

# 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*



## March 23/24, 2024 Passion (Palm) Sunday

<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  <b>Adoration:</b> First Friday of the Month 9:30am to Noon <hr/> <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) Anointing <b>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 <hr/> <b>Society of St. Vincent De Paul:</b> (403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

**Please remember St. Thomas More Parish in your Will.**

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### HOLY THURSDAY

March 28, 2024: 7:00pm followed by  
Adoration till 11:00pm  
(There will be no Mass at 9:00am)

#### GOOD FRIDAY - March 29, 2024

Stations of the Cross: 9am  
Good Friday Service: 12:00pm & 3:00pm

#### EASTER VIGIL - March 30, 2024: 8:00pm

#### EASTER SUNDAY - March 31, 2024:

8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm & 5:00pm  
Igbo Language: 2:00pm



Come Join Us For the Sharing  
of a Humble Meal  
of Soup and Bun on  
Good Friday, March 29, 2024  
after the 3:00pm service in the  
Church Basement Halls.

### CHRISM MASS

The Diocese of Calgary will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Mon, Mar 25 at 7 pm, at St. Mary's Cathedral. During this Mass, the priests, deacons, and all the faithful gather around Bishop McGrattan, who blesses the Holy Oils for use in the coming year.

Cathedral doors will be open to the public at 6 pm.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS DURING HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday : March 28 - 10:00 am to Noon

Good Friday : March 29 - Closed

Holy Saturday : March 30 - Closed

Easter Monday : April 1 - Closed

Tuesday, April 2 : Open as usual, 10am to 3pm

***The mercy of the Lord I will sing forever,  
Before all the people will I sing it,  
For it is God's greatest attribute  
And for us an unending miracle***

from St. Sr. Faustina's Diary (522)

### Weekly Mass Intentions: March 25 to March 31

Mon	25	9:00am	Peter Ha Huu Vien (RIP) Antoine Nguyen Van Nien (RIP) Peter Nguyen Phat Tai (RIP)
Tue	26	9:00am	Ambrose Walton (RIP) Camille Le Blanc (RIP) Lydia Radoc (RIP)
Wed	27	9:00am	Bill & Susanna Walton (INT) Vivianna Demello (INT) Mary Ng Ahu Luang (RIP)
Thu	28	7:00pm	Jeff Gedorio (INT) Roone & Barb Learmont (INT)
Fri	29	9:00am	Stations of the Cross Good Friday Service 12pm & 3pm
Sat	30	8:00pm	Rev. Jerald D'Souza, OCD (INT)
Sun	31	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Rocel Carabeo (RIP) Agnes Ibelo (INT) Erlinda Celestra (RIP) For the people Fr. Robert Robidoux (INT) Romualdo Vaz (RIP)

#### Together in Action

The TIA 2024 is \$49,139.00

Collection up to date is \$11,293.50

All Surplus will go to funding the Parish Furnace.

#### Outdoor Way of the Cross

All are invited to join Bishop McGrattan on the **Outdoor Way of the Cross on Good Friday, March 29, 2024 at 9am.** We are introducing a new route this year that begins at St. Mary's University and leads us to the Father Lacombe Centre in SE Calgary. Remember to dress appropriately for the outdoors. For more information, visit: [catholicyyc.ca/wayofthecross](http://catholicyyc.ca/wayofthecross).

#### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 7, 2024

We will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on April 7, 2024 starting at 2:30pm with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be:

Confession and at 2:45pm

We will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet concluding with blessing followed by Mass.

#### Couples Weekend April 19-21, 2024

To register contact

Michele & Paul Grover @changrover@shaw.ca

Or Tess & Renato Abanto 403-615-6126 email address  
april1686@gmail.com

Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre

403-932-2012 www.mountstfrancis.ca

### PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

The theme of the suffering servant prevails throughout the Gospel of Mark. Jesus does not desire to be known through miracles and healing. Instead, his true identity is revealed through his oneness with humanity, most profoundly witnessed in his relationship with the suffering and persecuted of the world. It is the cross that most blatantly reveals the death blowing consequences of our inability to set down self-centered behaviors of destruction and live in right relationship of covenant life. Through the stark reality of the cross Jesus invites us to choose eternal life. With open arms he welcomes us to rise above the forces of death, in forgiveness and love, to follow him as disciples of life. 1. There are many characters in the passion account of Mark including: Pilate, Judas, the high priest, bystanders, women from a distance, the disciples and the centurion at foot of the cross to name but a few. Which of these characters do you identify with? Why? How do you think this identification might deepen your experience of Holy Week? 2. At the Last Supper Jesus offers his entire life, all of who he is, as the way of discipleship. He offers his life as the means to follow him into the fullness of right relationship with all of creation. How do you respond to this invitation? 3. After a triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Jesus is totally rejected and abandoned by everyone, even his closest friends. What has been your experience of failure, rejection or abandonment? 4. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? When have you felt forsaken by God? What gives you hope?

LIVING THE WORD Remember that Holy Week is an invitation to become a disciple of the Suffering Servant. Live and act more consciously in the story that promises life!

**Scripture and Prayer from the Diocese of Saskatoon**

#### NEXT STEP OF LOVE

What would cause someone to help a competitor? For a restaurant owner named Adolfo in Wisconsin, it was opportunity to encourage other struggling local restaurant owners adapting to Covid regulations. Adolfo knew firsthand the challenges of operating a business during a pandemic. Encouraged by another local business' generosity, Adolfo spent his own money to purchase more than two thousand dollars in gift cards to give away to his customers to use at other restaurants in his community. That's an expression of love that's just not words but action.

Putting love into action can be hard because it often requires personal sacrifice or disadvantaging ourselves for another person. Enabled by God's Spirit and remembering His lavish love for us, we can take the next step of love.

How have you experienced love in action? How can you take the next step to love someone in a practical way?

Dear Jesus, help me to follow your example and take the next step to demonstrate genuine love in my actions today.

*Our Daily Bread*