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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



Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 17/18, 2025

Pastor:

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Norman Dumais

Deacon Dale Laing

Deacon in Formation:

Cruzel 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 closed.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul:

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

I REMEMBER AND treasure the last words that my father said to me. For years, our telephone conversations had concluded with me saying, "Love you, Dad," and he would laughingly answer, "Me, too!" But on that day, he brought our conversation to a close by saying the words first: "I love you." I was the one to say, "Me, too." I hardly noticed it, but that night, when I learned of his sudden and unexpected death, and for all the years since, I have held onto those words, and they have grown in impact and significance.

On the last night that Jesus and his disciples were together, Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, You also should love one another." These parting words of Jesus must have taken on deeper and deeper meaning and impact as the years passed.

Jesus says, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." In committing ourselves to love, we commit ourselves to a way of life that is not always easy, is often challenging, and has the potential to change the world. The words grow in impact and significance as we see how much our world needs love, the love Jesus commanded us to live and share. Love one another.

— *Living with Christ, Sunday, May 18, 2025 Anne M. Walsh*

Readings:

1st Reading: Acts 14.21b-27

2nd Reading: Revelation 21.1-5a

Gospel: John 13.1, 31-33a, 34-35

During the Last Supper, Jesus gives us one last commandment: "love one another." Reading this section now in the resurrection light brings to the foreground God's glorification of the Son where death is destroyed by life. In turn, the Son's victory over death glorifies God the Father.

1. How is your life nourished by love of God?
2. How has loving brought out the best in you and others?
3. How does your parish community love one another?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

Mass of Thanksgiving for our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV

Join Bishop McGrattan for a Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving on **Wed., May 21 at 5pm** at **St. Mary's Cathedral**, as we pray for Pope Leo XIV and unite with the universal Church in this historic moment. All are welcome!

If it is true that human life is in the hands of God, it is no less true that these are loving hands, like those of a mother who accepts, nurtures and takes care of her child.
— St. John Paul II

Weekly Mass Intentions: May 19 to May 25

May 19	Mon	9:00am	Maria and Major K.S. Ramaswamy (INT) Anthony C.L. (INT)
May 20	Tue	9:00am	Bill & Susanna Walton (INT) Lillian Mary Boone (RIP) Bernardo Serquina (RIP)
May 21	Wed	9:00am	Avelino Rodriguez (RIP) Conchita Vidal (RIP) Benedict Villadolido (RIP)
May 22	Thu	9:00am	Liam DeLay (INT) Avelino Rodriguez (RIP) Conchita Vidal (RIP)
May 23	Fri	9:00am	Diomedes Crisostomo (RIP) Lloyd Richardson (RIP) Mary Joseph (RIP)
May 24	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Thanksgiving intention for Mary Help of Christians (INT) Hildegard Villadolido (RIP) Carlos & Angela Fernandes (RIP)
May 25	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Apolonia Oriel (RIP) Joseph Joseph (RIP) Kazimiera & Barrie Belfield (INT) Avelino Rodriguez (RIP) Conchita Vidal (RIP) For the people (INT) Letengus Gedel (INT)

TOGETHER IN ACTION

The TIA 2025 is \$49,139.00

Collection up-to-date \$21,980.40

All surplus will go towards repair and renovation of the basement washrooms.

Permanent Diaconate Open House

The Diocese of Calgary invites men discerning a call to serve as permanent deacons to attend one of our upcoming open house presentations.

Come and learn more about the vocation, the formation journey, and what it means to serve Christ and His Church in this vocation.

- Open House Presentation:

Brooks: Sat., June 7, 2025 from 1pm to 2:30pm, at St. Mary's Parish, 511 4 St W, Brooks

Calgary: Wed., June 11, 2025 from 7pm to 8:30pm and Sat., June 14, 2025 from 10:30am to 12pm at Catholic Pastoral Centre, 120 17th Ave SW, Calgary

Lethbridge: Sat., June 21, 2025 | 10:30am to 12pm, at St. Basil's Church (All Saints Parish), 604 13 St. North, Lethbridge

- **Application** for Permanent Diaconate formation is due by: July 31, 2025 - Details:

catholicyyyc.ca/permanentdiaconate

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Knight of Columbus Garage Sale

Please join us for the Knights of Columbus garage sale on June 28 & 29, 2025 from 11am to 6pm in the small hall.

Saint of the Week—May 20

Saint Bernardine of Siena,

commonly referred to as the “Apostle of Italy”, was heralded as an eloquent preacher, missionary, reformer and economist. He was born in 1380 to a noble family in Tuscany but was orphaned early in his life. In 1400, at the height of the great plague in Italy, he volunteered to care for the sick in the city of Siena, stopping only when he himself became ill.

In 1402 he entered the Franciscan order in Siena and was ordained to the priesthood in 1404. For several years, he studied and lived the life of a quiet contemplative. In 1417, he was sent to Milan to help out at one of the parish churches. Here, Bernardine discovered his gift of preaching. News of his exciting sermons spread rapidly, and soon he had invitations to travel and preach all over the peninsula. He brought his enthusiasm for preaching the Good News to crowds of thousands. During his ministry he was asked to be a bishop on three occasions. Each time he refused because he believed his gifts were best used as a missionary.

St. Bernardine's tireless commitment to spreading the Good News remained until the very end of his life. In 1444 he set out to preach in Naples. On the way he fell ill with fever. He died on the vigil of the Feast of the Ascension at age 64. His feast day is May 20.

(ICSC May 2025 e-Bulletin)

Fifth Sunday of Easter Weekend of May 17/18, 2025

In today's Gospel Jesus makes a bold and clear statement to his disciples. “I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” We are called to love others as a sign of our discipleship in Jesus Christ. That includes even those “others” we might prefer to forget. We are so often tempted to draw lines between those who we will love and those who we consider not worthy of our love. This week take time to reflect on Jesus' love command. How often do we heed Jesus' love command? What change in our lives must take place in order for us to obey this command?

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40 Hours Devotion for Vocations

Pray with us for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our Diocese. The next devotions:

- St. Anne's Korean Church - Fri., May 30 at 12pm to Sun., June 1 at 10am
- St. Michael's Calgary - Fri., June 6 at 3pm to Sun., June 8 at 8am.