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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



Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 12/13, 2025

Pastor:

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Norman Dumais

Deacon Dale Laing

Deacon in Formation:

Cruzel 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 closed.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul:

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

SO MUCH HAPPENS in today's Gospel—from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem amid the adoring crowd to the Passover meal with his disciples, to his betrayal by one of them, his arrest and trial on trumped-up charges, his denunciation by the crowd (turned fickle), his death sentence by Pilate, his flogging like a common criminal, his terrible and yet triumphant death on a cross, and finally his burial.

Knowing all this was to come, why does Jesus "eagerly desire" to share the Passover meal with his disciples? What does Jesus want the disciples (and us) to grasp?

At Passover today, Jewish families still retell the story of God's faithfulness in delivering them out of bondage in Egypt. Jesus calls his disciples to pay attention so that they will look back on the fearful events of the coming days and understand that his sacrificial death brings not only resurrection for him but also deliverance for them from the bondage that is associated with sin and death as far back as Adam and Eve.

Indeed, soon after Jesus' death and resurrection, his disciples began to share a common meal in remembrance of him. In the early Church this grew into our Eucharist. Today, as we receive the Eucharist, let us recall with great gratitude the sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

- Living with Christ, April 13, 2025 Beth Porter

Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Luke 22.14 - 23.56

The love and forgiveness which Jesus offered last week to the woman caught in adultery is now amplified and extended to include all humanity in the culmination of Jesus' life. Though innocent, Jesus finds himself in the shoes of the adulterous woman: he is charged, humiliated, and dragged before the public. Everything is upside-down: the one without sin continues to forgive: "for they know not what they do." The God who surprised us in Bethlehem again surprises us at the cross. Everything seems an utter failure, yet everything has been transformed forever.

- Who are you in the story: one of the disciples, the Jewish authorities, the crowd, Peter, Judas, Pilate, Herod, or Jesus?
- When have you felt like an utter failure, and only later discovered the transforming effect of the experience?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

The Outdoor Way of the Cross

Save the date for the Outdoor Way of the Cross:

Friday, Apr. 18, at 8:30am | St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary.

Join Bishop McGrattan and the faithful of the Diocese of Calgary for the Outdoor Way of the Cross, now returning to its Downtown route.

The journey begins at St. Mary's Cathedral at 8:30am.

All are welcome to take part in this powerful witness of faith.

Weekly Mass Intentions: Apr. 14 to Apr. 20

Apr. 14	Mon	9:00am	Keith Strawford (RIP) Sebastian Rocha (RIP) E. & Janusz Sosnowski (RIP)
Apr. 15	Tue	9:00am	Anthony C.L. (INT) Isagani Mateo (RIP) Peter Tai Nguyen (RIP) Hector Polanco (RIP)
Apr. 16	Wed	9:00am	Brigid O'Regan (INT) Matthew Moroz (INT) Susanna Nunn (RIP)
Apr. 17	Thu	7:00pm	Annamma P.T. (RIP) Ian Fischer (RIP)
Apr. 18	Fri	9:00am 12:00pm 3:00pm	Stations of the Cross Service I Service II
Apr. 19	Sat	8:00pm	Mary Jarvis (INT) Sophia & Lucas Demello (INT)
Apr. 20	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	T. Ashariyathu (RIP) Angel Gabriel Recabal (RIP) Catherine Sonde (INT) Aurora Galang (RIP) Francis Velasco (INT) For the people (INT) Austin Panganiban (INT)

TOGETHER IN ACTION

The TIA 2025 is \$49,139.00

Collection up-to-date \$16,299.00

All surplus will go towards repair and renovation of the basement washrooms.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday - regular Mass timings.

Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

- Stations of the Cross at 10:00am
- Service I at noon
- Service II at 3:00pm

Easter Vigil, April 19, 2025 at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 - regular Mass timings

First Holy Communion Dates for 2025

Mon., Apr. 21, 2025 from 1pm to 4pm. — Rehearsal

Confirmation Dates for 2025

Sat., Apr. 26 from 10am to noon — Retreat

Easter Basket Raffle—Important Announcement

Due to the overwhelming response to the Easter Basket Raffle Ticket Sales, we are holding a 2nd Raffle Draw for tickets 501-1000 due to AGLC licensing requirements. There will be now two (2) each of First, Second and Third Gift Baskets valued at \$500, \$300 and \$200 to be drawn on Saturday, April 26, 2025 after the 4:00pm Mass.

Thank you for your continued support!

Saint of the Week—April 17

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

The first North American indigenous woman to be canonized, Kateri is often called the Lily of the Mohawks. Tekakwitha was born in 1656, on the southern bank of the Mohawk River at Osserneon (Auriesville, NY). Her mother was a Christian Algonquin from Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, and her father was a non-Christian Mohawk Turtle chief. When she was four years old, a smallpox epidemic killed her parents and her brother, and left her with seriously impaired eyesight and a disfigured face. Inspired by Jesuit missionaries from an early age, Tekakwitha was baptized on Easter Sunday 1676 and assumed the name of Kateri, likely in honor of Saint Catherine of Siena. The following year, due to persecution in her community, Kateri escaped to Kahnawake on the Saint Lawrence River opposite Tiohtiake (Montreal). She had a strong devotion to the Eucharist and a deep concern for others. She died on April 17, 1680 and was canonized in 2012. Kateri is a patron saint of ecology, those who have lost their parents, and World Youth Day. *- Living with Christ, April 2025*



St. Vincent de Paul (serving families within our Parish boundary)

Hampers requested and served

Month	Number of Hampers	Adults Served	Children Served
Feb.	71	147	161
Mar.	56	105	94

We are currently in need of canned tomatoes, pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned fruit and canned meat. Any canned or boxed food is most welcome. Place food items in the food bin in the foyer. If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation there are envelopes above the food bin located in the foyer. The secured box for donations is located above the food bin.

Thank you for your past food & financial donations. 🙏

You are invited to join us on **Mon., April 21 at 6:30pm** at the Parish Hall for a catered dinner in celebration of the 27th anniversary of Ordination of Fr. Jerry and Fr. Alex. **Cost is \$25.00 per person.** Please register and make payment at the Parish Office—it is by registration only. Last day to register is **Thu., Apr. 17.**

The next Whist card game night is on **Fri., Apr. 25. at 6:30pm to 9:30pm.** in the parish hall downstairs. Players are reminded to bring snacks to share and donate a toonie to cover coffee, juice, etc.

Office hours are as follows for Holy Week

Tuesday & Wednesday - 10am to 3pm

Holy Thursday - 10am to noon.

Office is closed on Good Friday & Holy Saturday.