

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 7/8 - 23rd 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:

Cruzell 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)



With fall almost upon us again, we would like to inform our parishioners what happened in our parish for the past two months:

1. We have replaced our furnace ready for the cold winter.
2. With our heartfelt gratitude to our GK Gerry Kilroe, we have a new confessional box.
3. We also have a new set of 3 stacking ciboria and 2 chalices which we purchased in July.

Sunday School will resume on 8th September. We welcome parents to kindly register your children for the 2024-2025 school year even though you may have registered previously.

Registration is for children Ages 5 and above and the registration forms are available in the foyer, kindly fill it and drop it in the brown box.

The Youth Followers of Christ is holding a Welcome Back event and inviting new members as well. This would be on Friday, September 13, 2024 at 6 pm at the Small Hall. Please encourage your friends and peers aged 13 and above to join us. We hope to see everyone there.

Divine Shepherd Prayer Group

Welcome to a closer personal experience with Jesus! Join us on Friday, September 20 at 6:45pm at small basement hall for Rosary, Praise and Worship, Talk/Lectio Divina, Intercessory Prayers, Testimonies and Fellowship.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: First Reading: Isaiah 35.4-7 Second Reading: James 2.1-5

Gospel: Mark 7.31-37

Jesus elicited various reactions and interpretations from all who encountered him. For some, he was like David the king, restoring the glory days of Israel. For others he was a prophet. For the poor and those he healed of blindness, deafness and other illnesses, Jesus brought hope, and a glimpse of God's reign. Today's passage reflects vividly the words from Isaiah.

- How do you bring life and dignity to the blind, the lame, the deaf, the rejected, the poor?
- When or how do you experience the hope of the Gospel?

(Reflection: adapted from the Diocese of Saskatoon)

Weekly Mass Intentions: Sep 9 to Sep 15

Sep 9	Mon	9:00am	Jian Orion Dubria (INT) Jianna Victoria Dubria (INT)
Sep 10	Tue	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Sam Seupersad (RIP) Ramiro Contreras (RIP)
Sep 11	Wed	9:00am	Isabella Chavarria (INT) Remedios Gaoat (RIP) Joy Sonde (INT)
Sep 12	Thu	9:00am	Scarlett De Wolfe (INT) Sam Seupersad (RIP) Bienvenido Velasco (RIP)
Sep 13	Fri	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Sam Seupersad (RIP) Edwin Gaoat (INT)
Sep 14	Sat	9:00 am 4:00pm	World Peace (INT) Jerry & Asha (INT) Maria Son Nguyen (RIP)
Sep 15	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30 pm 5:00 pm	Jennifer Ann Lessey (INT) Sam Seupersad (RIP) Rosemarie Buenaventura (RIP) For the People Arnel Adviento (INT)


Together in Action
The TIA 2024 is \$49,139.00
Collection up to date is \$32,250.00

Career Opportunities in the Diocese of Calgary
Employment opportunities currently available in the Diocese of Calgary:

- Assistant Coordinator (Casual) - Feed the Hungry
- Discipleship and Lay Ministry Coordinator (Full-time), CPC
- Hospitality/Security (Full-time) - Sacred Heart, Calgary
- Administrative Assistant (Casual) - St. Michael's

Prison Ministry
We are seeking compassionate male and female volunteers to lead Liturgy of the Word and Rosary prayers at the Remand Centre and Calgary Correctional Centre. Serve with empathy and a heart for Jesus: "I was in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:36). Interested?
Email: receptionist@calgarydiocese.ca.

The Whist card game night is restarting on Friday Sept 27/24 & every last Friday night of each month. Location - Parish Hall downstairs. Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Players are asked to bring a snack to share & donate a toonie to cover coffee, juice & etc. This is a Knight of Columbus hosted event.




St. Vincent de Paul
(serving families within our parish boundary)
Hampers requested and served:

Month	Number of hampers	Adults served	Children served
JUNE	60	117	108
JULY	47	93	101
AUGUST	64	131	118

We continue to experience high demand in hamper requests. 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. 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 also located above the food bin. Thank you for your past food and financial donations.



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● **1st Prize:**
Two (2) Return Airfare to country of your choice (up to maximum value of \$5000.00)

● **2nd Prize:**
Package of 3 Nights in Las Vegas for 2 (up to maximum value of \$1500.00)

● **3rd Prize:**
Weekend Getaway to Banff or Canmore for 2 (up to maximum value of \$1000.00)

Proceeds:
To acquire and upgrade safety security system (surveillance cameras & alarm)

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Draw Date: December 21, 2024 at 5:30PM after the 4PM Mass at the St. Thomas More Parish hall

Only 1000 tickets to be sold
The closing date for ticket sales is December 20, 2024.

AGLC License No. 698311

TICKET
\$20
EACH

Please support our raffle ticket fundraising to raise fund for our surveillance camera system. Tickets are \$20.00 each and is sold after the weekend Masses.

The only true riches are those that make us rich in virtue.
- St. Gregory the Great