

St. Thomas More Parish: 15 Templebow Road NE, Calgary AB T1Y 6J3



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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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 31/Nov. 1, 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)

POPE FRANCIS REMINDED us often during his pontificate that we are called to holiness. It is constitutive to our baptism. We are made in the image and likeness of God, and there is a deep longing within us to be perfect in how we love. We strive to love as God, who is perfect, loves. The sacraments, especially the Eucharist, feed and encourage us to become what we receive.

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus offer the Beatitudes to the crowds. These statements seem paradoxical when understood as the world might understand them. Jesus is teaching his disciples, and us, how grace works for those with faith, no matter the circumstances.

Whatever path we walk, we know that God's grace is enough. We are blessed when we embrace these teachings and live as they prescribe: we become holy as God is holy. If we spend time in prayer with the Beatitudes this week, we will be led by the Spirit to dwell in their meaning.

On this feast of All Saints, let us take up the challenge. Let us emulate the saints and Jesus, our brother and friend, by loving fully and completely all whom we meet. When we do not make the mark, let us ask for forgiveness and seek grace in the sacraments, in order to start again.

(Living with Christ, November 2026) - Sr. Pat Carter, CSJ

Readings: 1st Reading: Revelation 7.2-4, 9-14

2nd Reading: 1 John 3.1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12a

The Beatitudes could be described as one of Jesus' greatest teaching moments. In the Gospel of Matthew there is also a beautiful set of guidelines known as the "antithesis" found in chapter 5:21-48 which expand upon the Beatitudes and deepen Christ's call to live them out.

- Pick one Beatitude that challenges you.
- Is there a common link/theme that underlines the teachings of all the Beatitudes?
- Is there a project your local parish could take on using one of the Beatitudes as a theme?
- In light of the celebration of All Saints Day this Sunday, is there one particular saint who inspires you to live the Beatitudes? Share what they mean to you.

(Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)

**Remembrance Day: A Day to honor sacrifice and embrace peace
November 11, 2026. Parish office is closed on this day.**

*Make yourself familiar with the angels and behold them frequently in spirit.
Without being seen, they are present with you.*

-- St. Francis de Sales

Weekly Mass Intentions: Nov. 2 to Nov. 8

Nov. 2	Mon	9:00am	Jennifer Molina (INT) George & Alice (RIP)
		7:00pm	Bienvenido Velasco (RIP) Mario Zamora (RIP) Jose & Procesa Musa (RIP)
Nov. 3	Tue	9:00am	Jennifer Molina (INT) Jonathan De Wolfe (INT) Uche & Kachi Nwogu (INT)
Nov. 4	Wed	9:00am	Jennifer Molina (INT) Mona Langill (INT) Cyril & Martina (INT) Letty Paulite (RIP) Gabriel Tran (RIP)
Nov. 5	Thu	9:00am	Jennifer Molina (INT) Fr. Jerry (INT) Jordan Jarvis (INT) Josephine Mercado (RIP)
Nov. 6	Fri	9:00am	Jennifer Molina (INT) Cole Jarvis (INT) Alfonso Mapanao (INT) Fr. Joseph Walsh (RIP)
Nov. 7	Sat	9:00am	Jennifer Molina (INT) Salvin Sento & families (INT) Aidan Boisse (INT) Msgr. Roberto Guiuan (RIP)
		4:00pm	Adrienne Cadduan (INT) Lloyd & Max Rodrigues (RIP)
Nov. 8	Sun	8:30am	Emmanuel Fonseca (RIP) Jim Walton (RIP)
		10:30am	Jennifer Molina Eleazar Nilles (RIP)
		12:30pm	Oscar & Rosita Valencia (RIP)
		5:00pm	For the People (INT) Myrna Mateo (RIP)

TOGETHER IN ACTION

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

Permanent Diaconate Ordination

All are welcome to join Bishop William T. McGrattan for the ordination of seven men to the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Calgary: **Rafael Dadivas, Carlo Flores Gil, Grant Gay, Cruzel Lacao, Jason Openo, Roy Rebustillo and Alberto Sia Lu.** **Saturday, Nov. 14 at 11am, St. Mary's Cathedral.** Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare for ordination. Reception to follow.

Attention: All Lectors

Lector's meeting on **Wednesday, November 3, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Church.**

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

All Saints Day – November 1

This feast honors all the saints of the Church, known and unknown. The occasion provides an opportunity to reflect on the nature of sainthood and to celebrate the exemplary faithfulness of holy men and women of every place and time whose lives and deeds continue to inspire us. Originally a feast in the Eastern Church for all martyrs, it was extended to the whole Roman Church in the 9th century as a feast including non-martyrs. It was given this date, November 1, to counter a pagan feast on the same day. In England it was called All-hallows. ('Hallow' is from the Old English word for 'holy'). Thus 'Hallowe'en', a vestige of this pagan celebration, is from Allhallows even, or 'the eve of All Saints.'

(Living with Christ, November 2026)

Red Wednesday Mass

Join Catholics around the world in praying for persecuted Christians on Red Wednesday, **Nov. 18.** Wear red and join Bishop McGrattan for Mass at **7:30pm at St. John Apostle Chaldean Church.** Check with your parish for other local Masses, prayer services, and Red Wednesday observances.

Fr. Jerry's Birthday Celebration

Please join us in celebrating Fr. Jerry's Birthday on **Thu., Nov. 5, 2026, at 6pm** in the large basement hall. Please bring along one dish you would like to share.

Eucharistic Miracles of the World

Visit the exhibition on Nov. 13-15 at St. Cecilia's Parish featuring Confession and 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations. Admission is free, with donations welcome. Open Friday and Saturday, 9:30am-8pm, and Sunday, 9:30am-3pm.

Natural Family Planning

Engaged and married couples in Calgary Diocese are invited to an introductory session on Natural Family Planning (NFP), a practical and ethical approach to understanding fertility to achieve or avoid pregnancy. Please attend one date that works best for you: Thu., on Nov. 19, 2026; Jan. 7, Mar. 4, May 6, or July 8, 2027, from 7-9pm. Call 403-218-5521 to register.