

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



September 21/22, 2024 - 25th 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:

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:

To be arranged.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul:

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

YFOC of St Thomas More Parish

A message from the Youth Coordinator Thomas Blanco

First of all, I would like to share the dates for our youth group until December 2024. All of our meetings would be on Fridays, from 6-9pm unless otherwise stated.

- September 27, 2024
- October 11, 2024: Thanksgiving Feast
- October 25, 2024
- November 8, 2024
- November 22, 2024
- Thursday, December 12, 2024: St. Thomas More Christmas Concert
- December 27, 2024: YFOC-Altar Servers' Christmas Party

Second, as seen above, our 2nd meeting would be next Friday, September 27, 2024 from 6-9 pm. We would be having a movie night watching Disney-Pixar's Inside Out 2. We would also be holding a discussion on how this could be linked to our faith.

Third, our Faithraiser/Fundraiser activity would start this Saturday, September 21, 2024 and would run for 2 consecutive weekends (September 21 & 22, 28 & 29). We would be selling a book titled 'Jesus the Christ' by James Rodrigo after each weekend Mass.

God Bless!

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: First Reading: Wisdom 2.12, 17-20

Second Reading: James 3.16 - 4.3. **Gospel:** Mark 9.30-37

For the second time, Jesus clearly announces his forthcoming passion and death. But Jesus realized that the disciples do not understand what he is talking about.

Instead, they argue over who would be the greatest. In response, Jesus takes a little child in his arms to teach them about servant leadership. In Aramaic the word for child and the word for servant are the same.

- Why do you think Jesus uses the image of a child to depict servant leadership? What images would you use to describe the most vulnerable in your midst?
- Who are the people that you know who embody a servant-style of leadership? What special characteristics do they possess that makes this style of leadership possible?
- What challenge does the invitation to participate in servant leadership present to you?

(Reflection: adapted from the Diocese of Saskatoon)

Weekly Mass Intentions: Sep. 23 to Sep. 29

Sep 23	Mon	9:00am	Maureen & Norris Eustace (RIP) Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Sep 24	Tue	9:00am	Patrick Black (RIP) Lois Goodfellow (RIP) Carl Manmohan (RIP)
Sep 25	Wed	9:00am	Sam Seupersad (RIP) Ricardo Banal Macaspac (RIP) Francisco Narvaez (RIP)
Sep 26	Thu	9:00am	Teddy Nguli (RIP) Ricardo Banal Macaspac (RIP)
Sep 27	Fri	9:00am	Monica Ulit (RIP) Francisco Narvaez (RIP)
Sep 28	Sat	9:00 am 4:00pm	Mary Pegalan (INT) Wenceslada Velasco (RIP) P.P. George (RIP) Lilian & Jeramel Quincina (INT)
Sep 29	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Luciano Saraceni (RIP) Teresita Vierneza (RIP) Sam Seupersad (RIP) Uchenna Ibelo (INT) Rosemarie Buenaventura (RIP) Deceased members of Lobo, Fernandes & Yano families (RIP) For the People (INT)

Together in Action

The TIA 2024 is \$49,139.00
Collection up to date is \$33,647.00

Career Opportunities in the Diocese of Calgary

Employment opportunities currently available in the Diocese of Calgary:

- Discipleship and Lay Ministry Coordinator (Full-time) - CPC
- Hospitality/Security (Full-time) - Sacred Heart, Calgary
- Maintenance Worker (Part-time) - Sacred Heart, Calgary
- Sacrament Preparation Coordinator (Casual) - St. James, Calgary

For more info, visit catholicyc.ca/careers

Wanted Volunteers for Prison Ministry in N. Calgary

We urgently need new volunteers to serve in our prison team at the Calgary Youth Offender Centre (CYOC). The commitment is serve **once a month on Saturday, from 1:30-3:30pm**, soon extending by an hour. Please contact 403-218-5500 or email: receptionist@calgarydiocese.ca.

It is difficult to become a saint. Difficult, but not impossible. The road to perfection is long, as long as one's lifetime. Along the way, consolation becomes rest; but as soon as your strength is restored, you must diligently get up and resume the trip. - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Saint of the Week

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Facts About the Saint to Know & Share

Padre Pio is mostly known for his deep wisdom about prayer and peace; his stigmata; miraculous reports of his bilocation; being physically attacked by the devil; and mastering the spiritual life.

Padre Pio was only 5 years old when he expressed a strong desire to serve God.

Born May 25, 1887, in Petrelcina, Italy, as Francesco Forgione, he served as an altar boy at his local parish. At the early age of 5, he consecrated himself to Jesus. By the age of 10, his family looked to see how he could become a Capuchin friar. Padre Pio was only 15 when he entered the Capuchin Friars Minor as a novice. Being a young teenager, Francesco was given the name Pio or Pius when he entered as a novice. He professed his solemn vows three years later. He was ordained a priest in 1910. He ascended the Gargano mountains to the rural friary outside of San Giovanni Rotondo in 1916. He remained there for 50 years, until his death on Sep. 23, 1968.

St. Pio received the visible wounds of Christ known as stigmata, just like St. Francis of Assisi. On Sep. 20, 1918, Padre Pio received the stigmata while praying in a church. The wounds remained visible on his body for the rest of his life. The wounds were on his hands, feet and side, corresponding to the wounds suffered by Jesus during his crucifixion. The blood from his stigmata smelled of floral perfume.

Padre Pio heard confessions 12 to 15 hours a day. Padre Pio suffered attacks from the devil on a consistent basis. He had the gift of bilocation, that, being in two places at once. A sighting of a "flying friar" kept war planes from bombing Padre Pio's town during World War II. Before dying at the age of 81, all his wounds healed without scars, just as he had foretold they would 50 years prior. Pilgrims can visit the rooms in which Padre Pio lived. Many miracles have been attributed to Padre Pio. He established a hospital. Even before his death in Sep. 23, 1968, Padre Pio reportedly spent his last moments in prayer.

Beatified in 1999, St. Padre Pio was canonized on June 16, 2002, by the late Pope and now St. John Paul II. He is known among Catholics as St. Pio of Pietrelcina. More than 500,000 attended his canonization by Pope John Paul the Great.