

Mon	3		OFFICE CLOSED CANADA DAY
Tue	4	3:30pm 6:45pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	St. Teresa Place Mass Novena Benediction K / C Executive Meeting
Thur	6	7:30pm	Legion of Mary
Fri	7		STAMPEDED PARADE OFFICE CLOSED
		7:00pm	Church Cleaning Team #3
Sat	8	2:00pm	Prayer Group Meeting

PARISH PICNIC

The Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 23. Location: Our Lady Queen of Peace Ranch, Bragg Creek. Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm. Holy Mass at 10:00am followed by Lunch. Picnic includes: Mass, canoeing, wagon rides, trails and boat rides, and horse back riding for children only. Cost: \$5.00 per person which goes towards lunch and a donation to Our Lady Queen of Peace Ranch.

Tickets are now available from Volunteers or at the Parish Office during Office Hours.

Last Date for Tickets is Sunday, July 9, 2017.

Volunteers Needed: For details contact the Parish Picnic Coordinator, Cen Marcelo at 403-285-4338; or the Parish Office.

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH FAMILY
Congratulations to Alexandra Chavez, Trisha Felipe, John Francis Gabriel, Marcus Guanzo, Eunah Ruzol, Mai Mejia and Bryan Odoeme who were baptized in our parish this past week.

My life in Canada started in the town of Humboldt, Sask. I grew up knowing what farm life was all about, eventually moving into town at age 7. Fond memories included playing road hockey in all temperatures, fishing in many of Saskatchewan lakes, swimming, building go-karts, building tree houses, and yes, there were family chores too. The booming 70's took us to Alberta. Our new-found province also has the prairie life, the foothills, mountains and rivers, all for us to enjoy. I have also visited many of our provinces. With our diverse people and expansive country, I'm proud to be Canadian.
Happy 150 years Canada! Merv Strome

The 10 years I have lived in Canada, have deepened my appreciation of the diversity that so well defines Canada's population. The whole concept of the Multicultural Identity (i.e., different ethnicity, color and creed) that we have all embraced constantly reminds me of God's purpose for His people, which Paul affirms in Galatians 3:28 : "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." This unifying concept is the result of Canada's universal health care system that makes each and every Canadian VERY proud: Long Live Canada...God bless Canada. **Nieri Kamau**

Sat	1	9:00am 5:30pm	Thanksgiving for Nguyen Family +Purification Rodrigues
Sun	2	9:00am 10:45am 12:30pm 5:00pm	+Ester Janolino For the People Intention Lucas Watamanuk +Donilo Ison
Mon	3	9:00am	+Venicio Da Costa +Amaral Family Members
Tue	4	7:00pm	Intention Kat Intention Shiju & Alvy George
Wed	5	9:00am	+Emma Sarinas Manuel +Eduardo Reyes
Thu	6	9:00am 6:45pm	+Joseph Phan Nguyen Intention Cornie
Fri	7	9:00am	Intention Dora Da Costa Intention Rufina Gonsalves

Born in Canada and raised in Alberta. I am proud to be a Canadian. Not only is this country beautiful, we are friendly, giving and compassionate. Growing up I always heard the phrase "Land of Opportunity". I believe that is why many refugees and immigrants wish to make their new lives in Canada, as did my Grandparents 114 years ago. My hope and prayer is that everyone who enjoys the bounties Canada has to offer, treat this country with respect and embrace who we are.... Share their love and labors with our fellow Canadians.... Be open minded and caring! 'Oh Canada!' **Lori**

Canada to me means Freedom! Although I am a practicing Catholic, the fact that we as Canadians can choose and practice our own religions freely, without being discriminated against is a beautiful thing to me. I am proud to live in a country where we embrace all different cultures and encourage one another in our cultures and encourage one another to succeed in our lives. I am proud to be Canadian! And to call this great nation my home! **Canada!!! Lucy Costa**

I was born in Trinidad and came to Canada in 1969. What I love about Canada is the cleanliness and the chance to pursue our goals. **Heritage Roone Learmont**

My name is Diane Strome and I was born and raised in Canada. I love Canada because it has so much to offer. Across our expansive country we have oceans, mountains, forests, lakes and the prairies to explore. Canada is diverse in culture, people coming together from all over the world to live in a peaceful, beautiful country. We have freedom and rights to make personal choices in matters that affect our lives. We have opportunities to enjoy sports, arts, theatre, music, education and travel. Oh Canada... we have it all, Spring, Summer, Winter and Fall. There's no place I'd rather live.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS FOR JULY AND AUGUST
 MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM TO 1PM,
 CLOSED ALL STATUTORY HOLIDAYS
 AND FRIDAY, JULY 7 FOR THE STAMPEDE PARADE.**



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary
 Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre

MARRIAGE PREPARATION "FOR BETTER & FOR EVER" -"For Better & For Ever..." Marriage Preparation, accepts all couples preparing for marriage. Due to the small group setting it allows us to focus on couples in one or more of the following circumstances: living together, previously married, beginning marriage with children, couples 45+, or those who wish to have their marriage blessed in the Church. Upcoming Dates: July 10 / 28-29, August 21/Sept 8-9, 2017. For more dates, registration or information, contact 403-218-5505 or email: lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca

MARRIAGE PREPARATION - CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICE - Marriage Preparation Weekend: Catholic Family Service will be offering a Marriage Preparation weekend at St Joseph's Parish on Friday, July 14 to Sunday, July 16, 2017 weekend. Please contact CFS at 403-233-2360 to register, or Deacon Stephen Robinson at 587-896-2891 for information.

PRISON MINISTRY AGM AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION - We are having a volunteer appreciation lunch for all who have been involved in Prison Ministry. Please come and join other volunteers as we gather to show our appreciation for the time and dedication to this very important ministry, on July 15, 2017. Contact Marilou 403-218-5519 for all the details.

I am Inez Schop. I came to Canada in 2003 from the Cayman Islands. The things I love about Canada are the mountains, the peaks in the mountains are majestic. The first time I went tobogganing was one of my greatest experiences ever. I will never forget that moment. The diversity in Canada is phenomenal, and the kindness of people here is joyous, it is a very comfortable place to live and I am happy to call it home.

Dr. Rose Marie Geonzon migrated to Canada from the Philippines in July 1975. She loves Canada for it is only in Canada that: you are all welcome; given equal opportunity to improve quality of life; great and good Health Care; a peaceful country; and the best place to live and raise a family.

I am John Kee from Malaysia. I came to Canada in the 70's. I love Canada for the peace and freedom to worship without being persecuted and also the freedom to exercise our rights with the diverse culture in a democratic way with the blessing of the Lord.

Canada is a place of beauty, with its spectacular scenery across the worlds' second largest country. As I admire this beautiful country I also admire God who is the greatest artist of these beautiful hills, lakes, mountains, coastlines, islands, snow etc., etc. This is a land which welcomes diversity of people with their cultures and languages. We need to be grateful to God and this country. Long live Canada!
 Here since October 2, 2013 **Fr. Godwin Pinto, OCD**

PRAYER FOR THE CONSECRATION OF CANADA

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, when the first Christian believers came to these shores, they planted a Cross made of the fresh timber of the New World as a sign of their faith in your Son and the power of his Resurrection, placing their lives under your maternal protection and venerating you as the Immaculate Conception. You show us how to live a life free from sin in Christ Jesus and, by our baptism, we hope to share fully with you in the *freedom of the glory of the children of God*. You have accompanied us on our path through history, in times of peace, conflict, and reconciliation, and as we arrived at a greater sense of unity and nationhood.

With full confidence we come before you today giving thanks to God on the 150th anniversary of the Canadian Confederation. Gathered in the communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we place ourselves completely in the sanctuary of your Heart and commit the past, the present and the future of Canada to your maternal care.

Immaculate Mother of God, we find ourselves at a crossroads in our history; we are grateful for advances in science and new discoveries, yet we know the human heart is tempted by selfish interests and false ideas about the human person and freedom. Help us, as Catholics, to live in peace will all people of good will and to dialogue with respect and friendship.

TO THE IMM. HEART OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY

Loving Mother of Our Lord, help us to uphold religious freedom in Canada, and the natural rights of parents and families; inspire us to protect the unborn, to help the poor, the marginalized, and to give support to the infirm and elderly. Weighed down at times by our concerns, but hopeful for the future, we turn to you, the new Eve, Mother of all the living, for help and for strength.

Your Son is the beginning of God's New Creation and you are his Masterpiece: intercede for our Churches, for all our people, especially the Indigenous Peoples, the first stewards of this land of Canada, and all who come here to live, take refuge, or visit.

May the Cross of your Son, planted on Canadian soil and in Canadian hearts, be known as the Tree of Life, whose fruit is visible and available to all in the garden of this world.

Mary our Mother, we place our country Canada in the sanctuary of your Holy Heart for we know that there we will find Jesus, who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.
Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops

"OH CANADA!" My Home Sweet Home!

I have lived in Canada for 46 years, and upon my arrival, I gave myself a five-year-goal to improve my life in Canada or return home to Hong Kong!

From having two jobs, and going to SAIT in the evening, long hours, physical hard work and persistency.... I bought my first brand new car "Vega" in two years, received a SAIT Diploma in Business Administration after four years of evening school, became a Department Manager at the Baymart Menswear in four and a half years, slowly climbing the ladder of success, with my improved education, bought my first property...half duplex in almost five years of saving my money and completing my five-year-goal by becoming a Canadian citizen!

By my achievements, I felt that I was born again, and that Canada is now my new life & new home!

Home where I found comfort, safety, friendship, best health plans and love!

Home is where the heart is... and it is here in Canada!

Canada Day is a reminder of my past & present achievements and of my home here and that I too am a July baby (not on the same day)!

Thanks be to God! Happy Canada Day! Ab S.

Canada has given me so much: Clean air, clean water, quality food, peace, a secure job and most of all beautiful people. Canada has helped me be the person I wanted to be. She has given me the opportunity and freedom to follow my dream. She has encouraged me to do better, speak my mind without fear, live in a diverse society and above all she has made me a proud Canadian yet humble enough to say I am sorry several times a day. Nyles Fernandes

I came to Canada in 1975 and for the 42 years I lived here in Canada, my opinion is that Canada is the best country to live in, its like winning the lottery to be accepted to stay in Canada, the Best Country. Flora Reyes

Michael David migrated from Pakistan to Canada in 1998. I am very thankful to the Father Almighty for granting us this opportunity to migrate to one of most peace loving country. Any time I am on vacation outside of Canada I am constantly reminded how lucky I am to be a Canadian. I love Canada because it is ethnically diverse, there is sense of community, equality and beautiful by nature. It is full of opportunities, views that are second to none. Canada teaches us to respect our surroundings and each other. I am blessed with so many things in this land and are proud to be a Canadian. As Canada celebrates its 150th I celebrate 19 years in this glorious land, I pray to the Lord to bless Canada more and more.

Born and raised in the farmland of Central Alberta, I have a kinship with nature, the diverse landscapes and seasons of this great country. I have lived outside of Canada and can tell you this is the best way to learn how special our freedoms and opportunities here at home are. Lifestyle, fantastic scenery from coast to coast aside, the most precious gift Canada has is its people. The compassion and caring for one another demonstrated when we have a flood or fire, helping a refugee family or simply lending a hand to a neighbour in need is stellar. Although far from perfect yet, Canadians are continually growing to be a kind, thoughtful nation of people that make Canada number One!

Cathe Smith

My names is NJANGA WETE. I am from Cameroon and I came to Canada in December 2013. Canada is sure a loving, welcoming and peaceful nation. It is second to none. May God bless this Land.

What is Canada to me? To me and my family, Canada is home where there is diversity, opportunity and freedom. It took my family and I the love, wisdom, courage and honesty to migrate to Canada. We all are expected to collectively promote and encourage healthy relationships among neighbors and communities in order to build Canada into more godly and homely country. So help us GOD. Stanislaus & Florence Ozimede

Saba Baarez born in the Country of Eritrea, living in Canada since December 1981. I like Canada because it has a great diversity of culture and one can easily make friends of different culture. Canada is the Land of the free and opportunity.

My name is William Andrade, I was born in Koondapur, India in 1916. I am 101 years old. I immigrated to Calgary in 1982, completing 35 years in August this year. Canada is a country of perfect freedom to accomplish all your ambitions.

It was unfortunate I was 66 years when I arrived in Canada, otherwise I did think of political ambitions. I therefore had to be satisfied with voluntary organizations. One of them being Canadian Overseas Seniors Christian Association (CANOSCA) of which I held many positions over 30 years - including President and Secretary. I am presently involved as a committee member.

This Canada day is special because we are celebrating 150 years of freedom. I have enjoyed my stay in Canada perfectly and still enjoying at the age of 101.

My name is Carmela Perez. I am 17 years old and I come from the Philippines. I love Canada because it is a beautiful country that is full of diversity and friendly people.

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JULY 1/2, 2017 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR: Fr. John Alex Pinto, OCD	ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Fr. Godwin Arun Pinto, OCD
PERMANENT DEACON: Deacon Norman Dumais	PARISH SECRETARY: Lori Tremblay
BOOKKEEPER: Anna McKiernan	HOSPITALITY: Everyone in the Parish!
WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE Monday 9:00am; Tuesday 7:00pm; Thursday 6:45pm; Wednesday to Saturday 9:00am	WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE Saturday 5:30pm Youth Focused Sunday 9:00am, 10:45am, 12:30pm & 5:00pm (Igbo Mass 1st Sunday of the Month at 2:00pm)
Baptisms: An initial appointment with one of the Priests is required before attending a session. Next class: Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 2:30pm.	Morning Prayer: Mon. 8:40am & Wed. to Sat. 8:40am
First Eucharist (Communion): Registration: January 2018	Perpetual Help Novena: Tue. at 6:45pm
First Reconciliation: Next Registration: August 19, 2017 to September 17, 2017.	Adoration: Fri. 9:30am to 4:00pm and First Tue. 7:30pm
Confirmation: Registration for 2017 is over. Next Registration is January 2018.	Infant Jesus Novena: Thu. at 6:45pm
	Cancer Mass 7:00pm: Tue. August 22, 2017 at 7:00pm
	Rosary: Sun. 8:20am & 10:15am
	Anointing of the Sick : Please call the Parish Office
	Reconciliation: Tue. 6:15pm and Sat. 4:30pm



Dear Parishioners,
HAPPY CANADA DAY - HAPPY CANADA 150
I am pleased to present some comments from some of our parishioners and what they love about Canada.

We have received many entries for St. Thomas More Flag Contest. The results will be announced Monday, July 3.

I invite you to join Canada 150 Celebration on Monday, July 3. The Holy Mass will be at 9:00am followed by flag procession with the Knights of Columbus, Cadets and others. You can also bring goodies to share in the fellowship.

God Bless Canada, God Bless St. Thomas More.

Fr. John Alex Pinto, OCD
Pastor

Our thoughts for "Why We Love Canada". We are so blessed to have been born in Canada. We have always had the freedom to choose our religious faith, our education system and our political affiliation. We have never experienced hunger, lack of clean water or wars. May God continue to bless our country, our province and our city.

Michael and Margaret Miller

What I like about Canada. My name is Marites Castro. My grandma and I immigrated to Canada 23 years ago. I love the Canadian diversity and cultural mosaic, that I can join a group and still able to practice my own faith and culture. I like the Student Loan program that allows me to borrow money for my education and follow the dream career of my choice or upgrade my knowledge of a course. I may not like the cold in winter so much but I like the snow that cleanses the environment and made the outdoor so fresh and inviting. I like enjoying the outdoors in the summer, the vastness of nature along with the parks and facilities provided, as well as the year-round activities available for both the young and the old.

Happy 150th Birthday Canada! I'm glad to call you home.

What I Love About Canada. My family and I have been here since April 2016 and what I appreciate most here in Calgary, Alberta is God's presence manifested both in nature and in people. I cannot but help feel God's abiding presence seeing the beautiful vast blue skies and abundant trees bringing out a sense of order, life, grandeur, and peace. I have also noted the people's readiness to help and share in times of need; the silent respect, kindness, and courtesy for each other despite the variety of cultures and beliefs as well. Truly, God's presence felt within a kind and welcoming community. Christine Blanco, from the Philippines.

I am William Delay, born in St. John, New Brunswick in 1929. I love the openness to other people Canada has, particularly with immigrants because my Great Grandparents were immigrants from Ireland.