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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



Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 24/25, 2025

Pastor:

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Norman Dumais

Deacon Dale Laing

Deacon in Formation:

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:

Registration is closed.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul:

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

TODAY'S GOSPEL GOES back to the Farewell Discourse at the Last Supper. Jesus speaks words we hear at every Mass: "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you." Jesus again speaks words of peace on Easter. Peace is one of the greatest gifts he gives. It is a sign of God's kingdom, God's reign — made present in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. God's peaceable kingdom is among and within us. But, oh, it is also very much still to come. We don't live in peaceful times. Sometimes, it's hard to imagine or hope for peace.

This Last Supper Gospel scene points us forward to Pentecost. Jesus speaks of the Spirit, the Advocate, sent by the Father in his name. The Spirit brings us ever more deeply into the peace of Christ. We must trust that God's kingdom is breaking into our lives, that we have received its first fruits. We must share what we have received, and pray for God's kingdom of peace and justice to come more fully.

As we live in the in-between time, when God's kingdom is already-but-not-yet, the Spirit is with us, bringing peace into our hearts and lives. And calling us to receive that peace and share it with others — to imagine and hope for peace, to work for it. Peace be with you.

— *Living with Christ, Sunday, May 25, 2025 Dinah Simmons*

Readings:

1st Reading: Acts 15.1-2, 22-29

2nd Reading: Revelation 21.10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14.23-29

At the time Jesus spoke these words, the disciples didn't quite understand their meaning and importance. But Jesus knew already that his departure would be devastating to them. Now, reading these words in the light of the resurrection, both meaning and understanding are disclosed. These words kept the disciples memories alive and these words the Holy Spirit enlightened them, helping them to preach the Good News of the risen Christ.

1. When has the Holy Spirit helped you understand your experience of trials?
2. Which words in today's Gospel are: comforting, challenging, inviting?
3. How can we recognize the direction and guidance of the Holy Spirit?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

Father's Day Mass and Lunch

Join the Sisters of Divine Mercy for Mass, Rosary, and a special Father's Consecration to St. Joseph. Confession begins at 10am. When: **Sat., June 14 at 11am at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Calgary.**

For more info., call Sr. Katrina at 587-755-1019. All are welcome!

Weekly Mass Intentions: May 26 to June 1

May 26	Mon	9:00am	Anthony C.L. (INT) Irene Roxas (INT) S. Sr. & Nelida Aldecoa (RIP)
May 27	Tue	9:00am	Caesar & Jane Blanco (INT) Alva Liong (RIP) Dora Da Costa (RIP)
May 28	Wed	9:00am	Fr. Jerald D'Souza (INT) Cora Parreno (INT) Felisa Bilgera (RIP)
May 29	Thu	9:00am	Cecille & Garth Fritze (INT) Fr. Alex Braganza (INT) Dora Da Costa (RIP)
May 30	Fri	9:00am	Maureen & Norris Eustace (RIP) Jennifer Davis (RIP) Patricia & Glenn Nymn (RIP)
May 31	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Our Lady of Visitation Praesidium Legion of Mary (INT) Rosy Lee & Family (INT) Nerlita Marteja (RIP)
Jun. 1	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Angela Fernandes (RIP) Gregory Leo (RIP) Louise Morrison (RIP) Teresa Trinh Nguyen (RIP) Francis Lee & Family (INT) Robert Lee & Family (INT) For the people (INT) William Enman (RIP)

TOGETHER IN ACTION

The TIA 2025 is \$49,139.00

Collection up-to-date \$21,980.40

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



Knights of Columbus Parish

Stampede Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, July 6, 2025

After 8:30am & 10:30am Masses. \$5.00 per plate

Tickets available June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Contact Br. Gerry (text/phone) 403-804-1632 or email shortpoz@gmail.com

40 Hours Devotion for Vocations

Pray with us for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our Diocese.

The next devotions:

- **St. Michael's Calgary** - Fri., June 6 at 3pm to Sun., June 8 at 8am.
- **Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore** - Thu., July 3 at 5pm to Sat., July 5 at 9:30am



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Knight of Columbus Garage Sale

Please join us for the Knights of Columbus garage sale on June 28 & 29, 2025 from 11am to 6pm in the small hall.

Saint of the Week—May 26

Saint Philip Neri

Philip Neri was born in Florence in 1515 and educated by the Dominicans. He experienced conversion at the age of 18 and left for Rome, where he lived a life of seclusion and poverty. He studied philosophy and theology for three years before choosing to re-evangelize Rome, where Christianity had declined and was sadly in need of reform. He spent his days talking to people about God's love, and his nights in prayer.

In 1548 he helped found a confraternity of laymen to minister to needy pilgrims, leading to the establishment of a now-famous Roman hospital, Santa Trinità dei Pellegrini. In 1551, his confessor insisted Philip be ordained. As a confessor himself, he was much sought after for his spiritual wisdom. Disciples flocked to him, and he founded the congregation of the Oratorians, which was formally approved in 1575. Pope Gregory XIII gave them an ancient church in Rome, which they rebuilt and occupy to this day.

Philip's sermons were famous for their wisdom and good humour. He said, "I will have no sad spirits in my house. Cheerful people are more easily led to perfection." He died at the age of 80, much loved and respected, and is still known as the "Apostle of Rome."

Philip Neri is the patron of home missions, supported in Canada through the Catholic Missions in Canada.

(www.cmic.info)

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Weekend of May31/ June 1, 2025

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of our Lord, a feast which, in part, celebrates the confidence he placed in his close followers to continue his ministry. In the Gospel reading Jesus reminds his followers of the purpose of his mission, and commissions them to continue his work by proclaiming his word and by living courageously that which they preached. He also promises them the Holy Spirit who he said would strengthen them for the task ahead. As stewards of Jesus' life and ministry, a good question for us to reflect on this week might be this: Has Christ's confidence in the quality of our own witness been well placed? (ICSC May 2025 e-Bulletin)

Vocations Rally

Join us in fostering a culture where every vocation—priesthood, consecrated life, marriage, permanent diaconate, and lay vocations—is nurtured and celebrated at the 2025 Vocations Rally on **Pentecost Sunday, June 8, from 11am to 4:30pm at St. Michael's Church** in Calgary. The day begins with Mass, followed by inspiring talks and panel discussions that explore how we can live out and support our baptismal call.

To register visit catholiccyyc.ca/vocationsrally