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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

February 17/18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent

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

All Fridays in Lent

Masses are at 9:00am & 6:30pm Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00pm followed by spiritual reflection & Adoration

Fri., Feb. 23, 2024, Fri., Mar. 1, 2024, Fri., Mar. 8, 2024, Fri., Mar. 15, 2024, Fri., Mar. 22, 2024

First Eucharist — Session 1

Sat., Feb. 24, 2024 at 10:00am at Bishop McNally High School

TAX RECEIPTS

Kindly ensure that you have collected your tax receipts from the fover.

TIP TAP DONATIONS FOR FEBRUARY, 2024

All tap donations received in the month of February will be used for funding the Parish Furnace.

St. Thomas Parish remains grateful to all the donors, supporters, and parishioners for making the Valentine Wine & Cheese fundraiser a great success. All proceeds will go towards funding the Parish Furnace.

Weekly Mass Intentions: February 19 to February 25

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Mon	19	9:00am	Karen Chungranes (RIP) Jennifer Davis (RIP) Joanne Marie Craig (RIP)						
Tue	20	9:00am	Ambrose Walton (RIP) Theodora Albert Davis (RIP) KT Thomas (RIP)						
Wed	21	9:00am	Kingsley Rodrigo (RIP) Martin Rego (RIP) Hilda Kearney (RIP)						
Thu	22	9:00am	Celestina, Basilio, Fortunata Bullecer (RIP) Tito, Genoveva Cabili (RIP)						
Fri	23	9:00am 6:30pm	Zenaida Palmer (INT) Shalini Madura (RIP) Eleuterio Villanueva (RIP) Janae Rose Comia-Pelley & Marcia Liwag (RIP)						
Sat	24	9:00am 4:00pm	Deceased members of Rego & D'Cruz family (RIP) Gedit Zekaris (RIP) Richard Kanna (INT)						
Sun	25	8:30am	Lily D'Silva (RIP) D.P. John (RIP)						
		10:30am	Raquel Bautista (RIP) Caltiel Gonzales (RIP)						
		12:30pm	Queencess Espacio (INT)						
		5:00pm	For the people (INT)						

Together in Action

The TIA 2024 is \$49,139.00 Collection up to date is \$3, 377.00 All Surplus will go to funding the Parish Furnace.

40 Hours of Adoration Bishop McNally High School

Please join Bishop McNally High School staff and students for Adoration in our school Chapel for the 40 Hours of Adoration for Vocations initiative Wednesday, February 28, 8:30am to 12:30pm, and/or Mass at 7:45am. To sign up or for more information, please contact the Chaplain Lynne McLaughlin at lynne.mclaughlin@cssd.ab.ca or 403-500-2091 ext. 2370.

7 Things to give up for lent instead of Chocolates

- 1. <u>Screen time and digital devices</u>: it's tough to break the habit. But that's what makes this such a great sacrifice.
- 2. <u>Complaining</u>: See if you can hold back your complaint and find something to be grateful for instead.
- 3. <u>Hot showers</u>: It's a powerful little way to practice asceticism and self-denial in daily life.
- 4. Shopping: You can donate the money you've saved in alms.
- 5. <u>Snacking between meals</u>: It's a great way to enter into the Lenten spirit of fasting.
- 6. <u>Lazy shortcuts</u>: Eliminate some little 'Shortcut' you take and offer it up this Lent.
- 7. <u>Eating out</u>: It's a great way to grow in patience (and save some money, too!).

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Congratulations to Karissa Amakiri, Yael & Yohan Patague and Omar David Valle Castellar, who were baptized in our Parish last week.

HOLY WEEK WORD SEARCH

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