

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



December 25, 2024 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Pastor:

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Norman Dumais

Deacon Dale Laing

Deacon in Training:

Cruzell 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)



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Christ, who in His birth and in becoming human has allowed us to share in the glory of His immortal nature. He has freed us from death, and the power of sin and darkness. This promise of salvation is ours and thus we rejoice in the knowledge that God is with us.

In our world overshadowed by war, injustice, oppression, division and selfish concerns the Good News proclaimed by Christ continues to offer us a message of salvation and hope.

His words speak to us today, they reassure us and fill us with hope: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. I am the way, and the truth and the life. I am the good shepherd. I am the bread of life.

On 29 December 2024 the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year of Hope will take place in the cathedrals across Canada. In announcing the Jubilee year Pope Francis wrote: "The Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives. Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love."

As we celebrate the joyful season of Christmas, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for the countless ways you have supported our parish throughout this year. Your generosity, whether through your time, talents, or donations, has made an incredible difference in our community. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us — whether it was offering your talents in service to the church, volunteering your time to support our events and ministries, or giving so generously to those in need and to the needs of the Church.

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Weekly Mass Intentions: Dec. 30., 2024 to Jan. 5, 2025

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| Dec. 30 | Mon | 9:00am | Fe Oriel (RIP) Irene Roxas (INT) Bob & Aurora Velasco (INT) |
| Dec. 31 | Tue | 9:00am 5:00pm | Caesar Cabredo (RIP) Frank Palmer (RIP) Rufo Salazar (RIP) For the People (INT) |
| Jan. 1 | Wed | 9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm | Nguyen family thanksgiving (INT) Metuh Family (INT) Nancy & Larry Huynh (INT) |
| Jan. 2 | Thu | 9:00am | Joseph Maru Nguyen (RIP) Teresa Trinh Nguyen (RIP) Gregory Leo (RIP) |
| Jan. 3. | Fri | 9:00am | Joseph Anna Tran (RIP) Kingsley Rodrigo (RIP) Sofia Chavarria (INT) Souls in purgatory (RIP) |
| Jan. 4 | Sat | 9:00am 4:00pm | Shobine George (INT) Teresa & Bernard Paul (RIP) Samuel Sr. & Nelida Aldecoa (RIP) |
| Jan. 5 | Sun | 8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm | Maria Perez (RIP) Alban Mendes (RIP) Mario Periabras (RIP) Teresa Trinh Nguyen (RIP) Angeles Rigijs (RIP) Kathy Yezik (RIP) For the people (INT) |

Together in Action

The TIA 2024 is \$49,139.00
Collection up to date is \$49,351.40
Thank you for your generosity.

St. Thomas More Church Mass Schedule

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

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

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

Faith gives wings to prayer; and without it no one can fly upward to heaven.

St. John Climacus

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Each of you has played a vital role in making our parish a place of love, faith, and fellowship. As we reflect on the blessings of this season, we are reminded of the greatest gift of all: the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, who came to us in humility and love. It is through His example that we are inspired to give of ourselves, just as you have given so generously to others. May this Christmas season fill your hearts with peace, joy, and the love of Christ. May you be surrounded by the warmth of family, the fellowship of friends, and the blessings of the Holy Spirit in all that you do. May the light of God's love shine through us and may our witness of faith be an invitation for others to believe in the gift of salvation that Christ offers to all, and most especially in this upcoming Jubilee year.

This Christmas start loving your fellow person, not just because of what they could do for you or because of any pleasure anyone gives you, but just love them as a fellow person and eventually you will begin to see that they are a creature of God. The only unhappy people in this world are the people who are selfish. Eventually, through this love of your fellow person you will come to know the true meaning of Christmas

Lastly, I am also happy to share that this year we have been able to upgrade and install a new camera system for the church offering better surveillance, upgraded our furnace and also have had new lights in the Church sanctuary.

On behalf of Fr. Alex and staff, I extend my deepest thanks for all the ways you contribute to our parish. Your support enables us to continue spreading the light and love of Christ in our community.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

**The Most Holy Name of Jesus
January 3**

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Since New Testament times, the name of Jesus has been honoured. Paul writes that 'at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' (*Philippians 2.10-11*)

The monogram of the name of Jesus, *IHS* (from the Greek *IHSOUS*), was widely promoted in the 15th century by John of Capistrano and Bernardine of Siena, although the use of the letters of the name of Jesus as an emblem can be traced to the 8th century.