

# 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*



## The Baptism of the Lord, January 11/12, 2025

### **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)

### **Baptism of the Lord**

God is ever-present to his people. After the Fall, he sent a line of prophets with instructions and encouragement. Every prophet was a sign pointing to the Messiah to come, preparing the people for this day. John the Baptist was the last and greatest of all the prophets. Going ahead of Jesus, he preached a baptism of repentance. When people mistook John for the Messiah, in his humility he immediately corrected them. He knew the strength and ability to perform his work came from God. John sought no worldly glory and redirected any attention to God. May all Christians follow John's example of saying yes to the Holy Spirit, witnessing to Jesus and performing charitable works in his name. Let us also seek no worldly glory and direct all attention to God. Although John recognized his own unworthiness, he obeyed Jesus in baptizing him. In today's Gospel we see that baptism is both a gift and a special encounter with God. If you have been baptized, treasure and reflect upon this gift. If you are thinking about being baptized, do not wait! You will receive Jesus' forgiveness and the Holy Spirit, taking the place Jesus has prepared for you in the Body of Christ. Remember the way the Father looks at Jesus today. He looks at you the same way and see his beloved child.

*Living with Christ, January 12, 2025 Connor Brownrigg*

**Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11  
2nd Reading: Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7  
Gospel: Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

While Jesus' baptism is recorded in all three synoptic Gospels, Luke's account includes Jesus as one with the crowd of people who are being baptized. Only after the baptism, and while praying, Jesus' divine identity is revealed. The words from heaven provide the fullest "naming" of Jesus the Christ. To cling to the word of Christ therefore is to cling to the word of God. To live in and through him is to live in and through God.

- What part of this passage speaks to you most?
- What does your baptism mean correctly to you?
- How can we increase the meaning and purpose of baptism in our parish?

*(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)*

### **How can I participate in the Jubilee Year of Hope?**

On Sun., Dec. 29, 2024, the Diocese of Calgary joyfully opened the Jubilee Year of Hope with a beautiful Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on the Solemnity of the Holy Family. The 2025 Jubilee invites everyone on a pilgrimage of hope - locally in our diocese or cathedral, at Canada's shrines, or in Rome. Renew your faith, seek grace, and unite with God and one another. Visit our diocesan Jubilee page at [catholicyc.ca/jubilee](http://catholicyc.ca/jubilee) find ways to participate in the Jubilee Year of Hope.

**Weekly Mass Intentions: Jan. 13 to Jan. 19**

Jan 13	Mon	9:00am	Irene Roxas (INT) Frank Palmer (RIP) Fe Oriel (RIP)
Jan 14	Tue	9:00am	Frank Palmer (RIP) Rolando Juen (RIP) Fr. Robert Robidoux (RIP)
Jan. 15	Wed	9:00am	Frank Palmer (RIP) Raul Alejandro (RIP) Mary Jarvis (INT) Aurora Velasco (INT)
Jan 16	Thu	9:00am	Frank Palmer (RIP) Aileen Lacson (RIP) Alipio & Clara Abocot (RIP)
Jan 17	Fri	9:00am	Teresa Trinh Nguyen (RIP) Frank Palmer (RIP) Annamma P.T. (RIP)
Jan 18	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Shobine George (INT) Fe Oriel (RIP) Aleli Rocas (RIP)
Jan 19	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Delfin Espe (RIP) Joe & Celine Fernandes (RIP) Fernandes Family (INT) Teresa Trinh Nguyen (RIP) Frank Palmer (RIP) Martin Rego (RIP) For the people (INT)



**St. Vincent de Paul  
Christmas hampers**

A big thank you to our parishioners for your donations of cash, gifts, gift cards, and food. Thank you to our schools for holding food drives (Apostles of Jesus, Father Scollen, Our Lady of Fatima, St. John Paul II, St. Wilfrid, and Light of Christ). Thank you to our volunteers. All of this contributed to another successful Christmas hamper program and the stocking of our food pantry for the 2025 weekly hampers.

**Christmas hampers:** 64 hampers (assisted 120 adults and 182 children)

**Total Hampers for the year:**

Year	No of hampers	Adults served	Children served
2024	779	1545	1398
2023	621	1219	1171

**CCSD Board of Trustees By-Election**

The Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) Board of Trustees has set Fri., Jan. 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. More information will be provided soon.

**Confirmation 2025**

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

**The Baptism of the Lord  
Weekend of January 11/12, 2025**

In today's reading from the Gospel of Luke we hear the proclamation of the baptism of Jesus with "all the people." Indeed, "heaven was opened," and the Father announced his special favor. Whenever we partake of the body and blood of Christ, heed his call in our daily lives, share his Good News, become instruments of his transforming justice and peace, heaven is opened to us, and through the Holy Spirit, the Lord announces his special favor on us as well. A good stewardship reflection this week might be this: How, or in what ways, have we personally experienced God's special favor in our lives?



**CCEF ANNUAL  
50/50 RAFFLE**

Tickets on sale from January 1 - February 28, 2025

Support Catholic education through the CCEF Annual 50/50 Raffle, where the jackpot could reach up to \$1 million! As Catholics, we have a duty to support our schools, ensuring that future generations of students are guided by faith. With early bird draws and a portion of ticket sales benefiting local schools, your participation helps strengthen Catholic education across our community. Buy your tickets now at [www.cceffaffle.com](http://www.cceffaffle.com).

*Let us, therefore, have charity and humility and give alms because it washes the stains of our sins from our clothes. For; although people lose everything they leave behind in this world, they, nevertheless, carry with them the rewards of charity and the alms they have given for which they will receive a reward and a fitting repayment from the Lord.*

St. Francis of Assisi