

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 (Office is closed for Lunch
from 12:30pm to 1:30pm)

A collaborative ministry of the Carmelite Fathers and Lay Parishioners



Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 28/29, 2026

Pastor:

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Norman Dumais

Deacon Dale Laing

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:

Tue., Wed., Thu., & Fri.:

After the morning Mass

Saturday: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Baptisms:

An initial appointment with one of the Priests is required before attending a session.

Confirmation:

On-line registration is now open at www.stthomasmore.ca

Society of St. Vincent De Paul:

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

USHERING IN THE holiest week of the year, Palm Sunday sheds light on our life's journey. Jesus rode triumphantly into Jerusalem, to the wild acclaim of the cheering crowd. Yet he did so on a humble donkey, leading the way into his kingdom, and knowing that this was just the overture to a week of Passion.

We wave our palm branches and process into the church, joyously singing praises. Yet almost immediately, we plunge from glory into unimaginable grief with a description of the Suffering Servant, the psalm of abandonment used by Jesus on the Cross and the reading of his Passion. Our human nature recoils: this is not the way our Savior should be treated. This is not the way *our* life should go.

And yet it does. One year, I bask in light and hope, and the next sees my dreams shredded at my feet. As Jesus cried out *Father, why have you abandoned me?* his heart did not waver from both his trust in God and his passion to save us by conquering death through his own death and resurrection.

Whether at the seeming pinnacle or nadir of our life, our eyes and hearts must be riveted to our Redeemer, who is even now leading us into his eternal life. Let us not take our eyes off him!

(Living with Christ, March 2026) - Cheryl Ann Smith

Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26.14-27.66

The stories of transformation of the past three Sundays — the woman at the well, the healing of the blind man, and the raising of Lazarus — now culminate in the final act of transformation in the Son of God. Everything is upside-down: the One without sin feels total abandonment and suffers an innocent death. The God who surprised us in Bethlehem again surprises us at the cross. Everything *seems* an utter failure, yet everything has been transformed forever.

- How does Jesus' journey to the cross speak to you this year?
- When have you felt like an utter failure, and only later discovered the transforming effect of the experience?
- In what ways will you walk with this Gospel during Holy Week?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

Can there be a more fitting pursuit in youth or a more valuable possession in old age than a knowledge of sacred scripture? In the midst of storms it will preserve you from the dangers of shipwreck and guide you to the shore of an enchanting paradise and the everlasting bliss of the angels.

-St. Boniface

Weekly Mass Intentions: March 30 to April 5

Mar. 30	Mon	9:00am	Ben Belen (INT) Terry Lowrey (RIP) Terese Timchuk (RIP)
Mar. 31	Tue	9:00am	Numeriano Comendador (RIP) Albert Runge (RIP)
Apr. 1	Wed	9:00am	Marie Foulonneau (INT) Leon Pangilinan (RIP)
Apr. 2	Thu	7:00pm	Jackie Howard (INT) Mario Zamora (RIP)
Apr. 3	Fri	9:00am 12:00pm 3:00pm	Good Friday Stations of the Cross Good Friday Service Good Friday Service
Apr. 4	Sat	8:00pm	Fr. Jerry D'Souza, OCD (INT) Joyce Singh (INT)
Apr. 5	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Joseph & Maria Nguyen (RIP) Teresita Vierneza (RIP) Frank Kearney (RIP) Helen Duncan (RIP) Phyllis & Stanley Fernandes (RIP) M. & Purificacion Magpantay (RIP) For all parishioners (INT) Lydia Pablo Rapoc (RIP)


Saint of the Week - April 5
Saint Vincent Ferrer
 A patron of builders, roofers and plumbers, Vincent was born in Spain in 1350. He joined the Dominicans in 1367, who sent him to study and teach philosophy throughout Europe. Despite his stern interpretation of Christian message, Vincent became an amazingly successful preacher, converting thousands. He was also a key figure in ending the Western Schism, a divide in the Church over pretenders to the papacy. He died in 1419 and was canonized 1455.
 (Living with Christ, April 2026)

Preparing for the Triduum:
A Parish Retreat at St. Thomas More Church
 Join us on Wednesday, April 1, 2027 at 6:00-7:30pm in our large basement hall for a video presentation and reflection on the Paschal Triduum. Spend the evening with fellow parishioners and RCIA candidates as we prepare for the most solemn part of the liturgical year, the Paschal Triduum, which recounts the last three days of Jesus' life on earth.

TOGETHER IN ACTION
 The TIA 2026 is \$49,139.00
 Collection up-to-date is \$11,559.00
 Surplus funds will be used for new OCIA gowns.

**The 12:30 choir is looking for a Pianist,
 Choir Director and Singers.**
 Please contact St Thomas More Parish office directly if you are interested to be part of the 12:30 choir.

Holy Week Schedule 2026
Holy Thursday, April 2 Mass at 7pm and Adoration (Altar repose open till midnight)
Good Fri. Apr. 3 Stations of the Cross at 9am
Good Fri. Apr. 3 (Service) 12pm & 3pm
Easter Vigil, April 4 Mass at 8pm
Easter Sunday, April 5 Masses at: 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm and 5pm
Office hours: Holy Thu. Apr. 2 from 10am to 12pm
Office is closed: Good Fri. Apr. 3 until Apr. 6

 **Pilgrimage (Easter Celebration)**
Knight of Columbus 7938
 K of C is organizing a pilgrimage and warmly invites you to join for a prayerful Easter Celebration.
Please remember to bring and share Potluck Lunch
Place: St. Joseph Catholic Church, Radium BC
Date: April 11, 2026 Saturday
Starting time: 8:00am St. Thomas More Parish
Prayer starts: 11:30am Easter Celebration
Lunch Potluck: 12:15 to 1:15pm
Transportation: Your own drive
Contact kofc7938calgary@gmail.com—403 604 3224

The Outdoor Way of the Cross
Good Friday, Apr 3, at 8:30am at St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary. Join Bishop McGrattan and the faithful of the Diocese of Calgary for the Outdoor Way of the Cross.
 To help in assisting with various roles - contact 403-218-5500 to volunteer at the Outdoor Way of the Cross.

First Holy Communion Program 2026
RETREAT Fri., April 10 5 to 7pm

The Chrism Mass
 The Diocese of Calgary will celebrate the Chrism Mass on **Monday, Mar 30 at 7pm**, at St. Mary's Cathedral. The door opens at 6pm. 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. All are welcome!

Sacrament of Confirmation Program 2026
Important Dates to Remember
First Gathering Sat., April 11, 2026 10-12pm

4th Annual Women's Conference
Who You Say I Am
 A two-day conference with talks, prayer, and fellowship featuring speakers Sr. Mary Margaret Hope (SV), Fr. Cristino Bouvette, and Sr. Fidelity Grace (SV).
Fri-Sat, May 22-23 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Calgary. Tickets at whoyousayiam.eventbrite.ca