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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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, March 1/2, 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 Badaios

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 IS AN inclination in human beings to support each other. Whether it's parenting, teaching, donating or governing, part of our nature is concern ourselves with the well-being of others. However, Christ wisely points out in today's Gospel that if we lack sight, we will not be able to offer others direction or guidance.

There is the old saying: we cannot give to others what we ourselves do not have. If we are blind, we won't be able to show others the way. A person who cannot see the ultimate good (God) won't be able to share goodness with others. However, an honest desire to guide others may be, for some, a point of conversion. If we recognize shortcomings in the world, in our peers and in ourselves, then this recognition of the need for God may spur us on to seek God more fully in our daily lives.

Jesus also says in the Gospel that only "the good treasure of the heart" can produce good. As challenging as change can be, may our experience at Mass today, where we open ourselves to an encounter with Christ, guide us in re-evaluating our life's choices. Christ showed us, through his life, death and resurrection, how to obtain the glory of perfect life in God. May our hearts be ready to be filled with God's goodness.

- Living with Christ, March 2, 2025 Andrew Hume

1st Reading: Sirach 27.4-7 **Readings:**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.54-58

Gospel: Luke 6.39-45

God sees the heart and always will. We may put on a great show of words and actions, but it is what is at the root of these that is so clearly visible to God. Focusing on the faults of others, no matter how true, takes the focus off of our own faults. The words of Jesus also recall the first reading, as he reflects how a sound tree cannot produce rotten fruit and how a rotten tree cannot produce good fruit - and how a person's words flow from what fills their heart.

- How have you experienced "observing the splinter" in another's eye while "ignoring the log in one's own" - either in being judged by someone else, or by being the one to judge?
- How does this echo another statement by Jesus: "let the one without sin cast the first stone" (John 8:7) and "judge not lest you be judged?" (Matthew 7:1)?
- Commentator Dave Barnhardt says this section of the scripture is also about seeing clearly enough to help someone else: "How confident are you that you see clearly? Do you think you see clearly enough to help others see? Do you think you see clearly enough to help without hurting? How many people are walking around doing harm, all the while convinced that they are helping?" Thought?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

Weekly Mass Intentions: Mar. 3 to Mar. 9

Mar. 3	Mon	9:00am	Cristobal family (INT) Alizah Lewis (RIP) Gary Evans (RIP) Narlo Serquina (RIP)
Mar. 4	Tue	9:00am	Oscar Valencia (INT) Penrod Teves (INT) Fr. Robert Robidoux (RIP)
Mar. 5	Wed	8:00am 9:00am 5:00pm 7:00pm	Felicitas Yason (RIP) Celine Udenigwe (INT) Paraiso family (INT) Michael Velasco (INT)
Mar. 6	Thu	9:00am	Alice, Marie, Sophie & Lucia Foulonneau (INT) Joseph Maria Nguyen (RIP) Melvin Sabu (INT)
Mar. 7	Fri	9:00am 7:00pm	Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Nguyen family (INT) Fr. Jerry and his family (INT)
Mar. 8	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Samuel Sr. & N. Aldecoa (RIP) Cesar Cabredo (RIP) Office Staff (INT) Cam Polski (INT)
Mar. 9	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Fe Oriel (RIP) Gedit Zekaryas (INT) Teresa Trinh Nguyen (RIP) Felicitas Yason (RIP) Saba Baarez (INT) Jim Claude Maille (RIP) For the People (INT)

TOGETHER IN ACTION

The TIA 2025 is \$49,139.00 Collection up-to-date \$6,051.50 All surplus will go towards repair and renovation of the basement washrooms.

Sacred Grace Info Session

<u>Sacred Grace</u> 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
- Sun., Mar. 23 at noon St. Martha's, Lethbridge
- Sat., Mar. 29 at 6pm Holy Family, Medicine Hat

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

Set your clock one hour forward before going to sleep on Sat., Mar. 8. Daylight savings time begins on Sun., Mar. 9.

All who see are not equally illumined by Christ, but each is enlightened according to his or her capacity to receive the light.

- Origen

Saints of the Week - March 7 St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, a slave, were killed for their faith on March 7, 203, in Carthage. Perpetua's diary and accounts by eyewitnesses provide a vivid picture of the martyrs' experiences. During the persecution of Christians by Emperor Severus, several catechumens were arrested, among them Perpetua with her infant son and the pregnant Felicity. They were baptized while under arrest. After being flogged, the Christians were led to the amphitheater, exposed to the wild beasts, and beheaded.

- Living with Christ March 2025

First Holy Communion Dates for 2025

March 1 & 2 Third Gathering
March 8 & 9 Fourth Gathering

Confirmation Dates for 2025

March 15 Third Gathering



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule March 5, 2025

8:00am 9:00am 5:00pm

7:00pm

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 basemement. 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!

Litany of St. Joseph - Concert

Join us for the Litany of St. Joseph, a live concert featuring local choirs and an original score by Carlos Foggin. When: Mon., Mar. 17, 7pm Jack Singer Concert Hall, Calgary.