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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



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 8/9, 2025

Pastor:

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Norman Dumais

Deacon Dale Laing

Deacon in Training:

Cruzela 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)

THERE ONCE WAS a student who was intent on making his teacher's life difficult. Supply teachers were given a hard time too, to dissuade them from returning. The student sat at the back; did not participate; and, due to his behavior, was regarded poorly by classmates. Knowing these challenges, his teacher prayed and committed to love him no matter what.

Following the prayer, she was filled with an unexpected love. When the student exclaimed that he'd throw a pie at her, she smiled and replied that it would be fine, as long as it was an apple pie. The teacher involved him, prevented students from insulting him, and assisted him despite his attitude. In the days that followed, the student began to change: he moved up front, keenly participated in discussions and started having a positive attitude. The love that God imparted in her produced fruit that helped the student realize he was loved. This true story is reflected in today's Gospel.

Peter toils all night and catches nothing; yet, when Jesus intercedes, there are so many fish that the nets begin to break. Jesus shows that there is little fruit in self-reliance—we need Jesus. United to God—like the teacher with her prayer for her student—our efforts bear abundant fruit in service of God and others.

Living with Christ, Feb. 9, 2025 Alison Endrizzi

Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3-8
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Gospel: Luke 5.1-11

Luke's story of the miraculous catch has a distinct Easter flavour -- in John's Gospel it comes after the Resurrection. By placing it at the beginning, Luke communicates the spirit in which he wishes us to read his Gospel -- in the presence of the risen Jesus who lives in the Church and in the world forever, and who guides our "fishing for people."

- Have you known the kind of discouragement Peter expresses -- having fished all night and catching nothing?
- "Put out into the deep" -- what kinds of deep waters might the Lord invite us into?
- Why do you think Simon Peter wants Jesus to depart?
- Notice the three separate scenes: the crowds, the catch and Peter. How do these scenes relate to each other?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

If you have anything against anyone, forgive it. You come here to receive the forgiveness of sins, and you, too, must forgive one who has sinned against you. Or how will you say to the Lord, "Forgive me my many sins," if you have not yourself forgiven your fellow servant's little sins. - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Weekly Mass Intentions: Feb. 10 to Feb. 16

Feb. 10	Mon	9:00am	Irene Roxas (INT) Carlo Natividad (RIP) Jackie (INT)
Feb. 11	Tue	9:00am	Lindsay Mongeau (INT) Charles Uy (RIP) Theodora & Albert Davis (RIP)
Feb. 12	Wed	9:00am	Arthur Pinto (RIP) Wenceslada Velasco (RIP) Jennifer Davis (RIP)
Feb. 13	Thu	9:00am	Nathaniel Burchat (RIP) Ernesto dela Pena (RIP) Cora Bryce (RIP)
Feb. 14	Fri	9:00am	Teresa Trinh Nguyen (RIP) Fr. Joseph Walsh, CSB (INT) Eleanor Austin (RIP)
Feb. 15	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Yvonne & Lionel LeBlanc (RIP) Serapia Fajardo (RIP) Consuelo Paguio (INT)
Feb. 16	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Francis Lee (INT) Theresa Rebello (RIP) George Walton (INT) Teresa Trinh Nguyen (RIP) Frank Palmer (RIP) Porfirio Junjun Telen (RIP) For the People (INT)

TOGETHER IN ACTION

The TIA 2025 is \$49,139.00

Collection up-to-date \$3,207.00

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

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 9, 2025 at 6:00pm at St. Thomas More Parish which will provide guidance and information. You can register online <https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/sacredgrace.html>

COMING SOON



**Knights of Columbus Shrove Pancake Breakfast
March 2, 2025**

**After 8:30am Mass and 10:30am Mass.
Tickets available Feb. 9, 16 and 23.**

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition at St. Bonaventure's

Experience the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition, designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis. Featuring 158 Eucharistic miracles from 22 countries, the display promotes awareness of the Real Presence in the Eucharist & Adoration. **Feb. 27 - Mar. 2, at St. Bonaventure Parish.**

**Our Lady of Lourdes
February 11**

The veneration of Mary as Our Lady of Lourdes arose first in popular devotion and later in the Church's liturgy.

In 1858 Mary, the Mother of Jesus, appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in a cave at Massabielle, near Lourdes in France. Just four years earlier, in 1854, the Church had declared the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, so when the "beautiful woman" of Bernadette's visions identified herself as the Immaculate Conception, there was initial skepticism. Although others accompanied Bernadette to the grotto, no one else could see or hear the visions. It did not take very long for an Episcopal Commission, an official inquiry, to state: "We judge that Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God, did really appear to Bernadette Soubirous on February 11th, 1858, and on certain subsequent days, 18 times in all, in the Grotto of Massabielle, near the town of Lourdes; that this appearance bears every mark of truth and that the belief of the faithful is well-grounded."

A few years later, this date was added to the list of Marian feasts to honour the mysterious beauty of the Immaculate Conception.

Living with Christ, Feb. 2025

First Holy Communion Dates for 2025

March 1 & 2 Third Gathering

Confirmation Dates for 2025

February 15 First Gathering
February 22 Second Gathering

Retrouvaille Weekend

Retrouvaille Calgary invites couples to a Weekend Program, **Feb. 28 - Mar. 2**, for those facing marriage challenges. This peer-led ministry helps couples improve communication, build intimacy, and heal. Contact Ken & Isabelle at 403-276-4547 or visit www.HelpOurMarriageCalgary.com.

World Day of the Sick 2025

World Day of the Sick is celebrated annually on 11 February, the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. "Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5), but strengthens us in times of trials is the title of Pope Francis' Message for the XXXIII World Day of the Sick. *For the sick in the final stages of life and their families, may they receive the medical care, support, and accompaniment they need, let us pray to the Lord.*