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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 16/17, 2023 : Third Sunday of Advent

PASTOR: Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD	ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD
PERMANENT DEACON: 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 First Friday: 9:00am Adoration: First Friday of the Month 9:30am to Noon Baptisms: An initial appointment with one of the Priests is required before attending a session.	WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm & 5:00pm (Igbo Mass: First Sunday of the Month at 2:00pm) Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office Reconciliation: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: After the morning Mass Saturday: 3:00pm to 3:45pm Society of St. Vincent De Paul: (403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

Please remember St. Thomas More Parish in your Will.
For more information, please visit www.plantingafuture.ca.
There is a booklet on this website to help you with your bequest.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Christmas Mass Timings

Sun., Dec. 24, 2023

Sunday Masses

8:30am, 10:30am, & 12:30pm

Christmas Eve Masses

5:00pm, 8:00pm & 10:00pm

Christmas Day Masses

Mon., Dec. 25, 2023

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

2:00pm (Igbo Language Mass)

Sat., Dec. 30, 2023

Adoration

5:00pm - 9:00pm

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sun., Dec. 31, 2023

8:30am, 10:30am, & 12:30pm

New Year's Eve Mass 5:00pm

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Mon., Jan. 1, 2024: 9:00am & 11:00am

Multicultural Mass

Sat., Jan. 6, 2024: 5pm**There will be no 4pm Mass

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Parish office hours during the Christmas break:

- Mon. - Thu., Dec 25 - 28, 2023 - closed
- Fri. - Sat., Dec. 29 - 30 - Open
- Tue. - Wed., Jan. 2 - 3 - closed
- Thu., Jan. 4, 2024 - open as usual

Weekly Mass Intentions: December 18 to December 24

Mon	18	9:00am	Amparo So & Rodolfo Tesorero (RIP) Edna Tam (RIP) Aurora Cruz (RIP)
Tue	19	9:00am	Edward & Barbara Delay (RIP) Aida Evalle (RIP) Felix Tiburcio (RIP)
Wed	20	9:00am	Jesus Espedido (RIP) Aida Evalle (RIP) Eli Champagne (RIP)
Thu	21	9:00am	Aida Evalle (RIP) Balkan Singh (RIP) All Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Martin Rego (RIP)
Fri	22	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Clara Abocot & Flora Teo (RIP) Dennis Velasco (INT)
Sat	23	9:00am	Ana Marie Pinto (RIP) Souls in Purgatory
		4:00pm	Gloria Roculan (INT) Sherry Edwin (RIP)
Sun	24	8:30am	Jaison Job Kollanoor (RIP)
		10:30am	Fr. Robert Robidoux (INT) Thanksgiving to OLPH (INT)
		12:30pm	Kathy Yezik (RIP)
		5:00pm	For the People
		8:00pm	Mary Jarvis (INT)
		10:00pm	Uchenna & Chika Ibelo (NT)

Together in Action

The TIA 2023 is \$49,139.00

Collection up to date is \$54,482.39.

We thank you for your generosity. All Surplus will go towards renovating the Church's Front Entrance.

The Youth Followers of Christ and the Altar Servers will be having a joint Christmas Party on Friday, December 22, 2023. We would first be attending the Simbang Gabi; Christmas Carols start at 6:30pm and followed by Mass at 7pm. The Christmas party will then be held at the Large Hall and would be from 8pm-10pm. Food and drinks are provided. Please RSVP only **ONCE** to either Chad Smith or to yfoc@stthomasmore.ca to indicate your attendance. We hope to see the youth there!

**Fr. Alex's Birthday Celebration
Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023**

Have you heard about Fr. Alex's upcoming big day? Help him celebrate it in a special way by attending the potluck party
Where: St. Thomas More Parish - Large Hall
When: After the 7:00pm Mass
Hoping you'll make a tasty dish to feed your family plus two. What a great reason to celebrate?!
Hope to see you there!

ANSWERS

1. B—fly around in heaven
2. C—Jonah's journey to Nineveh
3. B—they are innumerable

Congratulations to Johann Alvarez, Haiden Benjamin, Arcie Jose, Adesuwa Ojefua & Etinosa Ojefua who were baptized here this week.

'And the word became flesh and lived among us.'
Display of the manger will be in the foyer after each Mass for purchase.

SIMBANG GABI NOVENA

Please join us in celebrating the 9-day Novena for Simbang Gabi starting on Fri., Dec. 15, 2023 till Sat., Dec. 23, 2023. Carolling starts at 6:30pm, Novena prayers at 6:45pm and Mass at 7:00pm .

NEW WEBSITE

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new website. We request you to let us know your thoughts and feed back.

Thank you.

Donation Envelopes for the year 2024 are available for pick up in the foyer.
Please ensure you have collected yours.

Donate a Warm Winter Coat

The Salvation Army is teaming up with the Diocese of Calgary to ensure everyone has a warm coat this winter. Donations of new and gently used coats and other winter wear are sorted and distributed by the Salvation Army throughout various programs to be shared with those in need. To drop off coats at the Catholic Pastoral Centre during office hours (please call 403-218-5500). To organize a Winter Coat Drive in your parish, please contact Monica at 403-218-5521 or email monica.ottenbreit@calgarydiocese.ca

ANGEL FACTS

Select the best answer from the four provided.

1. One of these is not among the purposes of angels.
 - A. glorify God
 - B. fly around in heaven
 - C. help people
 - D. worship God
2. According to Scripture's record, in one of these events angels were not a part of it.
 - A. the events surrounding Jesus's birth
 - B. the flood
 - C. Jonah's journey to Nineveh
 - D. the temptation of Jesus
3. Of the following traits, only one is true of angels.
 - A. they are omnipresent
 - B. they are innumerable
 - C. they are omniscient
 - D. they are omnipotent.