sick

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

All Hallow's Eve Adoration

Celebrate All Hallow's Eve on **Saturday, October 31 at St. Cecilia Parish** with its second annual Halloween Eucharistic Vigil. The evening begins with Mass at 5pm, followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 6pm to midnight. Join in prayer as you prepare your heart for the Solemnity of All Saints.

Called to Heal: A Vocation of Compassion & Faith

What makes caring for the sick more than a profession? At the annual White Mass, Bishop McGrattan reminded healthcare workers that their work is not only a service, but a calling from God to bring Christ's compassion to the sick and vulnerable.