

# 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**

*A collaborative ministry of the Carmelite Fathers and Lay Parishioners*



## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 25/26, 2025

### **Pastor:**

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

### **Associate Pastor:**

Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

### **Permanent Deacons:**

Deacon Norman Dumais

Deacon Dale Laing

### **Deacon in Training:**

Cruzell Lacao

### **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:**

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:

After the morning Mass

Saturday: 3:00pm to 3:45pm

### **Baptisms:**

An initial appointment with

one of the Priests is required

before attending a session.

### **Confirmation:**

Registration is open online.

### **Society of St. Vincent De Paul:**

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

In today's readings we are presented with the image of Jesus as our teacher — a teacher whose wisdom was captured in the narrative form of the Gospels. Do you ever reflect on your role as a student of Christ? The role of a student is to learn and then prepare to practise what has been studied. Prayer and attentive reception of the Word of God are how we participate in this activity with Our Lord. We can look to the examples of others who preceded us, such as the apostles in the Gospel.

Students need good source materials from which they can learn. Learning comes from exploring these texts from the point of view of our own story; or when studying the Gospel, perhaps aligning our story to the ultimate story of Christ's life as described by the evangelists in the Gospels.

Reflecting on the words of Scripture today, we are reminded of the role both the Law and the Scriptures (both New and Old) plays in our lives. Their careful study can reveal insights to guide and inspire us with our daily lives and the many decisions we are called to make every day.

Let us be grateful for the tradition into which we were baptized, as it presents us with many teachings that can help us as we try to follow Jesus Christ.

*Living with Christ, January 26, 2025, John O'Brien*

**Readings: 1st Reading: Nehemiah 8.2-4a, 5-6, 8-10**

**2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.12-30**

**Gospel: Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21**

Luke intends to present an "orderly account", not in a factual chronological order, but to provide the evidence that will initiate the reader/hearer into knowing the truth, thus leading to faith in Jesus. The proclamation by Jesus in the synagogue is a normal occurrence with a passage familiar to all those present, until he startles his hearers by saying: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus sets out his "goals", that is to release victims, to restore people to wholeness, and transform societies.

- How has Luke prepared for the task of writing his Gospel? If you were writing a Gospel today what view of Jesus would you want to highlight?
- Jesus names particular concerns that will characterize his ministry. As his followers we too are called to release, restore and transform. How are we doing?
- Both the first reading and the Gospel focus on "hearing" the Word of God; how do we know if we are truly hearing God's Word?

*(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)*

### **Sunday of the Word of God**

As part of the Jubilee of Hope, this sixth Annual Sunday of the Word of God (January 26, 2025) invites us to reflect on the theme: "I hope in your Word" (Ps 119.74). God's presence is inseparable from His Word, offering an unfailing source of hope and renewal. In this year of hopeful Jubilee, open the Scriptures and rediscover the life-changing power of God's promise!

**Weekly Mass Intentions: Jan. 27 to Feb. 2**

Jan 27	Mon	9:00am	Irene Roxas (INT) Frank Palmer (RIP) Mr. & Mrs. Cary Camba (INT)
Jan 28	Tue	9:00am	Frank Palmer (RIP) Mirna Dizon (RIP) Fe Oriol (RIP)
Jan. 29	Wed	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Audrey Long (INT) Mirna Dizon (RIP) Anita Meneses (RIP)
Jan 30	Thu	9:00am	Mark David Velasco (INT) M. Thompson & Family (INT) Annamma P.T. (RIP)
Jan 31	Fri	9:00am	Teresa Trinh Nguyen (RIP) Mirna Dizon (RIP) Frank Palmer (RIP)
Feb. 1	Sat	9:00am  4:00pm	Celerino Capco (RIP) Deceased members- Rebello family (RIP) Wayne & Kathy Weisner (INT) David Maskwa (INT)
Feb. 2	Sun	8:30am  10:30am 12:30pm 5pm	Joseph Anna Tran (RIP) Preemal & Neyola Rebello (INT) Teresa Trinh Nguyen (RIP) Frank Palmer (RIP) Mirna Dizon (RIP) For the People (INT)

**TOGETHER IN ACTION**

The TIA 2025 is \$49,139.00  
Collection up-to-date \$1,840.00  
All surplus will go towards repair and renovation of the basement washrooms.

**BLESSING OF CANDLES & THROATS**

**Sun., Feb. 2, 2025 — Presentation of the Lord  
Blessing of Candles**

Please bring your candles.  
They will be blessed after each Mass.

**Mon., Feb. 3, 2025 — Feast day of St. Blaise  
Blessing of Throats - 9am Mass.**

**Sacred Grace: Church Wedding for  
Civilly Married Couples**

We are excited to introduce the *Sacred Grace* initiative, inviting all civilly married couples in our Diocese to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church. As part of the Diocesan Pastoral Renewal during the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, this special celebration will be presided over by Bishop William T. McGrattan on Sat., Sep. 13, 2025 at 1:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. To help you prepare, we encourage you to attend our Info Session on March 8, 2025 at 6:00pm at St. Thomas More Parish which will provide guidance and information. You can register online <https://www.catholicyc.ca/sacredgrace.html>

**Saint of the Week**

**Saint John Bosco, January 31**

Known to many as Don Bosco, this patron saint of youth was born in Piedmont, Italy, in 1815. Raised in poverty, John was ordained in Turin in 1841. After witnessing the circumstances of boys living in a local prison, he resolved to devote himself to working among disadvantaged boys — children living on the street, juvenile delinquents, and any child who was suffering because of disadvantage. He formed the Salesian Society, named after Francis de Sales, and began educating boys of the poor and working classes, holding evening classes in factories, in fields or wherever there was a need. John believed in equipping boys for life in the world and trade schools soon formed a large part of Salesian training. A progressive thinker, he abhorred all punishment, believing that by removing youth from temptation, treating them with dignity and kindness, and enriching them with skills, they could be led to more productive lives. His rule was, “Not with blows, but with charity and gentleness must you draw these friends to the path of virtue “ With the help of Saint Mary Mazzarello, he also established the Salesian Sisters to do similar work among girls. John Bosco died in 1888 and was canonized in 1934.

*Living with Christ, Jan. 2025*

**First Holy Communion Dates for 2025**

February 1 & 2                      First Gathering  
February 8 & 9                      Second Gathering

**Confirmation Dates for 2025**

February 8      Orientation (Parents & Candidates)  
February 15                      First Gathering

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Weekend of January 25/26, 2025**

Today's reading from the Gospel of Luke offers us the first words of Jesus as he begins His public ministry. The words reflect His understanding of his Spirit-anointed mission. His words are his “Mission Statement.” Good stewards rejoice in being followers of Jesus. They realize that Jesus' commission is their commission as well. They embrace it and adopt it as their own. We, too, have “glad tidings” to bring to a suffering world. This year, how will we fulfill Christ's commission in the world in which He has placed us, using the gifts He has entrusted to us.

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*Every virtue in your soul is a precious ornament which makes you dear to God and to other human beings.*  
St. John Bosco