

# 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*



## 5th Sunday of Lent, April 5/6, 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)

HAVE YOU EVER been in a position where, after committing a sin that was hurtful to another, you were put on public display because of it—and then were stunned to receive forgiveness instead of punishment?

The scribes and Pharisees have brought to Jesus a woman who was caught in the act of the worse kind of sin imaginable. The scene centres around her and the story ends with her. However, there is another trial taking place: that of Jesus and his interpretation of the law. The woman is being objectified, used as a way of entrapping Jesus. What will Jesus do? What will Jesus say? Instead of saying something that might contradict Moses and the law, Jesus pushes the onlookers to consider their own sins with the same level of gravity as the woman's. All leave Jesus' presence escaping condemnation. The woman is blessed with Jesus' tender response of "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again." Jesus does not condemn us; therefore we do not need to condemn ourselves.

Our Lenten journey each year draws us closer to Christ, with the challenge of growing in mercy towards ourselves and others. In what ways do we act like the woman? Like the scribes and Pharisees? And in what ways are we like Jesus, living mercy?

*- Living with Christ, April 6, 2025 Adriana Rerecich*

### **Readings:**

**1st Reading: Isaiah 43.16-21**

**2nd Reading: Philippians 3.8-14**

**Gospel: John 8. 1-11**

The emphasis on newness from the first two readings today reaches a climax in Jesus' encounter with the woman caught in adultery. Jesus' response is typical, drawing out with razor sharpness what he considers core values in word and deed: holiness is found in compassion and understanding, reflecting the ways of God. There is no room here for judging others harshly while being lenient on oneself.

- Are you comfortable with Jesus' treatment of the woman?
- Who are you in the story: the woman, the Pharisees and scribes or Jesus?
- How does God's love sustain you even when you have sinned?

*(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)*

### **Easter Basket Raffle—Important Announcement**

Due to the overwhelming response to the Easter Basket Raffle Ticket Sales, we are holding a 2nd Raffle Draw for tickets 501-1000 due to AGLC licensing requirements.

There will be now two (2) each of First, Second and Third Gift Baskets valued at \$500, \$300 and \$200 to be drawn on Saturday, April 26, 2025 after the 4:00pm Mass.

Thank you for your continued support!

### Weekly Mass Intentions: Apr. 7 to Apr. 13

Apr. 7	Mon	9:00am	Anthony CL (INT) Fanny DeLeon (INT) Danilo Batuyoung (RIP)
Apr. 8	Tue	9:00am	Amine Jimie (INT) Cresencia Supnei Bisares (INT) Peter Tai Nguyen (RIP)
Apr. 9	Wed	9:00am	Engeline Tiu (INT) Danilo Monce family (INT) Bernadette Foulonneau (INT)
Apr. 10	Thu	9:00am 6:30pm	Becky Molina (INT) Deceased Enojo family (RIP) Francis Ymbang (RIP) Alberto Manansala (RIP)
Apr. 11	Fri	9:00am 7:00pm	Pham family (INT) Hobtom Gebreslasie (RIP) Dennis Downes (RIP)
Apr. 12	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	David Periabras (RIP) Jose Velasco (RIP) Felicitas Yason (RIP) Gavin Ferrao (RIP) Bernard & Teresa Paul (RIP)
Apr. 13	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Valentin F. Manbhat (RIP) Angel Recabal (RIP) Bert Gagne (RIP) Dennis Velasco (INT) For the people (INT) June Lee Family (INT)

#### TOGETHER IN ACTION

The TIA 2025 is \$49,139.00

Collection up-to-date \$14,648.00

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

### 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

- 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!**

#### First Holy Communion Dates for 2025

Mon., Apr. 21, 2025 from 1pm to 4pm. — Rehearsal

#### Confirmation Dates for 2025

Sat., Apr. 26 from 10am to noon — Retreat

### Saint of the Week—April 7

#### Saint John Baptist de la Salle

John Baptist de la Salle was the founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, a teaching order well known in North America and around the world. John's great achievements began quite unexpectedly. Born in 1651 in France, he inherited the position and riches of his family. Destined for a successful career in the Church, he was ordained in 1678 and soon was asked to help establish some charity schools. He quickly realized that the teachers had to be trained and he provided housing for them. His desire to be in the same position as his teachers inspired him to resign his canonry and to give up his private fortune.

In 1684 the group became a religious community. Their rule stated that no brother could become a priest and no priest could join the order, a rule that has been preserved. Despite much opposition and hardship, by the time of his death in 1719, John Baptist had established the first teacher training college, schools for both the poor and the privileged, and written several education manuals, now classics in the field of education. He is a patron of teachers.

- *Living with Christ, April 2025*



St. Vincent de Paul (serving families within our Parish boundary)

Hampers requested and served

Month	Number of Hampers	Adults Served	Children Served
Feb.	71	147	161
Mar.	56	105	94

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. Place food items in the food bin in the foyer. If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation there are envelopes 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 & financial donations. 🙏

The Diocese of Calgary will celebrate the **Chrism Mass** on **Monday, April 14 at 7pm**, at St. Mary's Cathedral. During this Mass, the priests, deacons, and all the faithful gather around Bishop McGrattan, who blesses the Holy Oils for use in the coming year.

Door opens at 6pm. All are welcome!

#### The Outdoor Way of the Cross

Save the date for the Outdoor Way of the Cross:

**Friday, Apr. 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. The journey begins at St. Mary's Cathedral at 8:30am. All are welcome to take part in this powerful witness of faith.