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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



December 7/8, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent

Pastor:

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Norman Dumais

Deacon Dale Laing

Deacon in Training:

Cruzal 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 open online.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul:

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

Rest in peace, Bishop Henry

It is with profound sadness that we announce the death of the Most Reverend Frederick Bernard Henry, the Seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary. He passed away peacefully at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at the Rockyview General Hospital. He was 81 years of age.

We invite you to join us in prayers for the Most Reverend Frederick B. Henry, the Seventh Bishop of Calgary. Funeral liturgies will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral (219 18 Ave SW, Calgary) as follows:

- **Monday, December 9, 2024**

Public Visitation: 9am to 4pm Funeral Vigil: 7pm

- **Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

Funeral Mass: 10:30am

Rite of Committal: St. Mary's Cemetery, Calgary

Reception: St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Hall

Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist is a perennially challenging an important figure in salvation history. Luke's opening verse situates John's call in a context that includes some of the very men who are threatened by and opposed to both John and Jesus. In this time marked by Roman occupation and socio-economic injustice, the word of God comes to John: a prophet who prepares the way for God's impending intervention in human history.

The renewal that John proclaims has broad-ranging personal and social implications. His baptism of repentance is meant to be an outward sign of *metanoia* or conversion, a radical transformation -- grounded in the experience of God's love and forgiveness -- that finds expression in commitment to the common good.

As Christians, we naturally associate the new liberation from sin and suffering that John proclaims with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. John's message -- his call to repentance in the face of immanent judgment -- would have been disturbing back then, but perhaps we need to hear it even more today. His ministry challenges us this Advent season to embrace the radical nature of our baptismal calling to repent and believe in the Good News -- to witness to and prepare the way for the renewal of all creation that we associate with Christ's return.

Living with Christ, Dec. 8, 2024 Nick Olkovich

Readings: 1st Reading: Baruch 5.1-9 2nd Reading: Phil. 1.3-6, 8-11

In today's second reading, Saint Paul prays with joy and confidence for his friends in the Christian community at Philippi. He is encouraged that the community has partnered with him to proclaim the Gospel. He sees Christ's active presence and plan of salvation at work in the community. God's overarching plan is unclear to us. But when we see evidence of God working through others, doesn't it give us reason to hope that Christ is alive among us? Does the witness of others help our own prayer lives? Does it inspire us to be partners with others in promoting the Gospel? Food for thought in this second week of Advent.

(ICSC December 2024)

Weekly Mass Intentions: Dec. 9 to Dec. 15

Dec. 9	Mon	9:00am	Nathan Velasco (INT) Ofelia & Orlando Angota (INT) David Long thanksgiving (INT)
Dec. 10	Tue	9:00am	Danny Serrano (INT) Valerie Montgomery (INT) Remedios David (RIP)
Dec. 11	Wed	9:00am	Carmel Adviento (INT) Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Rose Viola (RIP)
Dec. 12	Thu	9:00am	Rochelle Ouellette (INT) Virgilio Moratalia (RIP) Mellany Weldentinsae (RIP) Norberto Torres (RIP)
Dec. 13	Fri	9:00am	Alma & Dexter Bragas (INT)
Dec. 14	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Order of the Discalced Carmelites (INT) Shobine George (INT) Jose Yu (RIP) Gavin Ferrao (RIP) Schaub Family thanksgiving (INT)
Dec. 15	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Felix & Simona Noronha (RIP) Edward Seamus Garagan (RIP) Domingo Riguis (RIP) For the people (INT) Eyob family (INT)

Together in Action

The TIA 2024 is \$49,139.00
Collection up to date is \$45,097.90

Feast Day, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Patron of the Americas

Today's memorial commemorates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in 1531 at Tepeyac, on the outskirts of Mexico City. Our Lady appeared four times, twice to aboriginal convert Juan Diego, with whom she left orders to build a church and an imprint of her image on a cloak. This cloak, an object of great veneration, is preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, one of the major pilgrimage centers of North America. Devotion to our Lady under this title has grown over the centuries and in 1946 Pius XII named her a patron of the Americas.

Living with Christ, Dec. 2024

The Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) Board of Trustees has set **Friday, January 31, 2025**, as the date of a by election to fill two vacant trustee positions in Wards 4 and 7 and Wards 11 and 12. This by-election is required by the Education Act and is an opportunity to ensure Trustee representation for all wards in the City of Calgary. Eligible voters include Canadian citizens aged 18 or older as of January 31, 2025, residing in Wards 4 and 7 and 11 and 12, who share the Catholic Faith.

Details on candidates can be found at [https:// www.calgary/ ca/election/for_voters/2025-cssd-by-election-candidates.html](https://www.calgary.ca/election/for_voters/2025-cssd-by-election-candidates.html)

More information on voting opportunities, including times, locations, and identification requirements, will be provided in early 2025.



**Knights of Columbus
Fundraising for the Knights**

The Knight of Columbus are doing a fund-raising for the council #7938.

Kindly support the Knights as they are doing a raffle for a Big Screen TV.

Your support goes a long way for the Knights. \$5.00 for one ticket or five tickets for \$20.00.

Draw date: February 14, 2025.

Envelopes for Christmas flowers offering are in the foyer. Your donations help beautify our Church.

Thank you for your generosity.

Mission Card Christmas Sale

Available after each weekend Mass.

Thank you for your support.

Confirmation 2025

Registration is open and online only. Visit our website www.stthomasmore.ca. Children in grade 6 and up (aged 13 and above) are invited to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Simbang Gabi 9-day novena starts on Sun. Dec. 15. At 6:30pm Caroling, 6:45pm Novena and 7pm Mass.

St. Thomas More Church Christmas Schedule

Advent Penitentiary Rite

Tue., Dec. 10, 2024 6:00 - 8:30pm

Sat., Dec. 14, 2024 1:00 - 3:00pm

Simbang Gabi Novena

Sun., Dec. 15 - Mon., Dec. 23, 2024 at 6:30pm

Tue., Dec. 24, 2024 - Christmas Eve

5:00pm; 7:00pm; 10:00pm

Wed., Dec. 25, 2024 - Christmas Day

8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 5:00pm

Tue., Dec. 31, 2024 - New Year's Eve

9:00am & 5:00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00pm

Wed., Jan. 1, 2025 - New Year's Day

9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

Multicultural Mass - Sat., Jan. 4, 2025 - 5:00pm

(To be led by Parish Pastoral Council)

Feast Day of St. Joseph Vaz

Sun., Jan. 12, 2025 at 2:00pm

Sinulog

Sun., Jan. 19, 2025 at 6:30pm

Office hours at St. Thomas More Church

Mon., Dec. 23, 2024 open from 10am till 3pm

Tue., Dec. 24, 2024 open from 10am till noon only

Wed., Dec. 25 to Mon., Dec. 30 - office is closed

Tue., Dec. 31, 2024 open from 10am till 3pm

Wed., Jan. 1 & Thu., Jan. 2, 2025 - office is closed

Fri., Jan. 3, 2025 open from 10am till 3pm