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Office Hours: Monday & Sunday - Closed
Tuesday to Saturday - 10:00am to 3:00pm (Office is closed for Lunch from 12:30pm to 1:30pm)

A collaborative ministry of the Carmelite Fathers and Lay Parishioner

Christ the King Sunday, November 21/22, 2026

Pastor:
Fr. Vijay Martin, OCD
Associate Pastor:
Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD
Permanent Deacons:
Deacon Norman Dumais
Deacon Dale Laing
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:
Tue., Wed., Thu., & Fri.: After the morning Mass
Saturday: 2:30pm to 3:30pm
Baptisms:
An initial appointment with one of the Priests is required before attending a session.
First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist
Online registration is closed
Confirmation:
On-line registration is now open.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul:
(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

JESUS ALWAYS COMES first. We would be nowhere without him. All our priorities grow out of an encounter and deepening relationship with Jesus Christ. But how does that happen? Christ has no hands, feet and voice in this world other than the ones we offer. Our relationship with Jesus occurs not so much when we try to be Jesus as when we encounter him in others.

Today's Gospel puts this to us directly. Matthew's account of the Final Judgment says Jesus is found in "one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine." In case you are confused about who "the least" are, Jesus is specific. They are people who are hungry, thirsty, unclothed. Jesus is also found in the stranger, the sick and prisoners.

In our times of polarization, gated communities and narrow individualism, we must reach beyond our personal boundaries to befriend those on society's margins. We should give money and our time to the least and to those organizations which come to their assistance. But Jesus seeks more from us. He asks us not to be Christ *to* them, but to find Christ *in* them. Then together we will raise our voices to call for a society that recognizes the equal dignity of all. With Jesus on our side, who could say "no"?

(Living with Christ, November 2026) – Glen Argan

Readings: First Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.20-26, 28
Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46

The Gospel of Matthew is the only place where Jesus is heard to associate the title of king to himself. But this king does not stand alone. His reign is in relationship to his Father to whom the kingdom is to be turned over. When all is subjected to the Son he will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him. Matthew portrays the Last Judgment with Christ as a prince who has freely become a pauper, disguising himself in the person of the least among us…. the hungry and thirsty, the stranger, the prisoner and the sick. This image of Kingship is a subverted image of a King.

- God desires a deeper relationship with us. Are our lives changed as a result of becoming more aware of God's relationship to us?
- Of what value is the local parish in helping us to become better followers of Christ?
- Who is hungry, thirsty, in prison, in my relationships?
- How does preoccupation with personal concerns take away from our relationships with others?
- On what basis did the "goats" in this parable try to justify their actions?
- So, if I could interview the sheep lounging around in their recently inherited kingdom and ask them how they managed to find themselves in these excellent digs, I imagine them saying, "We just cared for every person we met, immediately, without calculation, and it was no big deal." (*On Earth as it is in Heaven, John Shea).* *--Source: Diocese of Saskatoon*

Weekly Mass Intentions : Nov. 23 – Nov. 29

Nov. 23	Mon	9:00am	Marion Wedge (RIP) Melchor Torres (RIP) Sergio Longinotti (RIP) Jayson Aguinaldo (RIP)
Nov. 24	Tue	9:00am	Orly & Offie Argota (INT) Hyacinth Walter (RIP) Romulo Molina (RIP)
Nov. 25	Wed	9:00am	Hunter De Wolfe (INT) Mathew Paul (INT) Caesar Blanco (INT)
Nov. 26	Thu	9:00am	Cecilia & Francis Dumontier (INT) Chikezie Orji (RIP) Nmandi Udegbie (RIP)
Nov. 27	Fri	9:00am	Nisha thanksgiving (INT) Wendy & Gerry Kilroe (INT) P.P. George (RIP) Andrew Tenebro (RIP)
Nov. 28	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Mario Zamora (RIP) Cesar Cabredo (RIP) Akash & Smith Mamkudiyil (INT) Monica Madawala (RIP)
Nov. 29	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Joseph Nguyen's family (INT) Juan Francisco Bagtas (RIP) Ogonna Orji (INT) Catherine Christina Kennedy (RIP) Mario Zamora (RIP) For the people (INT) Kenneth and Elizar Villar (INT)

TOGETHER IN ACTION

The TIA 2026 is $49,139.00
Collection up-to-date is $58,913.00

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers

We will be preparing and delivering Christmas hampers in December. Families in need have been referred to us by schools in our parish boundary. You can help by purchasing a children's gift. Gift tags are located by the small Christmas tree in the foyer. Consider donating an **unwrapped** gift for ages 1-9 years old or a $30.00 gift card for ages 10-17 years old. These can be dropped off by the small Christmas tree by December 6. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Explained

Join us as we learn and discuss about the Mass every Tuesday at 6:00pm in the large basement hall.
All are welcome!

Missals for 2027

Missals for 2027 are here and as usual at $5.00 each.

Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!
-- St. Josephine Bakhita

Saint of the Week
Saint Cecilia – November 22

Legend claims that a Roman woman named Cecilia was martyred for the faith sometime in the second or third century, a few days after her husband Valerian and his brother Tiburtius were beheaded for refusing to sacrifice to the gods. Her association with music – she is a patron saint of musicians – stems from the story that at her wedding feast she sang to God in her heart.

Honoured since the early years of the Church, Cecilia is mentioned in the list of saints in the first Eucharistic Prayer.

(Living with Christ, November 2026)

Deacon Cruzel's Celebration – Sun., Nov. 29

All are invited to join in the celebration of Deacon Cruzel Lacao's Ordination to be held at the large hall on **Sunday, November 29, 2026** immediately following the 5:00pm Mass. In lieu, of a potluck, those attending are requested to make a contribution towards the cost of food. Sign up sheets will be available in the foyer after all Masses this weekend. Thank you!

10:30am Sunday Choir Recruitment

The Cantores Dei Choir for 10:30am Mass is looking for singers to join their choir. Rehearsals are after Mass in the basement hall from noontime to 2:00pm. Please contact Nady Fernandez or Meiler Vasquez after the Mass, or email stm1030choir@gmail.com if you are interested in joining. No experience needed.

4PM Anima Christi Youth Choir Christmas Carol

Come join the Anima Christi Youth Choir on Christmas Eve at 3PM to kick off the Christmas season with carols, Gregorian chant, and Christmas classics! Everyone is welcome!

Healing Service at St. Luke's

All are welcome for an evening of prayer centred on Christ the Divine Healer, with Rosary, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship, a talk by Fr. Paul Raj, and opportunities for individual prayer.
When: Thu., Dec. 10, at 7pm | Where: St. Luke's Catholic Church, Calgary. All are welcome.

Men's Breakfast Series

Catholic men are invited to gather for breakfast, fellowship and formation with Fr. Jerome Lavigne, exploring faith, leadership and brotherhood.

When: Thu., Dec. 10, 7:30-9:00am | Where: The Inn on Officers' Garden, 150 Dieppe Dr. SW Calgary.
Cost: $45/person.