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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



January 13/14, 2024 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

SACRAMENTS

FIRST EUCHARIST

Orientation Session: February 10, 2024 at 10:00am at St. Thomas More Parish

CONFIRMATION

Registration will open next week.

Please check our website for updates.

ASH WEDNESDAY—Feb. 14, 2024

Masses are 8:00am, 9:00am & 7:00pm

TAX RECEIPTS

Kindly ensure that you have updated your address with the Parish Office, in order to receive your 2023 tax receipts.

Holy Night

The Youth Followers of Christ would be hosting Holy Night on Friday, February 9, 2024 from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. The event would include a faith testimony, talk, Eucharistic Adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and confession. Youth aged 13 and above and their parents are invited. Please take this opportunity to encounter and adore Christ and to renew oneself before the start of the Lenten Season. We hope to see you there!



Weekly Mass Intentions: January 15 to January 21

Mon	15	9:00am	Larry & Kerryl Young (INT) Garth & Cecille Fritze (INT) Marife De Velez (INT)
Tue	16	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Cen & Tess Marcelo (INT) Susan Lee (INT)
Wed	17	9:00am	Norma Villanueva (INT) Sean Hogan (RIP) Anita Vispo (RIP)
Thu	18	9:00am	Saga Naeselius & Darryl Fritze (RIP) Maria Greco (RIP)
Fri	19	9:00am	Delfin Espe (RIP) John Lawdry (INT) Jeanine Paraiso (INT)
Sat	20	9:00am	Blanco Family (INT) Joshua Joe (INT)
		4:00pm	Estefano Granados (RIP)
Sun	21	8:30am	Jean Pittman (RIP) Rosita & Oscar Valencia (RIP)
		10:30am	Marie Rocha (RIP)
		12:30pm	Martin Rego (RIP)
		5:00pm	For the people (INT) Shalini Madhura (RIP)

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

**VALENTINE WINE & CHEESE
FUND RAISER**



**On
Sat., Feb 10, 2024
At 6:30pm
at \$30/person
Tickets will be available for
sale from
Tue., Jan. 16, 2024
at the Parish Office.**



St. Vincent de Paul - Christmas hampers

Thank you to our parishioners for your donations of gifts, gift cards, and food. Thank-you to our schools for holding food drives (St. Wilfrid, Light of Christ, St. John XXIII, and St. John Paul II), and Christmas cards for hampers created by students at Monsignor Hetherington.

Thank you to our volunteers. All of this contributed to another successful Christmas hamper program and stocking of our food pantry for this year's weekly hampers.

Christmas hampers: 91 hampers (assisted 180 adults and 203 children).

Regular hampers in 2023: 530 Hampers prepared and delivered serving 1039 adults and 968 children.

**The childhood miracle that changed
St. Marguerite's life | Feast day: Jan. 12**

Many years before St. Marguerite Bourgeoys made a fateful decision to be a missionary in Canada, she had a miraculous experience as a child that radically changed her life. While growing-up in a modestly successful family, St. Marguerite was tempted by vanity and was often distracted away from God. One day that all changed when she attended a procession on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Margaret Mary Drummond describes the scene in the book *The Life and Times of Margaret Bourgeoys*:

This day of signal grace dawned for our heroine with the first Sunday of October 1640, when the Dominicans of Troyes celebrated the Feast of the Rosary by a solemn procession. As it wound through the narrow streets of the ancient town, the sweet sound of hymns sung by fresh young voices rose and fell upon the cool autumn winds... Margaret who had fallen into the ranks some time before, raised her eyes in loving reverence to the stone statue of the Blessed Virgin surmounting the massive gate. At that moment the figure of Our Lady seemed radiant with a celestial beauty unnoticed by Margaret until then and invisible to all others. The heavenly face bent upon the startled girl a look of unutterable tenderness, a look which filled her heart with contempt for all earthly things.

The miraculous gaze of the Blessed Virgin soon faded, but her heart could not shake what happened.

Later in life she wrote about the experience, "The impression received on that occasion so touched and transformed me that I no longer knew myself and the change in me was soon apparent to all from that moment. I gave up every amusement, retired from the world and dedicated my life to the service of God."

The event profoundly changed her life and prepared her for a heroic life of sanctity.

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