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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



Second Sunday of Easter, April 26/27, 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)

HAVE YOU EVER felt yourself to be a “Doubting Thomas?” I certainly have!

I look upon God’s world, but doubt that the Creator really intended this—a world where social justice is lacking in so many ways, where environmental damage is increasingly threatening, and where peace is so evidently lacking. It is easy to doubt that Jesus is present in this mess. It is much harder to accept that Jesus gave people like me and you the power—and the mandate—to bring about a better world.

Here arises the implication of belief—if we believe Jesus came and remains among us, we must respond as he asked us to act. In John’s Gospel, just as in some situations today, we and our faith communities can be found “with the doors locked for fear.” Yet, while “the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord,” they also understood that they were being sent to continue Christ’s mission—to cure the sick, to comfort the afflicted and even to afflict the comfortable! After all, it is “through believing that you may have life.”

Maybe all of us “Doubting Thomases” will one day proclaim today’s beatitude: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” And that the Giver of Life would see our faith communities share our belief to the full.

Living with Christ, April 26, 2025 Joe Gunn

Readings:

1st Reading: Acts 5.12-16

2nd Reading: Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20.19-31

John the Evangelist describes a community of disciples gripped by fear instead of faith. But Jesus fulfills the promise he made before his death: his appearing through the locked doors confirms that the Holy Spirit will enable Jesus to continue to be present to the fledgling early community of faith, to guide them and to encourage them. Thomas’ doubt does not alienate him from the rest, but rather Jesus offers Thomas what he needs to believe.

1. What role does doubt play in your experience of faith?
2. How do you know that you are gripped more by fear than by faith?
3. How does the risen Jesus reveal himself to you in the ordinariness of life?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

Memorial Mass for Pope Francis

Bishop William T. McGrattan will celebrate a Memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis at **5pm on Monday, April 28 at St. Mary’s Cathedral.**

All are invited to attend and pray for Pope Francis.

Joy springs from a grateful heart -- Pope Francis

Weekly Mass Intentions: Apr. 28 to May 4

Apr. 28	Mon	9:00am	Edwinio & Ruby Blas (INT) Archita & Vinod (INT) Ray Ouellette (RIP)
Apr. 29	Tue	9:00am	Benedicto Malig (INT) Ian Fischer (RIP) Alberto Manansala (RIP)
Apr. 30	Wed	9:00am	Emilius Goukt (INT) Amini Jimie (INT) Peter Tai Nguyen (RIP)
May 1	Thu	9:00am	Flora Reyes (INT) Joseph Maria Nguyen (RIP) Rebecca Beaulieu (RIP)
May 2	Fri	9:00am	Nguyen Family (INT) Souls in Purgatory (RIP) H. Shreedhar (RIP) Walter & Iris Rodych (RIP)
May 3	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Joseph Anna Tran (RIP) Mariano, Rolando, Estrellita & Jose Ulit (RIP) Maria & Crispolo Lobo (RIP) Fernando & J. Raguindin (RIP)
May 4	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Dave King (RIP) Juanito & Sefalina Peralta (RIP) Leonesa Maglantay (RIP) Gabriela Ann Tabot (INT) Vicente Baria (RIP) For the people (INT) Visnja Jurkovic (RIP)

TOGETHER IN ACTION

The TIA 2025 is \$49,139.00

Collection up-to-date \$18,943.00

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

Confirmation Dates

Rehearsal on May 6, 2025 at 6:30pm

Confirmation with the Bishop on

Wednesday, May 7 at 7pm

Congratulations to all children who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist this past week.

Congratulations to:

Azriel Portacio, Sada Zerit, Asher and Zoey Olaniyi
who received the Sacrament of Baptism this past week.

Pray for Pope Francis

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church may happily enjoy forever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Saint of the Week—May 1

Saint Joseph the Worker

Although popular devotion to Joseph, husband of Mary, may have begun in the West as early as the 8th century, it was not until the 15th century that his name was entered in the Church calendar. Since that time, devotion to Joseph has been marked by growing enthusiasm. In 1955, Pope Pius XII proclaimed a second feast day in his honor: May 1, which is also Labour Day in many countries. A carpenter, Joseph exemplifies working people who are dignified by their labor and who bring Christ into the workplace.

-Living with Christ May 2025

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

The community at Our Lady of Fatima Parish invites the diocesan faithful to join them in celebrating the Feast of their patroness with Mass at 4:30pm, followed by a Marian procession. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall after the celebration.

Sat., May 10 at 4:30pm | Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Calgary (4747 30 St. SE, Calgary).

45th Annual Hike for Life

All are welcome to join a morning walk for life, raising funds for Educational Respect for Life Programs in schools and communities.

Sat., May 10, at Prince's Island Park (Enmax Stage), Calgary. Enjoy a walk, listen to live music by Eric Reinhart & Friends, have a BBQ lunch, have refreshments, and enjoy fun prizes!

Register at calgaryprolife.com.

Vocations Rally

God calls each of us for a unique and meaningful purpose. Join us in fostering a culture where every calling—priesthood, consecrated life, marriage, permanent diaconate, or lay vocations is nurtured and celebrated!

Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025 - 11am to 4:30pm.

Discover, support, and pray for vocations in our Diocese!

Veneration of the Relic of St. Francis Assisi at St. Michael

Join Saint Michael Catholic Community for a peaceful evening of prayer and reflection through the **Solemn Veneration of the relic of St. Francis of Assisi.**

Mass, veneration, and fellowship.

Wednesdays, April 23, May 21, June 25.

Mass at 6pm, followed by a reception at 7:15pm.

The relic will also be available for veneration after Easter Sunday Masses (9am, 11am, 5pm).