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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 Parishioners



Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Pastor:

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Norman Dumais

Deacon Dale Laing

Office Assistant:

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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.

Confirmation:

On-line registration is now closed.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul:

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)



The message of Easter is very clear: Christ is truly risen! The events that followed the crucifixion of our Lord give a rare glimpse of who Jesus was: fully human and fully divine. With the resurrection of Jesus, the divinity of Jesus shines brighter than before. Jesus is no longer constrained by time and space. Jesus makes himself visible to everyone who longs to see him or waits on him. The mission of Jesus gets transformed now as St Paul would say that Christ "becomes all in all."

The Resurrection proclaims that love is stronger than death, that light overcomes darkness, and that no stone is too heavy for God to roll away. The empty tomb stands as a silent yet powerful witness: what seemed like the end is, in truth, a beginning. As we celebrate this Easter, we are invited not only to rejoice, but to become witnesses. Like the disciples, we are called to run toward the signs of life, to believe even when understanding is incomplete, and to live as people whose lives are already touched by eternity.

Best regards,

Rev. Jerald D'Souza, OCD, Pastor &

Rev. Alexander Braganza, OCD, Associate Pastor

Resurrection of the Lord

GRIEF. SADNESS. FEAR. Mary awoke before light — perhaps unable to sleep in her grief. What better time for a fearful disciple to visit the grave of an executed friend than under cover of darkness? She would have known that, as a friend of Jesus, her life, too, was in peril. But she was compelled to go. She may have hoped for some solace sitting quietly before the tomb, just before daybreak.

We have expectations when we visit a grave. Not the least of these is that our beloved will be there.

Bewilderment. Astonishment. Incomprehension. It is hard to image how disconcerting the experience of finding an empty tomb would have been, first for Mary, and then for the apostles whom she told. How could this be explained?

Hope. Wonder. Joy. Then, one by one, Jesus revealed himself to them. Those who have experienced the death of someone know how surreal it feels for the first few days. Imagine how surreal it must have felt to have Jesus return again from the dead! Alive! Speaking!

At Easter we proclaim that all grief and fear is but a prelude to wonder and joy. The frozen, barren ground yields new life and beauty. Tyrants fall from their thrones. Daisies push through concrete. Wounds slowly heal. Life conquers death. *(Living with Christ—Triduum, 2026) - Christine Way Skinner*

Weekly Mass Intentions: April 6 to April 12

Apr. 6	Mon	9:00am	Fr. Alex Braganza (INT) Jim Jawrosky (RIP)
Apr. 7	Tue	9:00am	Jake Bieschke (INT) Vasil Mishev (RIP)
Apr. 8	Wed	9:00am	Rosie Buencamino (INT) Vasil Mishev (RIP)
Apr. 9	Thu	9:00am	Audrey Long (INT) Salud Gaoat (RIP)
Apr. 10	Fri	9:00am	Bill & Susanna Walton (INT) Dora Da Costa (RIP) Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Apr. 11	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Mario Zamora (RIP) Leandro D. Gonzales (RIP) Edwin Aquinas (RIP) Ananias, Juanita & Sheila Bacalso
Apr. 12	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Nguyen family (INT) Dora Da Costa (RIP) Phyllis & Stanley Fernandes (RIP) Margaret Kelly (RIP) Zeny Palmer (INT) Frank Palmer (RIP) For all parishioners (INT) Theresiama Thomas (RIP)

TOGETHER IN ACTION

The TIA 2026 is \$49,139.00
Collection up-to-date is \$11,559.00
Surplus funds will be used for new OCIA gowns.



JESUS PROMISES GREAT GRACES THROUGH THIS IMAGE & THESE PRAYERS:

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! (3x)

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

On rosary beads, begin:
Our Father, Hail Mary, the Creed.
On the Our Father beads, pray:
Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
On the Hail Mary beads, pray:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
In conclusion, pray three times:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
(Offer these prayers at 3:00 p.m., if possible.)

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Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2026

Please join us in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2026: 2:30pm - 3:30pm. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and at 3pm the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

**Saint of the Week - April 7
Saint John Baptist de la Salle**

John Baptist de la Salle was the founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, a teaching order well known in North America and around the world.

John's great achievements began quite unexpectedly. Born in 1651 in France, he inherited the position and riches of his family. Destined for a successful career in the Church, he was ordained in 1678 and soon was asked to help establish some charity schools. He quickly realized that the teachers had to be trained and he provided housing for them. His desire to be in the same position as his teachers inspired him to resign his canonry and to give up his private fortune.

In 1684 the group became a religious community. Their rule stated that no brother could become a priest and no priest could join the order, a rule that has been preserved. Despite much opposition and hardship, by the time of his death in 1719, John Baptist had established the first teacher training college, schools for both the poor and the privileged, and written several education manuals, now classics in the field of education. He is a patron of teachers.

(Living with Christ, April 2026)

Sacrament of Confirmation Program 2026

1st Gathering: Sat., Apr. 11, 2026 from 10am - noon

First Holy Communion Program 2026

RETREAT Fri., April 10 5pm to 7pm



**Pilgrimage Easter Celebration
Knights of Columbus 7938**

K of C is organizing a pilgrimage and warmly invites you to join for a prayerful Easter Celebration.

Please remember to bring and share Potluck Lunch

Place: St. Joseph Catholic Church, Radium BC

Date: Sat., April 11, 2026

Starting time: 8:00am St. Thomas More Parish

Prayer starts: 11:30am Easter Celebration

Lunch Potluck: 12:15pm to 1:15pm

Transportation: Your own drive

Contact kofc7938calgary@gmail.com—403 604 3224

The Origin of Divine Mercy Sunday

The feast of Divine Mercy Sunday did not come from a committee or a calendar revision. It came from a direct request of Jesus himself, as recorded in the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska — a Polish nun who received mystical visions in the 1930s.

In her diary, Jesus told her: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. (Diary 699) - from the diary of St. Faustina Kowalska