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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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 14/15, 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)

WHAT IS A master really like? This question relates to today's Gospel, but also to our lives. The three slaves in the Gospel have the same master, but they view him differently. The third slave considers him impossible to please and does nothing. The other slaves don't hesitate to invest the money and to let the master know what they accomplished. They behave comfortably, not fearfully. Why the difference?

Maybe they are just confident or self-important. Maybe they are proud of the job they did. However, if the master is a tyrant, arrogance or pride will not be enough to give the slaves peace of mind around him.

Instead, maybe they are comfortable around him because they know and trust him. Maybe they have spent more time with him or spoken to him more than the third slave has. The strength of their relationship would then give them a sense of what the master wants them to do with the money.

God, our master, is the antithesis of a tyrant. Even so, it is not easy to see how He is working in our lives and what He is asking of us. We need to spend time with Him, in prayer, Scripture, and spiritual reading, to understand His loving nature, to trust Him and to determine how He wants us to use our gifts.

(Living with Christ, November 2026) – Kate Larson

Readings:1st Reading: Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30

This Gospel blends well not only with the texture of faith and good work in the larger section of Matthew's Gospel but also with one of Matthew's minor themes, the paralyzing effect of cowardice. Rather than being "next world" preoccupied, our faith should help us fulfill our earthly responsibilities and make the world a better reflection of the kingdom of God. We, perhaps, think of the master as being unjust in his distribution but even the one talent was an enormous wealth and talents were distributed according to each one's ability. The intention was to draw upon the abilities of each and for them to make the best use of the talents.

- God has gifted each of us in so many ways. Name a gift that you have received and how you feel called to use it to serve your family or others?
- Name some accomplishments that has helped to define your life. What does it say to you, to others, about who you are?
- What talent that you have been given, have you buried or left undeveloped? Is there some long put-off or half-finished task around the home that needs your attention this week?

(Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)

Love aright and you will never be sad. Embrace God's will and you will be filled with joy and peace. -- St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Weekly Mass Intentions – Nov. 16 – Nov. 22			
Nov. 16	Mon	9:00am	Luz Quilal-Lan (INT) Laurent Foulonneau (INT) Soledad & Jose Yu (RIP)
Nov. 17	Tue	9:00am	Velasco family (INT) Victoria Moroz (RIP) Lilia Liago (RIP)
Nov. 18	Wed	9:00am	Ziona Milton (INT) Cecilia Fritze (INT) Lionel & Yvonne LeBlanc (RIP)
Nov. 19	Thu	9:00am	Rebello thanksgiving (INT) Ziona Milton (INT) Malini Fernando (RIP)
Nov. 20	Fri	9:00am	Jeff Lawrence (INT) Ziona Milton (INT) Louis Verberne (RIP)
Nov. 21	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Ida Crisostomo (INT) Mario Zamora (RIP) Samuel Sr. & Nelida Aldecoa (RIP) Napoleon Escanlar (RIP)
Nov. 22	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Joseph & Maria Nguyen (RIP) Rustico Medina Jr. (RIP) Juan Francisco Bagitas (RIP) Joan Diaz (INT) For the people (INT) Emily De Wolfe (INT)

TOGETHER IN ACTION

The TIA 2026 is $49,139.00
Collection up-to-date is $58,913.00

St. Vincent de Paul
Christmas Hampers

We will be preparing and delivering Christmas hampers in December. Families in need have been referred to us by schools in our parish boundary. You can help by purchasing a children's gift. Gift tags are located by the small Christmas tree in the foyer. Consider donating an **unwrapped** gift for ages 1-9 years old or a $30.00 gift card for ages 10-17 years old. These can be dropped off by the small Christmas tree by December 6. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Explained

Join us as we learn and discuss about the Mass every Tuesday at 6:00pm in the large basement hall.
All are welcome!

Missals for 2027

Missals for 2027 are here and as usual at $5.00 each.

Congratulations to Cruzel Lacao for being ordained as a permanent Deacon!

Saint of the Week
Saint Gertrude – November 16

All we know of Gertrude's life comes from her own writings. She was born on Epiphany 1256 and at the age of five was placed in the care of the Benedictine Nuns at Helfta in Saxony, where she studied under Mechtilde of Hackborn. A promising scholar of the humanities, Gertrude eventually became a nun.

When she was nearly 25, she received the first of many visions. In time, these experiences were recorded. Although her visions and spiritual instructions comprise five books, only the second is her own composition. This book alone shows the depth of her spiritual and intellectual gifts.

Meanwhile, Gertrude was also recording the mystical experiences of Mechtilde. These works are extant and, because of the great influence of the nuns of Helfta, have lately been of interest to theologians. Gertrude died in 1301, and although she was never officially canonized, her feast is in the general calendar of the Roman Rite.

(Living with Christ, November 2026)

Red Wednesday – Nov. 18

This year, Red Wednesday Mass with Bishop McGrattan will be held at St. John Apostle Chaldean Church (2523 56 St. NE, Calgary) at 7:30pm (not at the Cathedral). Reception to follow. All are welcome!

Retreat for Unemployed Persons

A retreat for those experiencing unemployment, offering a supportive space for reflection, prayer, listening and hope during a time of transition. When: **Fri.-Sat., Nov. 27-28 at FCJ Retreat & Conference Centre, Calgary.** Led by Mirna Farahat and Suzanne Clease. Freewill offering.

Feed the Hungry Winter Gifts

Support the Feed the Hungry Winter Gifts Drive by donating new mittens, gloves, socks, and toques to bring warmth and comfort to Feed the Hungry guests. Drop donations off at St. Mary's Parish Office, **Tue., to Fri., from 8:30am to 4pm, until Thu., Dec. 17, 2026.**

Women of the Bible

Join the Calgary Diocesan CWL for the final session of its three-week mini Bible study on Women of the Bible. On **Mon., Nov. 16, from 7-8:30pm,** discover the story of Mary Magdalene, presented by Lil Szentmiklossy.
Bring your bibles!