

# 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 (Office is closed for Lunch from 12:30pm to 1:30pm)

*A collaborative ministry of the Carmelite Fathers and Lay Parishioners*



## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 17/18, 2026

### **Pastor:**

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

### **Associate Pastor:**

Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

### **Permanent Deacons:**

Deacon Norman Dumais

Deacon Dale Laing

### **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:**

Tue., Wed., Thu., & Fri.:

After the morning Mass

Saturday: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

### **Baptisms:**

An initial appointment with one of the Priests is required before attending a session.

### **Confirmation:**

On-line registration is now open at [www.stthomasmore.ca](http://www.stthomasmore.ca)

### **Society of St. Vincent De Paul:**

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

TODAY'S GOSPEL INVITES us to reflect on the baptism of Jesus and on our own baptism. John the Baptist helps us to understand the mission of Jesus by clearly proclaiming that Jesus "is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," a truth that we also proclaim at every Mass. Yet what does this mean for us today in a world that often denies the reality of sin, even when its harmful impact is all around us?

We cannot honestly face our individual and collective human failures unless we are convinced that we too are meant to take to heart the words that Jesus heard at his own baptism. Yes, we too are "the beloved" in whom God takes delight. This is the deepest meaning of our own baptism. We can never be separated for any reason whatever from the love of God for us. This love is an unconditional gift and unearned grace beyond all measure. Once we claim this truth for ourselves with honesty and confidence, we can, with gratitude, face our need for forgiveness, trusting we will always receive it.

This week let us pray for Christian unity, a unity which is rooted in the common baptism we share with all Christians. May we live out faithfully, day by day, our baptismal mission to reveal God's love to our broken, messy world.

*(Living with Christ, January 2026) - Joe Egan*

### **Readings:**

**1st Reading: Isaiah 49.3, 5-6**

**2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-3**

**Gospel: John 1.29-34**

The central thread in John's understanding of Jesus is that Jesus is the revelation of God's own divine self. Jesus' mission is to reveal the Father. This mission is passed on to each generation of followers. By taking within ourselves the revealed Word-made-flesh in Jesus, we become participants in the divine plan of being "a light to the nations." The suffering servant in Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus and continued in every Christian. John's line "here is the Lamb of God..." is likely included because these words had already established themselves as an integral part of worship in the early church.

- How do we live out our responsibility in the mission of Jesus?
- How and where do we come to recognize Jesus?
- Which part of John's testimony impacts you most strongly?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

### **Holy Land**

Egypt, Israel & Jordan *Where History Meets the Divine*

Please join Fr. Alex Braganza on

February 28 - March 13, 2026

Tour Price CAD 6300/USD 5300

Including all flights, transportation, taxes, all meals

For more info: please call

Brian Andrade at 778-999-4599 and

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**Weekly Mass Intentions: January 19 to January 25**

Jan. 19	Mon	9:00am	Terry & Audrey Long (INT) Rosemarie Buenaventura (RIP)
Jan. 20	Tue	9:00am	Adviento Family (INT) Christine Blanco (INT) Shalini Madhura (RIP)
Jan. 21	Wed	9:00am	Marguerite N. Thi Kim Khanh (RIP) Antoine Nguyen Van Nien (RIP)
Jan. 22	Thu	9:00am	Flora Reyes (INT) Bill DeLay (RIP)
Jan. 23	Fri	9:00am	Larry & Nancy Huynh (INT) Ambrose Walton (RIP)
Jan. 24	Sat	9:00am 4:00pm	Mikhila Maria Sabu (INT) Violeta Crisostomo (RIP) Monica Madawala (RIP)
Jan. 25	Sun	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Bernard & Teresa Paul (RIP) Hazelina Evangelista (RIP) Rosemarie Buenaventura (RIP) Mario Zamora (RIP) Honestia Aytana (RIP) For all parishioners (INT) Ligaya & Leonard Montillano (RIP)

**Saint of the Week - January 24**  
**Saint Francis de Sales**

A leader of the Catholic Reformation, Francis was born in France in 1567. His family insisted he study law rather than enter the seminary. After obtaining doctorates in both canon and civil law by the age of 24, Francis chose religious life instead. His family eventually became reconciled to his choice and he was ordained in 1593.

Appointed bishop of Geneva in 1602, Francis reorganized the diocese, reformed religious education, established a seminary and founded schools. He lived a life of austerity and simplicity, sharing with the poor. Wise and intelligent, he emphasized both the loving kindness of God and the human capacity for love.

Francis was beatified the year he died, 1622 — the first formal beatification to take place in St. Peter’s — and canonized in 1665. He is the patron saint of writers and journalists, and of the deaf.

(Living with Christ, January 2026)

**TOGETHER IN ACTION**  
The TIA 2026 is \$49,139.00  
Collection up-to-date is \$729.00

Surplus funds will be used for new OCIA gowns.

**Witness to Love**  
Marriage Formation Program at St. Thomas More

We are pleased to announce that St. Thomas More is among the first parishes in the Diocese of Calgary to launch the new marriage formation program, **Witness to Love**. This initiative is designed to support couples as they prepare for marriage and to foster their ongoing engagement within our parish community.

**Program Overview:**

- Engaged couples are invited to choose mentors from within the parish. Eligible mentors should have been married for at least five years, actively participate in parish life, and demonstrate a strong commitment to the Church.

Mentors and engaged couples attend faith-based sessions and parish events together, facilitating mutual support and shared learning experiences.

The primary objective is to ensure that newly married couples are warmly welcomed into the parish and encouraged to continue their spiritual development after their wedding. Additionally, **Witness to Love** offers guidance for couples seeking to have their marriages blessed (“convalidated”) by the Church.

The overall program aims to cultivate resilient, Christ-centered marriages within our community.

We encourage you to visit the **Witness to Love** display table in the foyer and connect with our marriage preparation team for further information.

**St. Thomas More Parish Marriage Preparation Team**



**St. Vincent de Paul - Christmas hampers**

A big thank you to our parishioners for your donations of cash, gifts, gift cards, and food. Thank you to our schools for holding food drives (Apostles of Jesus, Father Scollen, Our Lady of Fatima, St. John Paul II, and Monsignor Hetherington). Thank you to our volunteers. All of this contributed to another successful Christmas hamper program and the restocking of our food pantry for the 2026 weekly hampers.

**Christmas hampers:** 65 hampers (146 adults & 176 children) **Total Hampers for the year:**

Year	No. of hampers	Adults served	Children served
2025	768	1547	1416
2024	779	1545	1398



**Knights of Columbus**  
**St. Thomas More Parish**

**SHROVE Pancake Breakfast**  
Sunday, February 15, 2026  
After 8:30 & 10:30am Masses  
\$8.00 per plate  
Tickets Available Jan. 25, Feb. 1 & Feb. 8  
After 8:30 & 10:30am Masses or  
Contact Br. Gerry (text/phone) (403) 804-6702  
Or email address shortpoz@gmail.com