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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



Presentation of the Lord, February 1/2, 2025

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)

FORTY DAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS, Canadians — especially those of us in the North — are starting to see the light return. Forty days after Christmas, the liturgy circles us back to the heart of the Christmas mystery: “the life (who) was the *light* of all people.”

Today’s Gospel highlights the light-bearing work of the Holy Spirit, traditionally called “the light of life.” “The Holy Spirit rested on [Simeon]...revealed to him by the Spirit...guided by the Spirit.” Just as the Spirit rests on Jesus at his baptism, so the Spirit rests on Simeon, enabling him to recognize and witness to Christ. Similarly, the Spirit rests on us in our baptism and confirmation; similarly, when we celebrate Eucharist the Spirit transforms us, the Body of Christ, broken and emptied by last week’s mission, and sends us again into our dark, hungry, war-ravaged world as light and food and peace.

Simeon’s witness is also warning: this mission has a steep price tag. It demands nothing short of complete self-surrender to the Spirit who empowers us to recognize and embrace Christ in our enemies and in those excluded by Church or society.

Today we may enter in procession with candles. But when we go forth, we leave our candles behind. Filled with Christ’s transforming love, *we* are now burning flames: light, returning to our world.

Living with Christ, Feb. 2, 2025 Bernadette Gasslein,

Readings:

1st Reading: Malachi 3.1-4

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2.10-11, 13b-18

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

Simeon and Anna place all their hope in God: this elderly man and this elderly woman are both people of prayer, full of faith. Both are given knowledge of the true identity of Jesus. Simeon is also given insight into the passion and suffering that lies ahead, and the sorrow that will pierce the heart of Mary.

- Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple for a ritual purification and consecration. Today’s world often views ritual and liturgy as unnecessary or meaningless. What is the value of this sort of ritual to mark an important “life moment”?
- Where do you see evidence of both the humanity and the divinity of Jesus in this passage?
- The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple has been chosen by the Church as the Day of Consecrated Life - a day of prayer and recognition of all those who have taken vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in consecrated religious. How does this Gospel passage speak to that vocation?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

Weekly Mass Intentions: Feb. 3 to Feb. 9

Feb. 3	Mon	9:00am	Irene Roxas (INT) Tap & Jill Alakorp (INT) G. Varkeymullakariyil (RIP) Alizah Lewis (RIP)
Feb. 4	Tue	9:00am	Virginia Seupersad (INT) Morrissey Family (RIP) Felicitas Yason (RIP) Francis De Souza (RIP)
Feb. 5	Wed	9:00am	Josephine Concio (INT) Aileen Lacson (RIP) Mirna Dizon (RIP)
Feb. 6	Thu	9:00am	Mirna Dizon (RIP) Joseph Maria Nguyen (RIP) Letmedhin Noredin (RIP)
Feb. 7	Fri	9:00am	Teresa Trinh Nguyen (RIP) Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Samuel Sr. & N. Aldecoa (RIP)
Feb. 8	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Frankie Fernandes (RIP) Nguyen fmlly thanksgiving (INT) E. Serrano thanksgiving (INT)
Feb. 9	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5pm	Lee Yet Kwong (RIP) Charles Hosein (RIP) Mason Goodrich (INT) Teresa Trinh Nguyen (RIP) Mirna Dizon (RIP) F. D'Souza & C. Gonzales (RIP) For the People (INT)

TOGETHER IN ACTION

The TIA 2025 is \$49,139.00

Collection up-to-date \$2,402.50

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

**Sacred Grace: Church Wedding for
Civily Married Couples**

We are excited to introduce the *Sacred Grace* initiative, inviting all civily married couples in our Diocese to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church. As part of the Diocesan Pastoral Renewal during the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, this special celebration will be presided over by Bishop William T. McGrattan on Sat., Sep. 13, 2025 at 1:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. To help you prepare, we encourage you to attend our Info Session on March 9, 2025 at 6:00pm at St. Thomas More Parish which will provide guidance and information. You can register online <https://www.catholicyc.ca/sacredgrace.html>



COMING SOON

**Knights of Columbus Shrove Pancake Breakfast
March 2, 2025**

After 8:30am Mass and 10:30am Mass.

Tickets available Feb. 9, 16 and 23.

Saint of the Week

Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Jesuit seminarian Paul Miki went to his martyrdom proclaiming his faith. On February 6, 1597, he and 25 companions, clergy and lay, were killed for their faith in Nagasaki, Japan. They were suspended on crosses and killed by spears thrust through the heart. Before his death, Paul affirmed his faith in Christ and offered forgiveness to those responsible for his death.

This persecution was triggered by a nationalist fear of foreigners: for almost the next 200 years, Japan would be closed to the rest of the world. Despite this isolation, the faith survived without any priests and with only the sacrament of baptism. Paul Miki and his companions were canonized in 1862. Paul Miki is the patron saint of Japan

Living with Christ, Feb. 2025

First Holy Communion Dates for 2025

February 8 & 9

Second Gathering

Confirmation Dates for 2025

February 8

Orientation (Parents & Candidates)

February 15

First Gathering

The YFOC is hosting a Praise and Worship session with the 12:30pm choir on Feb 7 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. We invite youth members and those interested in joining the youth to come and attend.



Chalice is coming to St. Thomas More Parish! At the February 1-2 Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.