

# 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 2/3, 2023 : First Sunday of Advent

<b>PASTOR:</b> Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD	<b>ASSOCIATE PASTOR:</b> Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD
<b>PERMANENT DEACON:</b> Deacon Norman Dumais Deacon Dale Laing	<b>Office Assistant:</b> Rachael Ramaswamy <b>Administrative Assistant:</b> Fe Badajos
<b>BOOKKEEPER:</b> Cindy Kreutzer	<b>HOSPITALITY:</b> Everyone in the Parish!
<b>WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE</b> Monday to Saturday: 9:00am First Friday: 9:00am  Adoration: First Friday of the Month 9:30am to Noon  <b>Baptisms:</b> An initial appointment with one of the Priests is required before attending a session.	<b>WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE</b> Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm & 5:00pm (Igbo Mass: First Sunday of the Month at 2:00pm)  <b>Anointing of the Sick:</b> Please call the Parish Office <b>Reconciliation:</b> Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: After the morning Mass Saturday: 3:00pm to 3:45pm  <b>Society of St. Vincent De Paul:</b> (403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

**Please remember St. Thomas More Parish in your Will.**  
**For more information, please visit [www.plantingafuture.ca](http://www.plantingafuture.ca).**  
**There is a booklet on this website to help you with your bequest.**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### **Advent Reconciliation Service Dates**

Thu., Dec. 7, 2023: 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Thu., Dec. 14, 2023: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

#### **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)

#### **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Sun., Dec. 31, 2023**

#### **Sunday Masses**

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: 5:00pm

\*\*There will be no 4:00pm Mass

#### **The immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Fri., Dec. 8, 2024

Masses are at 9:00am & 7:00pm

**Weekly Mass Intentions: December 4 to December 10**

Mon	4	9:00am	Rodolfo Enojo (INT) Theodora & Albert Davis (RIP) Alejandro Tapangco (RIP)
Tue	5	9:00am	Dennis & Laurie Velasco (INT) Gerry Burchat (RIP) Elena Mapanao (RIP)
Wed	6	9:00am	Teresa Noriega (INT) Paulina & George Bryce (RIP) Rosalina Bumatay (RIP)
Thu	7	9:00am	Anna Cue Tran (INT) Braelyn Baltazar (INT) Mary Anne & Paul Chin (INT)
Fri	8	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Diane (RIP) Cen Marcelo (INT)
Sat	9	9:00am	Nathan Velasco (INT) Thanksgiving for Serrano Family (INT)
		4:00pm	Rachel Seupersad (INT) Pacita Tapangco (RIP)
Sun	10	8:30am	Poor Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Mary Mathew (RIP)
		10:30am	Regino Abanto (RIP)
		12:30pm	Romualdo Vaz (RIP) Laureano Sacro (RIP)
		5:00pm	For the people

*'Cast your burden on Him. He is the Prince of Peace, and He has promised to send tranquility.'*  
David Egner

**Bible Quiz  
How Many?**

In the following biblical situations, what number is missing?

1. There were \_\_\_\_\_ cherubim on the Ark of the Covenant.
2. The Israelites marched around Jericho \_\_\_\_\_ times on the day the walls fell.
3. Jesus was in the wilderness for \_\_\_\_\_ days before He was tempted.
4. After the flood, the total population of the world was \_\_\_\_\_ people.
5. The Northern Kingdom of Israel consisted of \_\_\_\_\_ tribes.
6. Israel spent \_\_\_\_\_ years in exile in Babylon.
7. In the New Jerusalem of Revelation 21, there will be \_\_\_\_\_ gates.
8. The fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) consists of \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics.
9. When Moses died, Israel mourned for him for \_\_\_\_\_ days.
10. When Jesus fed the 5,000, he started with \_\_\_\_\_ fish and \_\_\_\_\_ loaves.

6. seventy, 7. twelve, 8. nine, 9. thirty, 10. two, five  
1. two, 2. seven, 3. forty, 4. eight, 5. ten

**ANSWERS - Bible Quiz**



**St. Vincent de Paul - Christmas hampers**

We will be preparing and delivering Christmas hampers in December for families in need. For families with children, we will be including gifts. If anyone would like to donate gifts for children, you may do so by picking up a gift tag in the foyer by the small Christmas tree and donating an unwrapped gift for ages 1-9 years old, or a \$25 gift card, for ages 10-17 years old. These can be dropped off over the weekends of Dec. 3, and Dec. 10, in the foyer under the small Christmas tree. Thank you for your generosity.

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.  
(Psalm 84.13)



**Knights of Columbus Council #7938  
Annual Christmas Dinner & Dance**

The Knights of Columbus Council #7938 Officer's Team is hosting, with a special invitation to our Catholic Women's League, the annual Christmas Dinner party.

On Saturday, December 9, 2023, at 5:30pm  
at St. Thomas More Parish Hall.

This is an open invitation to all brother Knights & CWL ladies including spouse and children, the event is free. We ask that you bring a POTLUCK DISH enough for your family plus two.  
Please RSVP ASAP!

**Welcome Home:  
How to Make Our Parishes More Inviting**

You are the parish! There are not enough programs or resources in the world that will make your church more welcoming. No mission and vision statements can ever convey the actual experience of being cared for. It takes the whole parish to welcome others home.

Join this exciting online session with Fr. Troy Nguyen, Dr. Lance Dixon, and Dr. Bonnie Annicchiarico as we explore ways to truly welcome others home this Christmas and throughout the year.

When: Thursday, December 7 at 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Online Session via Zoom

Register by calling Monica at 403-218-5521