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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



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 15/16, 2025

Pastor:

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Norman Dumais

Deacon Dale Laing

Deacon in Training:

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)

JESUS CONSISTENTLY CONFIRMS that his ways are not our ways, his thoughts are not our thoughts. We see this today in the blessings and woes of Luke's Beatitudes.

Speaking for myself, I did not feel exceptionally blessed recently in mourning the loss of two siblings. Raised in a large family that society would consider poor by most contemporary standards, we strove to make comfortable lives for ourselves and our respective families. Why, then, does Jesus appear to tell us we are better off poor, hungry, weeping and hated by society? Simply, that is not the intended lesson.

Jesus refers to the poor in spirit who are blessed with the humility to understand that God has provided them with whatever they have. Recognizing this, the poor in spirit are then filled with a hunger to move closer to God.

Despite our preference to avoid mourning, unfettered grief brings with it the realization that we can only move past it with God's help. Jesus doesn't disparage the rich for what they have but rather for their incapacity to use their earthly gains to ease others' burdens.

Jesus lived his lesson of blessing and woes with humility, accepting persecution and death for doing what was right, his Father's will. He offers his life and teachings as the only legitimate game plan for us to achieve peace and happiness here and in eternity.

Living with Christ, Feb. 16, 2025 Frank Campbell

Readings:

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17.5-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6.17, 20-26

Luke's draws a contrast between who is blessed (the one who realizes his/her need for God) and who is cursed (the ones who believe themselves to be self-sufficient). Being excluded or insulted happens to us all sooner or later, especially as a result of our faith in Jesus. Luke sees in such insult a proof that our lives truly belong to God in Christ Jesus.

- What in your life makes you feel blessed?
- How much time and energy do you devote to seeking material security, compared to seeking spiritual sustenance?
- Have you experienced being ridiculed or insulted for taking a stand for Jesus, or do you know of anyone who has?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

How contrary to human nature are the divine teachings! Without the help of grace, it would be impossible not only to follow them but even to understand them.

- St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Weekly Mass Intentions: Feb. 17 to Feb. 23

Feb. 17	Mon	9:00am	Irene Roxas (INT) Moyra Walton (RIP) Annamma P.T. (RIP)
Feb. 18	Tue	9:00am	Ethan Lawrence (INT) Fr. Robert Robidoux (RIP) Paul & Mary Anne Chin (INT)
Feb. 19	Wed	9:00am	John Landry (INT) Carmencita Fernandez (RIP) Felicitas Yason (RIP)
Feb. 20	Thu	9:00am	Nathaniel Burchat (RIP) Adam Healey (RIP) Felicitas Yason (RIP)
Feb. 21	Fri	9:00am	Kingsley Rodrigo (RIP) Teresa Trinh Nguyen (RIP) Felicitas Yason (RIP)
Feb. 22	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Bill DeLay (RIP) Brenda Dore (RIP) Felicitas Yason (RIP) Fe Oriel (RIP)
Feb. 23	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Aurora Velasco (INT) Susan Lee & family (INT) Teresa Trinh Nguyen (RIP) Edna Aranas (INT) Frank Palmer (RIP) Awtena Tekla (RIP) Letengus Gedel (INT) For the People (INT)

TOGETHER IN ACTION

The TIA 2025 is \$49,139.00

Collection up-to-date \$3,834.50

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

Sacred Grace Info Session

Sacred Grace invites civilly married couples in our Diocese to embrace the Sacrament of Matrimony, with a special celebration presided over by Bishop McGrattan on Saturday, Sep. 13, 2025 at 1:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. Info sessions for those interested will be held at:

- **Thu., Mar. 6 at 6pm - St. Michael's Calgary**
- **Sun., Mar. 9 at 6pm - St. Thomas More, Calgary**
- **Sun., Mar. 16 at 6pm - St. Patrick's Calgary**

Please continue sharing this beautiful initiative with couples in your parish. Learn more at catholicyc.ca/sacredgrace. Any questions about the initiative can be directed to Deacon Greg Barcelon at greg.barcelon@calgarydiocese.ca



Knights of Columbus Valentine's Day Raffle

The winner of HiSense 58" Smart TV is Ernie Miranda drawn on Feb. 14, 2025 at 9:30am.

Congratulations!!



COMING SOON

Knights of Columbus

Shrove Pancake Breakfast March 2, 2025

After 8:30am Mass and 10:30am Mass.

Tickets available Feb. 16 and 23.

Chair of Saint Peter

February 22

Early Roman Christians celebrated on this day a feast in honor of their departed loved ones, including their predecessors in the faith, Peter and Paul. In the 4th century, when the feast of these two saints was moved to June 29th, the emphasis of this day shifted to celebrating Peter and his successors as bishops of Rome, and expressing gratitude for their service.

“The ‘cathedra’ is literally the seat of the bishop,” Pope Benedict XVI said on this day in 2006. “It is the symbol of his authority and, particularly, of his ‘Magisterium,’ in other words of the evangelical teaching that he, as successor to the Apostles, is called to protect and transmit to the Christian community.”

To celebrate the ‘Chair’ of Peter means, then, giving it a strong spiritual significance, and recognizing therein a privileged sign of the love of God.”

Living with Christ, Feb. 2025

First Holy Communion Dates for 2025

March 1 & 2

Third Gathering

Confirmation Dates for 2025

February 22

Second Gathering

March 15

Third Gathering

Chalice extends their heartfelt gratitude to Fr. D'Souza and St. Thomas More parish for hosting a Child Sponsorship Weekend on Feb. 1-2.

As a result **49 children in need were sponsored**, in addition to those who are usually sponsored after more time and consideration. On behalf of these children, we give thanks to God that you have revealed His love to them and have given them hope for the future! Chalice envisions a world where all children and families have the means to overcome the cycle of poverty. Please prayerfully consider a call to sponsorship, a unique way to live out your faith by providing hope for a child in need.

Please visit chalice.ca or call 1-800-776-6855 for more information on our mission or to sponsor a child today.

I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy.

That vessel is this image with the signature:

“Jesus, I trust in You.”

- St. Sr. Faustina Diary 327