

# St. Thomas More Parish: 15 Templebow Road NE, Calgary AB T1Y 6J3

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*A collaborative ministry of the Carmelite Fathers and Lay Parishioners*



## May 25/26, 2024 - Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

<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  <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 of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office <b>Reconciliation:</b> Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: After the morning Mass Saturday: 3:00pm to 3:45pm  <b>Society of St. Vincent De Paul:</b> (403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

### Diocesan-wide Pastoral Renewal Survey June 1 & 2

Following all weekend Masses on June 1 and 2 (Corpus Christi Sunday), parishioners aged 18 and older are invited to participate in the Pastoral Renewal Survey. Please plan to bring your family, friends, and electronic devices to complete the survey online after Mass. The Survey can be completed either online or on paper. Your voice matters! Help shape the future of our faith community and the journey of discipleship.

### Not such a remote God

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In bygone times practically everybody agreed about the existence of God. At those days, religious divisions came from conflicting beliefs about God, rather than any conflict between theism and atheism. This is not the case nowadays. Not only do many openly profess their lack of faith, but the quality of life we pursue tends to promote a kind of atheism in all of us. Especially in our large cities, surrounded by a world of largely human inventiveness, people are at a distance from the things of nature. As a result even the rural-based of our population are bound to feel in some degree God's apparent remoteness from our situation, God's silence, remaining hidden to the end of our earthly days.

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity, the revelation of the mystery of God's inner life. This mystery will remain for all of us as long as we live in this world, even though the veil which covers it is lifted ever so little. Our Bible assures us that not only is our God a personal God, but God exists as three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, while remaining one God. Although we cannot even begin to give a logical explanation for this, our faith enables us in some small measure to experience the presence of God. How this can happen is stated by St Augustine in a most beautiful passage from his "Confessions" (p. 211). "What do I love when I love my God?" he asks. Then he continues; "Not material beauty or beauty of a temporal order; not the brilliance of earthly light, so welcome to our eyes; not the sweet melody of harmony and song; not the fragrance of flowers, perfumes and spices; not manna or honey; not limbs such as the body delights to embrace. It is not these that I love when I love my God. And yet, when I love him, it is true that I love a light of a certain kind, a voice, a perfume, a food, an embrace; but they are of the kind that I love in my inner self." "So tell me something of my God," he asks. And loud and clear they answered, "God is he who made us."

Seeing God will change us utterly, and this salvation is a pure gift that always comes from the Father, announced and realized in his divine Son, and made effective in each of us through the action of the Holy Spirit. St Paul tells us that "in one Spirit we have access through Christ to the Father" (Eph 2:18). But the God's reaching down to us must be answered by the up-reach of our soul to God. To succeed in this we must break free from the sinful pursuits which hold us captive. Then as Paul says, like mirrors we will reflect the brightness of the Lord, until finally we are changed into that image which we reflect (2 Cor 3:17f). For this great promise, glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever, Amen.

**Weekly Mass Intentions: May 27 to June 2**

Mon	27	9:00am	Blanco Family (INT) Chito Marquez (RIP) Ethel Saure (RIP)
Tue	28	9:00am	Dana Baria (INT) Felisa Bilgera (RIP)
Wed	29	9:00am	Garth & Cecilia Fritze (INT) Francisco Xavier Nguyen Tho (RIP) Rodrigo Migalbin (RIP)
Thu	30	9:00am	Lloyd Richson (RIP) Adelina Piega (RIP) Thomas Schultz (RIP) Razzy Levin Regencia (RIP)
Fri	31	9:00am	Peter Panorel (INT) John KJ (RIP) Mary & Joseph (INT) Our Lady of Visitation (INT)
Sat	1	9:00 am 4:00pm	Joseph Anna Tran (RIP) Regino Alvarez (RIP)
Sun	2	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Ester Janolino (RIP) Concepcion Roxas (RIP) Tom., Dante, Remedios Balba(RIP) Bernard Paul (RIP) For the people (INT) Romualdo Vaz (RIP)

Congratulations to those who were baptized this week:  
Akuol Deng, Apet Deng, Moses Hasri,  
Samuel Ouqbagbrial and Gimi Zemhiret

**Volunteer Needed**  
We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate the management of our church's facilities including the repairs and maintenance of the church's daily operations i.e. electricity, plumbing, security, HVAC etc. Please contact the parish office.

**Mary's Festival**  
*Join us at **Mary's Festival on Saturday, June 1, 2024.** Experience a day filled with live music, delicious food, exciting games, and family-friendly activities.. From Face painting, to a dunk tank, to a marketplace and beer garden, there's something for everyone to enjoy! This event is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Calgary, St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy, and God Squad Canada. Don't miss out on the fun, get your tickets today!*  
**[Stmu.ca/mary's festival](http://Stmu.ca/mary's%20festival)**

**Together in Action**  
The TIA 2024 is \$49,139.00  
Collection up to date is \$19,786.25

**Career Opportunities**  
Join the Catholic Pastoral Centre and be part of a dedicated team committed to making a difference in our community! We are currently seeking passionate individuals for the following positions:

- **Archivist** (Full-time)
- **Bookkeeper** (Full-time)
- **Support Staff, Elizabeth House** (Part-time)

1164 My daughter, when I was before Herod, I obtained a grace for you; namely, that you would be able to rise above human scorn and follow faithfully in My footsteps. Be silent when they do not want to acknowledge your truth, because it is then that you speak more eloquently.

1165 Know this, My daughter: if you strive for perfection you will sanctify many souls; and if you do not strive for sanctity, by the same token, many souls will remain imperfect. Know that their perfection will depend on your perfection, and the greater part of the responsibility for these souls will fall on you.

1166 Then He said to me, **Do not fear, My child; but remain faithful only to My grace.**  
*from St. Sr. Faustina's diary*

**MEMORABLE PLACES**  
Here below are names of some famous places mentioned in the Bible. A few are not found in the Bible. Which are they?

1. Emmaus	11. Nazareth
2. Jerusalem	12. Taipei
3. Cana	13. Galilee
4. Nigeria	14. Babylon
5. Milan	15. Tarsus
6. Greece	16. Zurich
7. Lebanon	17. Antioch
8. Jericho	18. Rome
9. Manila	19. Galatia
10. Zion	20. Sydney

**40 Hours Devotion in the Diocese of Calgary**  
“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Matt. 9:37-38). Pray with us as for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our Diocese. [Come and pray before the Lord | catholiccyca.ca/40hours](http://catholiccyca.ca/40hours). The next devotion:

- **St. James', Okotoks** - Fri, May 24 at 4:30 pm to Sun, May 26 at 8:30 am
- **Sacred Heart, Calgary** - Fri, June 7 at 7 am to Sun, June 9 at 7 am
- **St. Michael's, Calgary** - Fri, Jun 7 at 3 pm to Sun, Jun 9 at 8 am
- **St. James Parish, Calgary** - Fri, June 21 at 4 pm to Sun, June 23 at 6 am.

**Answers**

3. Manila	6. Sydney
2. Milan	5. Zurich
1. Nigeria	4. Taipei

The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 7pm everyday from Monday to Friday in the Church during the month of May. All are welcome to join.