

# 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*



## November 16/17, 2024 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Pastor:**

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

### **Associate Pastor:**

Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

### **Permanent Deacons:**

Deacon Norman Dumais

Deacon Dale Laing

### **Deacon in Training:**

Cruzal 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 open online.

### **Society of St. Vincent De Paul:**

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

Ready to prepare your family for Christmas this Advent but not sure where to start? Join us for a hands-on workshop series designed to bring faith into your home! Through prayer, scripture, and activities, create sacred spaces and devotional items, making Advent a joyful journey toward Christ.

### **Advent Workshop Series: Practice the Faith at Home with Your Family**

- Catholic Pastoral Centre, Calgary
- Dates: Nov 27 & Dec 11  
7 pm – 8:30 pm

### **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings:** First Reading: Daniel 12.1-3

Second Reading: Hebrews 10.11-14, 18

**Gospel:** Mark 13.24-32

With its vivid description of a darkened sun, a moon devoid of light and stars falling from their appointed places, Mark clearly alludes to the end of the universe. Like Daniel, Mark uses poetic language to present what was believed in his time as the end: a radical transformation of creation initiated by God himself. Despite the negative imagery, the underlying message is deeply positive: God the creator is over all and transforms all!

- What part of this passage touches you the most?
- The image of the fig tree seems to urge us to “read the signs” - what signs?
- How do you reconcile Jesus’ command to “read the signs” and his statement “about that day or hour no one knows?”

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

### **Altar Servers Meeting**

There will be an Altar Server General Meeting on Sat., Nov. 23, from 11:30am to 12:30pm. All current altar servers and anyone interested in altar serving are welcome to attend.

### **YOUTH FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST**

The Youth Followers of Christ Christmas Concert would be On Thu., Dec.12, 2024 at 7pm.  
Tickets would be sold starting next Sat., Nov. 23.  
This would be in support of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul .

The next Sacrament Prep. (First Reconciliation)

Classes are in the Large Basement Hall on Sat., Nov. 23, 2024

- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Group at 10:00am
- St. Joseph Group at 1:00pm
- St. Thomas More Group at 2:00pm Sun., Nov. 24, 2024

**Weekly Mass Intentions: Nov. 18 to Nov. 24**

Nov. 18	Mon	9:00am	Irene Roxas for healing (INT) Peter Tai (RIP) Maureen & Norris Eustace (RIP) Saga Naeselius (RIP)
Nov. 19	Tue	9:00am	Mary Monica & Albert Rego (INT) Bill Delay (RIP) Patricia & Glenn Nymn (RIP)
Nov. 20	Wed	9:00am	Jeff Lawrence (INT) Ed & Halina Moroz (INT) Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Nov. 21	Thu	9:00am	Florence & Philomena DCruz (INT) Jovy Villanueva (RIP) Don Easdon (RIP)
Nov. 22	Fri	9:00am	Maria Carmela Blanco (INT) Marie Foulonneau (INT) Sam Seupersad (RIP)
Nov. 23	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Honora Casuga (INT) Danny Serrano (INT) Phyllis & Stanley Fernandes (RIP)
Nov. 24	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Luciano Saraceni (RIP) Maria Amelia Soares (RIP) Sam Seupersad (RIP) Donald Kenneth Balkwill (RIP) Martin & Raphael Rego (INT) For the People (INT)

**Together in Action**  
The TIA 2024 is \$49,139.00  
Collection up to date is \$39,770.40

**Save the date: Diocesan Renewal Advent Mission**

Gather with your community in your parish and join our presenter live via Zoom.

- **Tue, Dec. 3:** Brett Powell (Archdiocese of Vancouver)  
- Form Missionary Disciples
- **Wed, Dec. 4:** Bishop Scott McCaig  
(Military Ordinariate of Canada)  
- Be a Church of Encounter and Witness
- **Thu, Dec 5:** Mary Rose Bacani Valenti  
(Salt & Light TV) - Strengthen Family Life



**ST. THOMAS MORE  
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
CHRISTMAS 2024 RAFFLE**

FESTIVE BASKETS  
FAMILY BASKET  
CHILD'S BASKET

DECEMBER 7 – 8, 2024  
DECEMBER 14 – 15, 2024  
(after Saturday & Sunday masses)

Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

**Confirmation 2025**

Registration is open and online only.  
Visit our website [www.stthomasmore.ca](http://www.stthomasmore.ca)  
Children in grade 6 and up (aged 13 and above) are invited to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.



The **Knights of Columbus** Council #7938 Officer's Team is hosting, with a special invitation to our **Catholic Women's League**, the **Annual**

**Christmas Dinner Party** on Sat., Dec. 14, 2024, at 5:30pm at **St. Thomas More Parish Hall**. This year we are doing a prize for the **UGLIEST DRESSED** Christmas dress for adults & for kids.

**(This is a must DRESS event)**

**Please RSVP ASAP!**

**Please respond by Fri., Dec. 6, 2024,  
by email to: [roonel@shaw.ca](mailto:roonel@shaw.ca)**

**Br. Boone Learmont**

Please indicate the number of adults and/or children attending OR  
Watch for the **Sign UP** sheet that will be out in November 2024.

**Lift up your heart to God with prayers that take one second**

[aleteia.org](http://aleteia.org)

Prayer doesn't always have to be long and laborious. It can consist of short bursts throughout the day that only take one second of your time. Sometimes we can think that prayer is only prayer when we are sitting in a pew on church on Sundays. While that certainly is a type of prayer, it is not the only type of prayer.

**Aspirations**

St. Francis de Sales suggests this method of prayer in his 'Introduction to the Devout Life' *Do you then, my daughter, aspire continually to God, by brief, ardent upliftings of heart; praise His Excellence, invoke His Aid, cast yourself in spirit at the Foot of His Cross, adore His Goodness, offer your whole soul a thousand times a day to Him, fix your inward gaze upon Him, stretch out your hands to be led by Him, as a little child to its father, clasp Him to your breast as a fragrant nosegay, upraise Him in your soul as a standard. In short, kindle by every possible act your love for God, your tender, passionate desire for the Heavenly Bridegroom of souls.*

There are many prayer books that contain collections of these aspirations or "ejaculatory" prayers, but we don't always have to use them. A simple example of such a prayer would be, "I love you, Jesus!"

Praying these words throughout the day, every day, can have a very positive effect on our soul, as we strive to bring our lives closer in union with Christ. If you find yourself extremely busy and unable to sit down to pray, make an effort to pause for one second and pray, "I love you, Jesus!"