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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



4th Sunday of Lent, March 29/30, 2025

Pastor:

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Norman Dumais

Deacon Dale Laing

Deacon in Formation:

Cruzel 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 closed.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul:

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

FOR ME, ONE of the most attractive aspects of the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola is his emphasis on imaginative contemplation. The idea is to approach a Scripture passage by imagining the scene, using all your senses. What do you see? Smell? Hear? And who are you in the scene: a main character, a supporting figure, an observer? With a bit of practice, I have found this to be quite a rich way of praying with Scripture.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the figure I instantly identified with was the sulky elder brother. It humbles me to admit how easily I could relate to his indignation and his feeling of being unappreciated.

Now, however, it seems to me that each of us is reflected in all three of the main characters. Can we accept the unconditional love offered to the elder son, even when we feel most unlovable? Can we, like the younger son, admit when we have sinned and humbly seek forgiveness? Like the father (often interpreted to represent God), each of us too is called to practice hope, forgiveness and unconditional love.

Today's Gospel characters model for us many aspects of authentic discipleship. May they lead us to a deeper Lenten reflection on our relationship with God and one another.

- Living with Christ, March 29, 2025 Krystyna Higgins

Readings: 1st Reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21

Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

This well-known story is not really about how bad/prodigal son is, but rather about how excessive and extravagant ("prodigal") the father is with his love, mercy and reconciliation. The father is the true spender here, sparing no cost or labor to celebrate the son's homecoming. The reluctance of the elder son makes the father seem all the more extravagant.

- How comfortable are you with the father's generosity?
- Who do you tend to be in this story: the wayward son, the father or the elder son?
- How do you treat those who've offended and/or hurt you?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

Outdoor Way of the Cross

Save the date for the Outdoor Way of the Cross: **Fri., April 18, at 8:30am St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary.** Join Bishop McGrattan and the faithful of the Diocese of Calgary for the Outdoor Way of the Cross, now returning to its Downtown route. This solemn pilgrimage invites us to walk together in prayer and reflection on the Passion of Christ, meditating on His suffering, sacrifice, and love for the world. The journey begins at St. Mary's Cathedral at 8:30am. All are welcome to take part in this powerful witness of faith.

Every action of our daily life should be influenced by gentleness, temperance, humility and purity.
-St. Francis de Sales

Weekly Mass Intentions: Mar. 31 to Apr. 6

Mar. 31	Mon	9:00am	Philip Moquin (INT) Emily Credo (RIP) Maria Florida Dongsal (RIP)
Apr. 1	Tue	9:00am	Metuh family (INT) Anthony CL (INT) Tmao Le (INT) Sebastian Rocha (RIP)
Apr. 2	Wed	9:00am	Rita Onyejiuwa (INT) Sebastian Rocha (RIP) Herminia Mayormente (RIP)
Apr. 3	Thu	9:00am 6:30pm	Joy Singh (INT) Joseph Maria Nguyen (RIP) Alberto Manansala (RIP)
Apr. 4	Fri	9:00am 7:00pm	Nguyen family (INT) Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Victoriano Bumtay (RIP)
Apr. 5	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Joseph Anna Tran (RIP) Gorgonio R. Velasco (RIP) James Samuel (RIP) Samuel Sr. & N. Aldecoa (RIP)
Apr. 6	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Pedru Francis Manbhat (RIP) Millie & Philip Gonsalves (RIP) Bert Gagne (RIP) Alice Boucher (RIP) Keith Strawford (RIP) For the people (INT) Letengus Gedel Family (INT)

TOGETHER IN ACTION

The TIA 2025 is \$49,139.00

Collection up-to-date \$12,866.00

All surplus will go towards repair and renovation of the basement washrooms.

Easter Basket Raffle Tickets on sale for \$5.00 each.
Proceeds to maintenance and repair - security gates.
Draw: Sat., April 26, 2025 after the 4pm Mass.

Lent Schedule

- **On Fridays, starting March 7, 2025**

6:30pm - 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm - Mass

7:30-8:30pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- **Lenten Reconciliation**

Saturday, April 5 from 1pm to 3pm

- **On Thursdays starting March 13, 2025**

THE MASS EXPLAINED

At. St. Thomas More Parish

Starting with Mass at 6:30pm.

Followed by knowledge session at 7:00pm
in the large hall in the basement.

Learn why the Mass is a Mystery.

Understand its History. Know its Biblical Roots.

Become active participants in the sacramental and liturgical life of the Body of Christ.

Everybody is WELCOME!

Saint of the Week—April 5

Saint Vincent Ferrer

A patron of builders, roofers and plumbers, Vincent was born in Spain in 1350. He joined the Dominicans in 1367, who sent him to study and teach philosophy throughout Europe. Despite his stern interpretation of the Christian message, Vincent became an amazingly successful preacher, converting thousands. He was also a key figure in ending the Western Schism, a divide in the Church over pretenders to the papacy. He died in 1419 and was canonized in 1455. *-Living with Christ, April 2025*

Mission Cards

Easter cards now available in the card stand in the foyer. Thank you for your support.

“Whist card game night is on every 4th Friday night of the month.” The next game is scheduled on April 25th.

Time: 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Location: Parish hall downstairs

Players are asked to bring snacks to share and donate a toonie to cover coffee, juice, etc.

This is a Knight of Columbus hosted event.

First Holy Communion Dates for 2025

April 5 from 10:00am to 12:00pm — Retreat

Confirmation Dates for 2025

April 26 from 10:00am to 12:00pm — Retreat

Calgary Catholic Charismatic Renewal Society

Lenten Retreat at Holy Spirit Parish with

Br. Sajith Joseph (Grace Community Global) on

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 from 4:00pm to 9:00pm.

Holy Spirit Church address: 10827 24 St SW.

For more information contact Regina Rodrigues,
text 825-863-5884, email: cccrsevents@gmail.com

Antony Tauro, text: 403-918-3370 &

Laveena Mendonca, text: 587-707-2783.

Sacred Grace Info Session

Sacred Grace civilly married couples in our Diocese to embrace the invites Sacrament of Matrimony, with a special celebration presided over by Bishop McGrattan on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 1:30pm at St. Mary’s Cathedral. Please continue sharing this beautiful initiative with couples in your parish. Learn more at catholicyyc.ca/sacred_grace. Any questions about the initiative can be directed to Deacon Greg Barcelon at greg.barcelon@calgarydiocese.ca.

Employment opportunity!

Rexel Canada Electrical Inc is looking to hire a **Credit Analyst** based out of their Calgary SE location. If you enjoy collections this would be a great opportunity for you. Role includes 70% collections and 30% Credit analysis. E-mail your resume to Stephanie.rego@rexel.ca and mention “Employment opportunity - Credit Analyst” in the subject and someone will get back to you.