

# 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 2/3, 2024 - 31st 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:

Cruzela 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:

To be arranged.

### Society of St. Vincent De Paul:

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)



St. Thomas More Parish

*Together we are more*



LET'S CELEBRATE

You are cordially invited to celebrate the birthday  
of our Pastor Rev. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

On Tue., Nov. 5, 2024

After the 9:00am Mass

in the small hall in the basement.

*\*\*This is a potluck, please bring along one dish to  
share. Please inform Denise about your dish at*

*4035429212*

### Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings:** First Reading: Deuteronomy 6.2-6

Second Reading: Hebrews 7.23-28

**Gospel:** Mark 12.28-34

Facing the trap set by the scribes, Jesus shows himself to be a knowledgeable and pious Jewish man. Not only does he summarize the commands concerned with treating one's neighbour honestly and justly, but he establishes the essential connection between love of God and love of neighbour. When the scribe agrees with him, and adds that love is better than sacrifice in the eyes of God, Jesus affirms him, saying "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

1. What part of this passage touches you the most?
2. How do you express in daily life the essential connection between love of God and love of neighbour?
3. In different ways, all of today's readings focus on love, including the Psalm; what does this tell us about God and faith?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

The next Sacrament Prep. (First Reconciliation) classes are in the Large Basement Hall on Sat., Nov. 16, 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. 17, 2024

**Weekly Mass Intentions: Nov. 4 to Nov. 10**

Nov. 4	Mon	9:00am	Maria de Braganza (RIP) Philip Surtado (RIP) Fr. Jerry D'Souza (INT)
Nov. 5	Tue	9:00am	Bill Sieben (RIP) All Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Rita Twordik (INT)
Nov. 6	Wed	9:00am	Samuel Sr & Nelida Aldecoa (RIP) Vicente Dubria (RIP) Paulina & George Bryce (RIP)
Nov. 7	Thu	9:00am	Joseph Maria Nguyen (RIP) Ambrose & Victoria Moroz (RIP) Subho & Family (INT)
Nov. 8	Fri	9:00am	Jim Walton (RIP) Florecita Nuestro (RIP) Januz & Eugenia Sosnowski (RIP) Cesar Cabredo (RIP)
Nov. 9	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Paul Blanco (RIP) Nhalanael Sayago (RIP) Regino Alvares (RIP) Clayton Serao (INT)
Nov. 10	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Teresa Paul (RIP) Lucia & John Afonso (RIP) Phyllis & Stanley Fernandes (RIP) Rose Hobbs (INT) Fatima Jean Tabot (INT) Georgette Anne Bilgera (INT) For the People (INT)

**Together in Action**

The TIA 2024 is \$49,139.00  
Collection up to date is \$37,285.50

**Field of Crosses Volunteers** St. Mary's University is looking for volunteers for the Field of Crosses. This is a significant opportunity to commemorate those who have sacrificed their lives for Canada.

When: **Nov. 10 & 11, 2024** - in four separate shifts.  
For more information, contact [catholiccyc.ca/news](http://catholiccyc.ca/news) and find Field of Crosses.

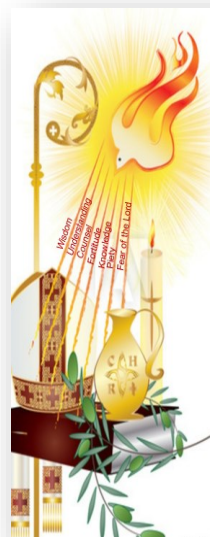
**Practice the Faith: At home with your family -**

**Workshop series** Through prayer, scripture, discussions, and hands-on activities, families will learn to create sacred spaces and devotional items at home, making Advent a joyful, faith-filled journey closer to Christ.

When: **Nov 13, 27, Dec 11, from 7pm to 8:30pm, at Catholic Pastoral Centre** (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary). Space is limited. Register by Nov 10 at [catholiccyc.ca/renewal](http://catholiccyc.ca/renewal) or call 403-218-5521.

*The fear of the Lord is glory and exultation, and gladness and a crown of rejoicing. The fear of the Lord delights the heart, and gives gladness and joy and long life. Those who fear the Lord will have a happy end; on the day of their death they will be blessed. To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; she is created with the faithful in the womb. She made among human beings an eternal foundation, and among their descendants she will abide faithfully.*

Sirach 1.11-15



**Register Now**

**Confirmation 2025**

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Children in Grade 6 and up (aged 13 and above) are invited to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Online Registration for Confirmation Preparation is now OPEN.

visit our website: St. Thomas More website

**Saint of the Week**

**St. Martin De Porres  
Feast Day November 3**

Martin de Porres Velasquez was a Peruvian lay brother of the Dominican Order who was beatified in 1837 by Pope Gregory XVI and canonized in 1962 by Pope John XXIII. He is the patron saint of mixed race people, barbers, innkeepers, public health workers, all those seeking racial harmony and animals.

He was noted for his work on behalf of the poor, establishing an orphanage and a children's hospital. He maintained an austere lifestyle, which including fasting and abstaining from meat. Among the many miracles attributed to him were those of levitation, bilocation, miraculous knowledge, instantaneous cures, and an ability to communicate with animals.

*Britannica*

Daylight Saving Time in 2024 will end on **Sunday, November 3, 2024, at 2:00 A.M.**, when clocks will "fall back" one hour, resulting in an extra hour of sleep. This time shift will also lead to earlier sunrises and earlier sunsets.

**Prison Ministry** We are urgently seeking volunteers to lead the Liturgy of the Word and Rosary prayers at the Calgary Youth Offender Centre (CYOC) in Northwest Calgary. Serve with empathy and a heart for Jesus: "I was in prison and you visited me" (Matt. 25:36). Please email [receptionist@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:receptionist@calgarydiocese.ca) or call 403-218-5500.

The Youth Followers of Christ are having Rosary Night and Movie Night this Friday, Nov. 8, 2024 from 6-9pm at the parish large hall. Rooben Dhiran will be explaining and leading the rosary and we will be watching "The Chosen".