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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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 7/8, 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)

AS WE JOURNEY along the spiritual path, over time we gain human wisdom and experience. But divine wisdom offers us much more. Both human and divine wisdom are found in today's readings.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about wise and foolish bridesmaids, and their foresight or lack thereof. In researching why bridesmaids, needed oil, I learned that, at that time, one task of the bridesmaids was to accompany the bridegroom at night, leading him through dark streets to his waiting beloved. If the bridesmaids ran out of oil, their lamps were useless.

Jesus' teaching about the bridesmaids is asking more of us as believers than simple vigilance. We too are invited to be aware and to prepare, as we continue to seek a deeper union with our Beloved. The way of faith, as we follow Christ, is as winding as a forest path. It takes planning and awareness, patience and foresight as we journey towards the ultimate wedding banquet awaiting us.

What more am I being asked to do at this time, to be better prepared for union with my Beloved at the Eucharist? What deeper wisdom is available to me as I continue on my journey, towards everlasting divine union?

(Living with Christ, November 2026) – Karen S. Lahaise

Readings: 1st Reading: Wisdom 6.12-16
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13

Jesus seems to be utilizing a bit of comic relief in this parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids by taking a common experience such as a wedding and turning it into a very uncommon experience by extrapolating the possibilities of what could happen. Holiness is like the much-needed lamp oil—it can't be borrowed from someone else.

- How does the image of a wedding, used to describe Jesus' second coming, speak to you?
- What meaning do each of these images in the parable convey to you? the bridegroom | the bridesmaids | the lighted lamps (which were small and hand-held) | oil for the lamps
- Recall a time when you missed an invitation from God. Why did you miss it? What did you learn from this experience?
- How can we prepare to meet Christ – in our everyday life and at our death?

(Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)

Remembrance Day – Wed., Nov. 11, 2026

Canadians pause in silence on Nov. 11 to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the World. This is a day to pray for peace and to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community, and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world. **Please note: The office will be closed on Wed., Nov. 11, 2026 in observance of Remembrance Day.**

Weekly Mass Intentions – Nov. 9 – Nov. 15			
Nov. 9	Mon	9:00am	Jennifer Molina (INT) Walton family (INT) Angelita & Filemon Rodis (RIP) Sergio Longinotti (RIP)
Nov. 10	Tue	9:00am	Jennifer Molina (INT) Susanna Walton (INT) Eufemia & Emerito Blas (RIP)
Nov. 11	Wed	9:00am	Francisco Betonio (RIP) Florence & Victor Gorel (RIP) Betty Lambertus (RIP) Walter Erickson (RIP)
Nov. 12	Thu	9:00am	Lisa Lawrence (INT) Carol Goodrich (INT) Nancy & Larry Huynh (INT)
Nov. 13	Fri	9:00am	Fr. Vijay (INT) Gianni Bilgera (INT) Dolores & Hilario Betonio (RIP)
Nov. 14	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Mario Zamora (RIP) Maria Le (RIP) Thanksgiving Serrano (INT) Marvin Juares (RIP)
Nov. 15	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Shawn Vensel (RIP) Venicio & Dora Da Costa (RIP) Joseph & Anna Tran (RIP) Mario Zamora (RIP) Deceased Legion of Mary (RIP) For the people (INT)

TOGETHER IN ACTION

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

St. Vincent de Paul
(Serving families in need within our Parish boundary)
Hampers requested and served:

Month	No. of hampers	Adults served	Children served
Oct.	71	136	97
Sep.	87	167	148

We are currently in need of canned tomatoes, pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned fruit and canned meat. Any canned or boxed food is most welcome. **We can also use clean reusable bags.** Place food items and reusable bags in the food bin in the foyer. If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation there are envelops above the food bin located in the foyer. The secured box for donations is located above the food bin.
Thank you for your past food and financial donations.

Saint of the Week
Saint Albert the Great – November 15

Born in Swabia about 1206, Albert was the son of a German count who objected to his son's joining the newly founded Dominican Order. Albert earned a doctorate from the University of Paris and taught theology there and in Köln. Thomas Aquinas (1225-74), one of his students, became a close friend and fellow scholar.

Albert received the title 'Great' from his contemporaries in recognition of his intellectual gifts. He developed original ideas, was an accomplished philosopher, scientist, theologian, administrator and teacher, and a keen student of Arabic learning and culture. Albert is best known for adapting for theologians Aristotle's works in philosophy and logic. He initiated the Scholastic method (application of Aristotelian methods to Christian doctrine), developed at length by Thomas Aquinas. Albert died on this day in 1280 and was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1931. He is a patron saint of scientists.

(Living with Christ, November 2026)

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. When: **Sat., 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.

Contemplative Prayer Retreat

Spend a silent weekend learning and practising Christian contemplative prayer, with guided prayer sessions, private accommodations and meals included. When: **Fri.-Sun., Nov. 20-22, Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre, Cochrane.** The retreat begins Friday afternoon and concludes Sunday at 1pm.
Register online or call 403-932-2012.

Solo Parent/Person Encounter

A faith-filled weekend for solo parents and individuals to pause, reconnect with God, and find healing, support and renewed strength in Christian community.
When: **Fri. -Sun., Nov. 20-22, Entheos Retreat Centre, Calgary.** Open to widowed, divorced or separated persons, single parents, singles 40+, and others navigating family separation or caregiving circumstances.
Contact 403-688-3577 or info@osgcalgary.com.